

## Barraclough Hall School

### Weekly Newsletter Issue 8 – W/C April 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Dear parents, students and guardians.

I can't believe we are almost into May. I would like to share some highlights from this week as there have been some exciting developments since we first opened.

Welcome to our new students who are already settling in exceptionally well and forming positive relationships with staff and students.

#### School Attendance

Attendance this week is a fantastic 96% for students on full time and transition timetables. Well done to everyone.

#### Trip to Bridgewood

We are delighted to be in such proximity to Bridgewood Trust in Edgerton. Students ventured to the wonderful horticulture centre to widen their knowledge of plants and how they could develop the school garden. They also decided to bring rather a large bag of compost back with them ready for the first plantation to take place. They showed impeccable manners when discussing the new café that is due to open with Bridgewood staff and the positive feedback was lovely to receive.



#### How big? How heavy?

Crystal class have been focussing on mass and weight in Maths this half term and making the most of the lovely weather have spent time in the garden and wooded area to weigh and compare different items. Students really enjoy creative learning and are already starting to be able to apply mathematical concepts to real life.



#### Progress

We are very pleased to announce we now have approval from NCFE meaning we can now start delivering functional skills qualifications! We have also been approved for AQA unit award, this further opening the courses we can offer our young people. Our plans going forward are to develop our future KS4 option subjects, introduce the ever-creative Arts Award and prepare and plan for GCSE exams and qualifications.



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<https://www.kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk/kirklees-send-newsletters/>

## Healthy foods/snacks

If your child would like to bring in a snack for during the day, in addition to our healthy snacks we provide, please can you ensure these are healthy. Fizzy drinks, sweets and chocolate are not permitted as we continue to promote healthy eating in school. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Who do I need to contact?

All initial enquiries should go through the school office by emailing the school office on schooloffice@Barracloughhallschool.co.uk or by ringing 01484 244300. Should you wish to inform us of an absence please speak with the school office. In the event of the school office not being available please leave a voicemail which will be picked up and relevant people informed.

## Dates for your diary: Summer Term 1

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Inset Day staff only – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

End of Summer 1 term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Please note academic term dates for 2025-2026 are now published on the website.**

**Consultations and placements are now open for the September 2025 places. Please contact the school for enquiries or to arrange a visit.**