

# Sunnyfields Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Children,

Today we are sending home lots of news in this letter and also a fabulous edition of The Sunny Times.

I would like to share the results of the pupil and parent questionnaires with you and hope that you agree that the results are incredibly positive. It is so lovely to see that the children enjoy school so much. We are also delighted that parents are confident that their children are getting a good education. Staff complete questionnaires too and needless to say, feel very proud to work at Sunnyfields. What a fabulous school community we have!

This was very evident on Wednesday when all the children (and staff!) dressed in national costume or the colours of their national flag in order to celebrate the different cultures represented at Sunnyfields for 'International Mother Language Day'. The younger children loved the wonderful puppet show delivered by parents, the older children listened eagerly to stories told by bilingual parents and enjoyed home-cooked Spanish food. Thank you for all your help dressing your children so beautifully for the occasion and continually supporting us with different events.

On the same day, a group of children from Year 2 participated in a Maths Challenge with schools from around the borough and won first place. They were so proud of their certificates and medals. This is such an achievement and a result of all the on-going hard work and determination by adults and children alike.

I do hope that you will view our survey outcomes on the following pages and also enjoy reading The Sunny Times.

Best wishes,

**Don't forget our Parent Numeracy meeting on Tuesday morning (1st March) with Mrs Richards in the hall.**

Lisa Meyer,  
Headteacher

**Our Cherry Class Year 2 Maths Champions  
Antonia, Bianca, Lee, Mara and Tobi  
Congratulations!**

**Some of our Sunnyfields International Day stars!**



The results of our annual questionnaires were collated at the beginning of term and are as follows:

<b>Pupil Questionnaires 2016</b>	<b>Strongly Agree / Agree</b>
I enjoy school	98%
Teachers help me do my best	98%
Teachers give me work that challenges me	96%
I enjoy learning at this school	96%
Teachers make sure everyone understands things	97%
My school encourages me to be healthy	100%
Bullying doesn't happen/sometimes happens and teachers are very good at resolving it	96%
There is an adult I could go to if something is worrying me	96%
Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons	95%
The behaviour of other pupils in my lessons is good	96%
The behaviour of other pupils around school is good	94%
My teachers encourage me to be friendly towards other pupils	98%
I take part in school activities outside lessons like clubs, sports, music and art	64%
I feel safe when I am at school	98%
My school encourages me to be independent and take on responsibilities	98%
My school encourages me to respect others and treat everyone equally	99%

<b>Parent Questionnaires submitted by 89 families</b>	<b>2016 Strongly agree/agree</b>	<b>2015 Strongly agree/agree</b>
My child is happy at this school	98%	95%
My child feels safe at this school	99%	97%
My child makes good progress at this school	96%	95%
My child is well looked after at this school	97%	98%
My child is taught well at this school	96%	97%
My child receives appropriate homework at this school	92%	93%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	95%	97%
This school deals effectively with bullying	91%	94%
This school is well led and managed	98%	95%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	97%	94%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	95%	94%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	97%	97%

The feedback is overwhelmingly positive and seems to be consistent with the feedback on ParentView.

Continued ...

**We were delighted to receive the following positive comments from several parents:**

*The school is a very creative and happy environment*

*My child is happy and comes home animated*

*My child is making great progress*

*The school sets a great academic foundation*

*My child gets a lot of support from the teachers*

*The school is in good hands*

*I would recommend this school, the children are very well looked after.*

*As soon as you step into the school you feel welcome, everyone is so friendly.*

*Thank you for doing such a great job*

*Keep it up!*

**One or two parents made the following comments:**

Comments	Our response
<p>There is not enough homework There is too much homework</p>	<p>It is hard to please all parents where homework is concerned as some expect more, others less. We aim to set homework so that children learn to work independently and make progress with learning. We try to strike the right balance with homework and if parents want more homework there are links on our website to various beneficial sites. If any child is struggling with homework it is important to speak with the class teacher.</p>
<p>I would like more feedback on progress</p>	<p>95% of parents are happy with the information that we currently provide during the two parent consultation events each year and the annual report that they receive for each child. We would ask that all parents feel free to speak with their child's teacher if they have any queries or concerns about their child's progress at any time of the school year.</p>



## Sunnyfields Diary

### March 2016

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Numeracy Challenge Meeting at 9.00am
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 Boys football tournament at Powerleague
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunnyfields v Bell Lane Football at 4pm on the astro
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	WE Day at Wembley Arena
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Hearing and Vision tests
	Sunnyfields v Bell Lane Football at 4pm on the astro
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 visit the Science Museum
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Netball Tournament on the astro at 1.00pm
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 visit Kidzania at Westfield Shepherds Bush
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Child Line visit Years 5 and 6
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday Bank Holiday—School is closed
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday Bank Holiday—School is closed

### April 2016

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Years 3 and 4 swim in the morning
	Break up for Spring Holidays at 1.00pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school at 8.45am
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Count On Us Primary Maths Challenge

### May 2016

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May Bank Holiday—School is closed
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunnyfields hosts Music Festival Cluster Rehearsal
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bikeability at Sunnyfields for 3 days
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Met Police Schools Unit visit Yrs 1, 2 and 3
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Met Police Schools Unit visit Yrs 4, 5 and 6
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre
	Break up for half term holiday

### June 2016

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school at 8.45am
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Class and team photographs
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Barnet Music Festival at the artsDepot
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	eSafety Day

### July 2016

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit the Roald Dahl Museum
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Break up for Summer Holidays at 1.00pm

### Sep 2016

Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 to 6 return to school at 8.45am
	Reception and Nursery start dates tbc



**PE Kits**  
Some children are taking part in PE lessons outside and you may like to ensure they have tracksuit tops and bottoms in their PE bags.  
*Please make sure that your child has a PE Kit in school EVERY day.*  
Thank you

Parents are invited to the following Friday assemblies at 8.50am:

18th March—Maple Class 1  
22nd April—Ash Class 5  
29th April—Beech Class 4  
6th May—Birch Class 3  
20th May—Maple Class 1  
10th June—Hazel Class R

#### **Term Dates**

We have sent home the current term dates giving all details through to July 2017.  
You can always look them up on our website as well.

#### **School Uniform and especially SCHOOL TIES!**

*Please do make sure that all uniform and PE Kit is labelled clearly with your child's name. Parents should also double check that their child has ALL his/her belongings when they leave after school clubs.*

Repeating lessons and events

#### **Tuesday morning**

Brass—Trumpet, Tenor Horn and Trombone lessons

#### **Tuesday afternoon**

Clarinet lessons

Football squad train until 4.30pm

#### **Wednesday afternoon**

Parent Beginners English in the hub at 2.20pm until 3.15pm

#### **Thursday morning**

Piano lessons

#### **Friday afternoon**

Classes 3 and 4 have swimming lessons until July. We will send a letter home on 22nd February.

# Community Safety in Barnet .... Have Your Say! *You only have until Monday*

We received the following letter this week. The survey is open until Monday and gives you the opportunity to give your views and opinions on safety in your community.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I'm after your help please, we are currently carrying out our annual Community Safety Consultation to help inform our annual review and refresh of the Community Safety Strategy / Priorities for 2016 – 2017.

We're keen to get the below consultation out to a wide audience. We would appreciate it if you can send the link to the survey to your contacts in Barnet especially promoting it to Young People. I think it's key to get their input and feel Community Safety would be an area that they would like a say in. Are able to cascade to the pupils and encourage them to fill in the survey, perhaps through planned lessons?

For us it's important to get views of people who live, study, visit or work in the Borough and Young people are a vital part of the community. The views will help ensure that our Community Safety priorities meet the needs of local people.

We are consulting on:

- ◆ Residents perceptions of crime and anti-social behaviour in their local area
- ◆ Residents feelings towards how well the Safer Communities Partnership is tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in their area
- ◆ What they think the 2016 - 2017 priorities should be for the borough and for their local area.

Their views and opinions are important to us.

The Public Survey is open until the 29th February 2016. The online Survey can be accessed through <http://engage.barnet.gov.uk>

Printed copies or a large print of the survey can be requested by contacting the Barnet Community Safety team on Tel: 020 8359 6071

Kind Regards,

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**Don't have access to the internet at the moment?**

**Hendon library offers free use of the internet for 90 minutes every day if you have a library card.**