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Dear Year 5 and 6 families,

Last year, we launched 'The Barrow Award.' This initiative has been designed with the primary goal of nurturing our Year 5 and 6 children, helping them step out of their comfort zones, explore new experiences, and enhance their skill sets. We firmly believe that participation in 'The Barrow Award' will not only boost their confidence but also contribute to improved aptitude and academic success.

To be acknowledged as an 'Outstanding Barrow Pupil', each child will be expected to meet specific criteria outlined in the program. Successful completion of the program will be celebrated in the summer term, where each child will be awarded with a well-deserved certificate and award to take home as a symbol of their dedication and growth.

Here's how your support can make a difference:

1. **Encouragement:** We kindly request your support and encouragement to motivate your child to actively participate in 'The Barrow Award.' Your words of encouragement and interest in their progress can be a significant motivator.
2. **Accountability:** Children will be required to take ownership of their progress towards the award. They will need to stay organised and maintain a record of their experiences and achievements in a special 'passport.' To demonstrate that they have met the relevant standards, they will need to seek endorsements from members of our staff who can sign or stamp their 'passport.'

We believe that your involvement and support are crucial in making 'The Barrow Award' a resounding success. By working together, we can inspire and empower our children to embrace new challenges, foster growth, and develop essential life skills.

Your child will be bringing home a passport to collect evidence in which outlines all the criteria. Further information has been added to your child's class page on our website and via See Saw.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about 'The Barrow Award,' please feel free to contact me or speak to your child's teacher. Year 5 and 6 have had an assembly this morning introducing it (for the year 5s) and relaunching it for the Year 6's.

If your child successfully completed it last year in Year 5 then there will be a 'Barrow Award Next Level'. Information on this will be sent directly to those parents over the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'McArdle'.

Mrs. McArdle
Headteacher

Questions and Answers

What charity is the school supporting this year?

This year, we are proud to support the Ribble Valley Foodbank as our chosen charity.

What if my child is in Year 6 but achieved some of the criteria last year in Year 5?

Excellent news! If your child met some of the criteria in Year 5, they can simply continue to complete their passport until it is fully accomplished.

What if my child has already achieved the award in Year 5?

Even better! Mrs McArdle will be in touch so that we can inform you and your child about the 'Next Level' Barrow Award development, tailored for those who have already achieved the award.

What if my child doesn't want to participate in the Barrow Award?

We understand that this award may not be suitable for every child, and that's perfectly fine. Our school's curriculum and the way we encourage our children means they are likely already engaging in many of these activities without even realising it. The Barrow Award is designed to be an opportunity, not an obligation.

I am worried about attendance due to holidays booked...

At Barrow, we hold high attendance and punctuality as an important part of school life. If your child is ill and has an extended amount of time off then this will be looked at as an individual case. Attendance is looked at for this academic year only.