

Barraclough Hall School Newsletter Summer 2 - 2025

Dear parents, students and guardians.

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming new students and staff this term as the school continues to develop and grow. We will be producing newsletters at least once a half term with additional exciting news that over time as separate articles.

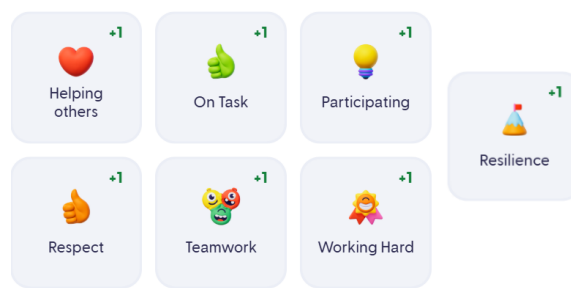
Crystal and Diamond

As the school is growing and we are welcoming new students into our community, we have progressed from one class to two classes. Crystal is our year 5, 6 class and Diamond is our year 7, 8, 9 class. We will continue to develop our gemstone names as the school welcomes more students in September.

Timetables were issued before the half term break to parents/carers and students.

DOJO's

We have now launched Class Dojo's with our students who are already enjoying see their points increase each lesson. Points are earned for each area shown below which also link with our school values including **Relationships, Respect and Resilience.**



Pride lunch

Students took great pride coming up with ideas of a Pride lunch. They produced some excellent posters and made pride paper chains, decorated tables and had a Pride lunch where they enjoyed social time and excellent communication skills. During the week, students have also taken part in various Pride activities during form time. They are already planning next week's Pride theme.



Organza PRIDE

Following on from last weeks PRIDE activities and lunch, students and staff decided to choose their organza cape for a lovely photo in our wooded area. The organza material is great for arts and crafts but also one student decided to decorate a quiet work room with colour. Very creative!



Sunflowers at the ready! Science lessons in the community.

Students took a little stroll to our wonderful Bridgewood Trust Horticulture centre where we continue to form positive links in the community as part of their science lesson to identify different flowers and plants. They choose their sunflowers, interacted with the horticulture staff, including one of our students demonstrating sign language to one of the centres' staff. Bridgewood are

keen to develop work experience links with us when our students are old enough, which is fantastic news. Great community development in the local area.

Science Squishies

During Science Crystal class were really excited about the "Squishy kits" that arrived for their science lesson. Students were able to design and create their own squishies and one student decided to create his own PRIDE squishy – very imaginative. As well as provide creativity and imagination they're also great as a sensory item.



Striking and Fielding

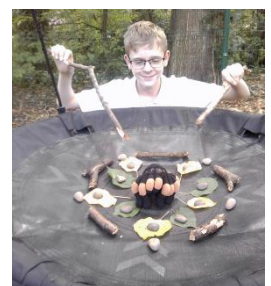
Students helped unpack the huge delivery of new PE equipment ready for the summer term's PE lessons and showed great teamwork and following instructions from staff. This term they are focussing on striking and fielding and have shown excellent engagement in learning and taking part in cricket lessons, which is also helping develop their communication skills with each other as well. Our students love the new swing ball in the quiet area of the outside courtyard as well.



Change over times in History.

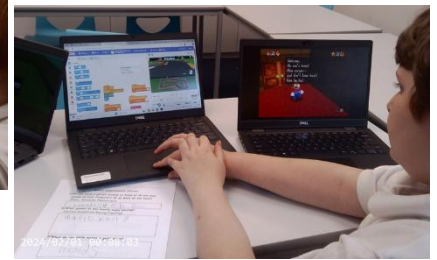
Crystal and Diamond have enjoyed learning how monarchs have changed over time from King John to the Magna Carter. They have used mathematical skills in plotting timelines, creative thinking or key figures and discussions around each key person, the role, effect and impact.

Reading and World Beliefs outside in the sun: Our woodland outside area is a wonderful place to be for quiet reading in a calm space where squirrels enjoy playing and gathering food. One of our students sourced natural materials to replicate religious symbols on our wooden swing. Our students have wonderful creative imagination.



Programming in Computing lessons

This term students are learning and developing their coding and programming skills during their computing lessons using Kodu and Scratch which are excellent pieces of software that enables students to understand sequencing and programming in real time. They are showing resilience in debugging their code and proud to show their achievements. Well done everyone.



English

The focus for this term has been on non-fiction. Students have engaged really well understanding the differences between fiction and non-fiction with their personalised choice of non-fiction as their own focus for the summer 2 term. Students have also demonstrated some good progress in understanding different types of writing, from writing a set of instructions to make a jam and ham sandwich to writing a letter to the school to make a request. Well done Crystal and Diamond

Combining life and culinary

This week our students spent time researching ideas, ingredients and costings for their recipes for their golden time session this week, cooking delightful recipes. We love that the students are always asking us to sample their finished products.



Beauty salon – launched!!



As we continue to listen to student voice, two students asked if they could utilise one of the quiet work rooms and transform it to a beauty salon for golden time activity. They were exceptional in working together, planning the room, skills and knowledge that would be engaging including: social communication skills customer service, booking appointments and

mathematical skills for charging for services, as well as the therapeutic services they wanted to learn and offer. Student voice is paramount in how we develop relationships, respect and resilience.

Feedback from parents/carers this term. Thank you

"Finally, a school that understands my daughter. She comes home everyday telling me how her day has been and what she has learnt" – Parent

"He's a changed boy since starting at Barraclough. He loves coming to school" – Parent

"From not attending his school, to wanting to be at Barraclough is a great achievement. He always looks forward to seeing his staff and friends" – Parent

Kirklees publish **SEND monthly newsletters** which provide a great read. Please see the link:

<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 2.

18th July - End of Summer 2 term for students

21st and 22nd July – Staff INSET days

Please note academic term dates for 2025-2026 are now published on the website. Students return to school September 3rd.

Message from Miss Cubley

Over the summer break, I hope you and your families enjoy a well-earned rest. Please do take time to relax, recharge, and stay safe. A gentle reminder to continue supporting your children in staying safe online, especially by monitoring their use of social media and encouraging responsible digital habits.

Finally, thank you for your continued support this year. Your partnership makes such a difference, and we're grateful to be working with such a dedicated community.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer.

Yours faithfully

Miss J Cubley

Headteacher

Consultations and placements are open for the September 2025 places.

Please contact the school for enquiries or to arrange a visit.

