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Canon Barnett Primary

Friday 27th November 2026

NEWS

Latest news and information about our school

Dear families,

I have had some lovely Ms Anita's Time to Shine moments this week! I had the pleasure of being invited to Year 1 on Tuesday and Year 2 yesterday for Time to Shine. Our Year 1 Writers proudly took to their class Speaker's Step and each child shared their own story retell about a stormy scene from 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies. I was particularly impressed with their clever use of prepositions and their pride in sharing their work with each other. I could see how much thought they have put into their writing, and I was particularly pleased to see the progress they are making. Our Year 2 Writers have been busy planning, writing and redrafting their retelling of 'The Goose That Laid the Golden Eggs', one of Aesop's Fables. It was a delight listening to Mohamed, Zachariya and Aqsa share their stories with me and their class; their use of verbs and adjectives really bought their retells to life. I was delighted to see Mohamed, Zakariya and Aqsa speaking so confidently and the rest of the class listening so respectfully. Well done, Year 1 and Year 2.

In this week's Marvelous Monday assembly, I introduced the children to the story of Austin's Butterfly. This well-known example from an American classroom shows how a young boy used careful observation, feedback and several drafts to improve his butterfly drawing. We explored how rewarding it can be to see our work develop and improve through perseverance, redrafting and listening to the advice of others.

Ask your child about Austin's Butterfly...!



I love this story and the powerful message behind it. We will revisit Austin's Butterfly over the coming months, sharing more examples of the children's efforts and celebrating their achievements (they love seeing the photos in assembly each week!) together. We will continue to focus on our school motto 'Try our Best... Be Kind... Look after each other.' and what this looks like for us all.

Children enjoyed another lovely reading session with Ms Sandy and Ziggy on Tuesday. A big thank you to Ms Shuma for supporting the children during these sessions. Ms Shuma shared with me how lovely it is to see how having Ziggy by their side is already helping the children feel more relaxed and comfortable when reading aloud.

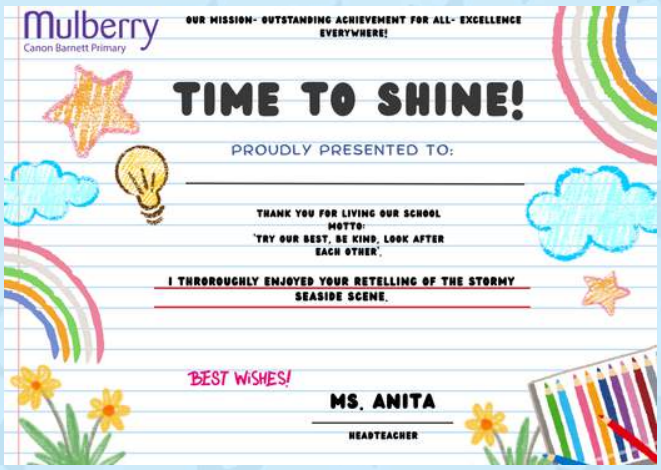
And finally...Ms Black has been here today and it has been so lovely hearing the children singing together! We will share details of our Winter Show with families on Monday. I am now off to join fifty children in the hall for our Filmtastic Friday Movie Night!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Best wishes, Ms Anita

MS ANITA'S TIME TO SHINE...

Ms Anita received some very special invites from year 1 and year 2 this week...

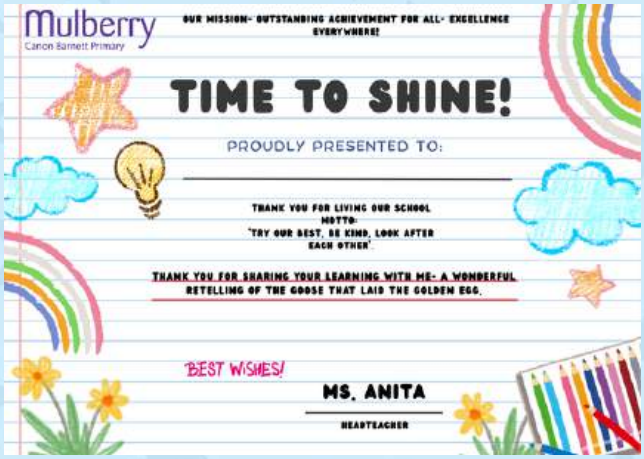


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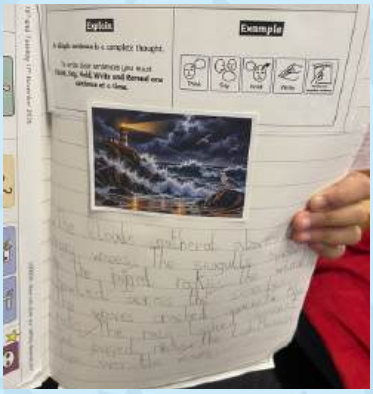


If they haven't already, do ask your child to share their certificate from Ms Anita with you at home!



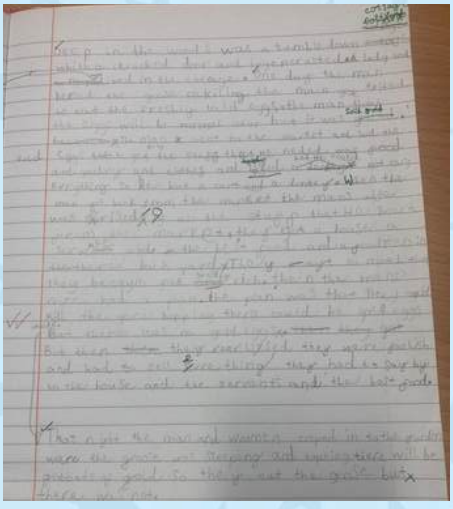








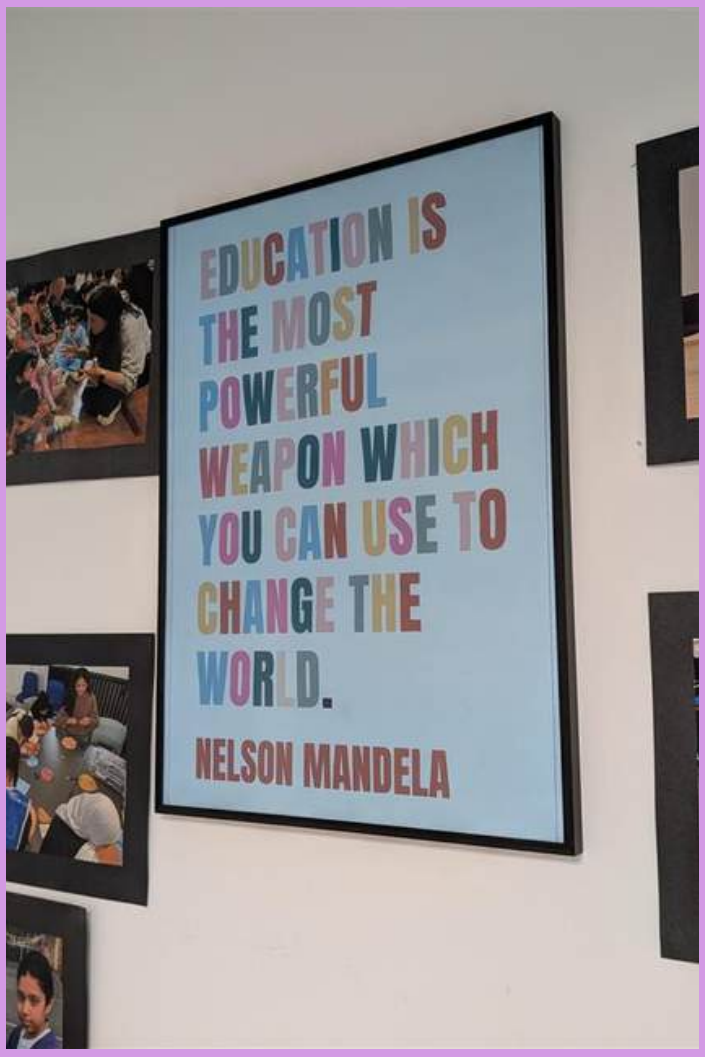




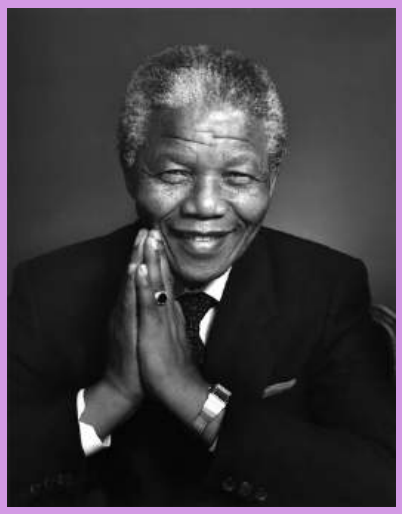


Ms Anita is looking forward to joining more classes and sharing in their learning over the coming weeks...

THEP HEADTEACHERS' CONFERENCE 2026







Last week, I spent time with fellow headteachers from across Tower Hamlets. To bring the conference to a close, Chris Lubbe (pictured above), Nelson Mandela's former bodyguard, shared deeply moving and personal stories about Mandela's legacy of equality and inclusion. He reminded us of the extraordinary power of education and the lasting impact that the opportunities we create for children can have on their lives.

This belief sits at the very heart of everything we do and Chris' stories were such a powerful reminder of this.

PARENTS' EVENING REMINDER

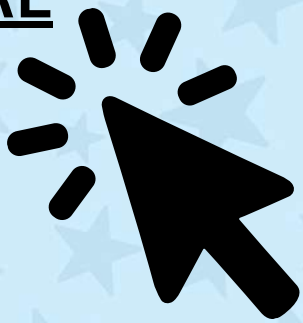
Wednesday 2.11.26 & Thursday 3.11.26

3.45-6pm

Parents' Evening – Book Your Appointment!

A reminder to all our families to book your Parents' Evening appointment for next week if you haven't already done so. All appointments will be face-to-face (in person), giving you a lovely opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, celebrate their achievements so far, hear about their learning and discuss how we can continue to support their progress together. If you need any help booking a slot, please come and see Ms Maliha, who will be very happy to help. We look forward to seeing you there!

LINK TO BOOK HERE



MAGICAL MULBERRY MOMENTS



Thank you to all our year 1 families who joined us for our Phonics workshop this week.







Our children have been enjoying some very special reading sessions with Ziggy, our wonderful therapy dog! Sharing stories with Ziggy is a lovely way to build reading confidence, develop fluency and, most importantly, enjoy the magic of reading.





Get ready for the excitement! 🎉 Discover what's coming up, mark your calendars, and join us for fun together!





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OUR FANTASTIC FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

THIS WEEK'S SUPER STAR AWARD WINNERS...



DRUM ROLL...



NURSERY- Sawdah

5 Samiha

RECEPTION- Rajpreet

1 Adam

6 Zarif

3 Husayn

2 Yunus

4 Isra

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YEAR 4

A big thank you to all the parents who attended our recent Year 4 reading meeting. It was lovely to see so many of you, and we really appreciate your continued support.

We are continuing to delve into the exciting world of **Varjak Paw**, which is really **capturing the children's imaginations and helping them to develop their reading comprehension skills**.

In English this week, the children have been busy writing descriptions of how the main character in **The Girl Who Stole an Elephant first encountered the elephant**. They have been trying their very best, and it has been lovely to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through in their writing.

We are looking forward to not one, but two educational visits next week!

Wednesday: We will be heading to the National Theatre to watch a performance of The Jungle Book. We anticipating we would return to school for approximately 4.30pm.

Friday: As part of our geography topic, we will be visiting the Museum of London Docklands. The children are really looking forward to bringing their classroom learning to life.

It promises to be a busy and exciting week, full of wonderful learning experiences!

Wishing you all a lovely and relaxing weekend.

YEAR 5

This week in Year 5, we have been learning about **how our bodies change from birth to adulthood in Science**. In Maths, we explored fractions together, including **improper fractions and mixed numbers, and learnt how to find equivalent fractions**. In Geography, we developed our understanding of **longitude and latitude and how they help us locate places around the world**. In English, we have been creating detailed character descriptions, using ambitious vocabulary and descriptive techniques to bring our characters to life. In PSHE, we discussed the question, **"Does money really matter?"**, sharing our thoughts and considering the importance of money alongside other things that contribute to happiness and wellbeing.

A wonderful week in year 5! I'm looking forward to meeting families next week at Parents' Evening- remember to book an appointment if you haven't done so already.

YEAR 1

It has been another wonderful week in Year 1! A massive thank you to all the parents who attended our phonics workshop. *Reading little and often is so important, and making it part of your child's daily routine will help them become confident, fluent readers.* It was also lovely to see so many children returning their Ocean Maths homework!

In English, we started our new story, **The Boy Who Cried Wolf**. We explored the countryside setting, discussed why a shepherd is important for protecting sheep and made predictions about what might happen next. We can't wait to finish the story!

In Maths, we continued **practising number bonds within 10 and explored the five and a bit strategy**, recognising how numbers can be made from five and some more.

In Science, we learned about **amphibians, reptiles and fish**, discovering that dinosaurs were reptiles and exploring how different animals breathe.

In DT, we began our new structures unit: **How can we build a tower that doesn't topple?** The children experimented with building tall, stable towers using bricks.

Finally, it has been lovely to see the children playing so kindly together and making sure everyone feels included at playtime. I am very proud of them!

RECEPTION

A Delicious Journey Through Space!

Reception's space adventure took a delicious turn this week as the children rolled up their sleeves for an exciting cooking session with Ms Nafesha this week! Inspired by their learning about space and the planets, Reception created their very own **planet Rice Krispies**. The children loved getting hands-on with the ingredients, mixing, shaping and transforming their creations into colourful, edible planets and watching the marshmallows melt. There was lots of excitement as they talked about their designs and shared their ideas, bringing their space learning to life in a wonderfully creative way. What a delicious way to explore the wonders of our universe!

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YEAR 2

Do you know a story about a man called Noah who built an enormous boat? For the next two weeks we're exploring a book based loosely on that story, but his wife, Mrs Noah has plans of her own- ask your child what she does! We are going to link this story to our Design and Technology lessons and create a coat with pockets that Mrs Noah would be proud of. Sewing skills may need some support, so if you have a free Friday afternoon please join us in Year 2. **We have two trips planned for the penultimate week of term : one around our local area for Geography, and another to Trafalgar Square to support our English curriculum.** Please return your permission slips on Monday, and see Ms Sarah or Ms Helen if you're interested in joining us. Finally, special congratulations to Aqsa, Mohamed and Zakariya who were able to share their writing with the class and Ms. Anita in a « Time to Shine » session on Thursday - we ALL really enjoyed hearing your stories and look forward to listening to more throughout the year.

NURSERY

The children in Nursery have been super busy getting ready for our Christmas concert! They have been **learning their new songs and practising all the actions**. We are so proud of how enthusiastically they are joining in and getting into the festive spirit!

This week, we have also been exploring the story of **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**. The children have loved acting out the story, especially making the familiar sounds of "Trip, trap, trip, trap!" as the goats cross the bridge.

In Maths, we have continued **exploring repeating patterns**, looking carefully at different sequences and challenging ourselves to spot and correct mistakes. The children have also **enjoyed getting creative with Lego**, designing and building their own bridges to help the three goats cross the river.

Well done, Nursery! We have had another fantastic week full of learning, creativity and Christmas excitement!

YEAR 6

🧦 Anti-Bullying Week!

Last week, we had lots of fun celebrating Anti-Bullying Week! We kicked things off by wearing our brightest and most colourful odd socks to celebrate what makes us all **unique** and remind ourselves that everyone belongs - nobody should ever feel like the odd one out!

Throughout the week, we explored different scenarios, shared our ideas and discussed how we can respond to unkind behaviour and support one another. We thought carefully about the importance of kindness, respect and standing up for ourselves and our friends.

To bring all our learning together, we worked as a team to create a fantastic **collaborative poster**, filled with important messages about friendship, kindness and being a good friend. It now has a special place of pride in our classroom, reminding us that kindness is always in style! 💛

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3, we became fung experts during our cooking session this week with Ms Kirsty from Country Trust! We explored the fascinating **fungi kingdom** and learnt about the important role fungi play in our environment. Atiq discovered that food waste can be turned into compost and discussed the differences between soil and compost. We also learnt how worms and fungi help to keep the soil healthy and support plant growth.

Maryem and Husayn shared some fantastic ideas, including how fungi can be used in medicine and how they are involved in making antibiotics. We also explored the different parts of a mushroom, identifying its cap, stem, gills and spores.

We were so impressed with the children's curiosity, enthusiasm and brilliant contributions. Well done, Year 3!

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 30/11/26 - Play Maker Meeting
- 1/12/26 - Ms Sandy and Ziggy at MCB (weekly- Tuesday) 🐶
- 1/12/26 - Adventure Reading Club (weekly- Tuesday)
- 1/12/26 - E1 Poetry Slam Opportunity - Year 5
- 2/12/26-3/12/26 - Parents' Evening - BOOKINGS OPEN VIA
- 2/12/26 - Year 4 & Year 6 Trip to The National Theatre - Jungle Book
- 2/12/26 - Festive Feast Meeting
- 2/12/26 - School Council Meeting
- 3/12/26 - Year 5 trip to The Idea Store
- 4/12/26 - MCB Winter Show
- 4/12/26 - Year 4 trip to The London Docklands Museum
- 8/12/26 - EYFS Nativity
- 11/12/26 - Year 2 trip to The London Pine
- 17/12/26 - Year 5 trip to The British History Museum
- 18/12/26 - MCB Christmas Dinner

Reminder- Our Mulberry Mini Explorers Stay and Play sessions occur weekly on a Tuesday from 9.30-11am.

We'll keep updating the calendar regularly-be sure to check in each week for new information.

Give me 10 - Family Reading Weekly!

- Nursery, Reception and year 1- Weekly on a Thursday morning
- Year 3 - Weekly on a Thursday morning

9-9.10am

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What's for Lunch?





Accent

Our School Council members are always happy to hear your feedback about school lunches-what's working well and what could be even better. They share this feedback with the Accent team each term, so please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Please note the slight menu change.

Hardcopies of the menu are always available in the office.





What's for Breakfast?

We offer free breakfast club for all children which is funded by Magic Breakfast.

Children can come into school from 8am to 8:30am (last entry is 8.30am) to enjoy a healthy breakfast and play some games with their friends.

If you have any queries, please contact our team at the school office.



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By following us, you'll get a glimpse into the exciting activities taking place across the school, from classroom projects to special events. We encourage you to like, share and comment on our posts. Let's work together to celebrate the achievements of our children and staff and strengthen our school community!
Thank you for your support—see you online!

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