



BARNABAS NEWS

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DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Year 4 had a good day yesterday visiting the Museum of Oxford where they helped to write new labels for some of the exhibits. We are so fortunate to be able to make the most of these opportunities being so close to the city centre.

Year 3 had a lesson from one of our expert parents on the rainforest complete with drama and plants kindly donated by the Botanical Garden. Year 2 are also learning about plants on a regular basis with another expert parent.

Today Years 5 and 6 are visiting the Sheldonian Theatre for a classical music concert.

We are having more and more visitors coming to share their expertise with the children and we are very grateful. Coming up in the summer term is our wellbeing week. If you think you may be able to help please let me know. It could be for children or adults. Thank you.

Our EAL children never cease to amaze us with their resilience and ability to pick up English. We are now pleased to be able to offer some specific English lessons thanks to OUP who have provided the resources and support. We are also about to start a research project looking at drama as a support for EAL pupils.

Assembly on Wednesday covered internet safety for both adults and children and attached are some useful documents. Next week's Wednesday assembly will be about mental health.

Thank you to everyone who has given their feedback on our assemblies/collective worship. There is still time to reply as we will not be reviewing our policy until after half term. Thank you for all the lovely comments about what we are doing that have been tagged on to the feedback. We really appreciate your support.

I understand there was some confusion over times this week. Please keep your eye out for emails/details in the newsletter. We try very hard to give you lots of notice but sometimes dates/times change rather than us having to cancel because of cover issues.

Best wishes

Karen Donaghey

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Our aim ...

To be kind and learn as much as you can.

Next week we will remember our former pupil Yui who sadly passed away last year. Staff and pupils will have the opportunity to write messages in a special book which will then be sent to his family.

PTA MEETING

Thank you to the parents and staff who came to the meeting. It was very productive and we have agreed to buy 15 more chrome books and to spend money on the foundation stage outdoor space and the playground.

EVERYONE is automatically a member of the PTA so please support our school. If lots of people do something it makes a huge difference to our children's education and wellbeing. Contact Ester as Chair or your class rep or Mrs Donaghey if you might be able to help.

KIPLING THE DOG

Meeting Kipling has proved far more popular than expected so instead of sending out another permission slip please let me know by email by Wednesday 5th February if you DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO MEET HIM

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On Wednesday 12th February we will have been in school for 100 days and will celebrate with a maths day. This will feature a maths assembly, researching mathematicians and times table challenge sessions for Years 1-6. On that day we would like the children to bring in 100 of something either in a jar or they can take a used plastic wallet from the foyer that we need to recycle. The objects could be pennies, cheerios, paperclips, marbles etc. The more original the better! We will then make a display to show what 100 looks like.

HOMEWORK FOR HALF TERM

Everyone to write a story over half term to enter this amazing competition. Further information can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgL2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020> Children will work on editing their stories in school after the holiday.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

A reminder that optional activities for ASC are:

Monday: arts and craft

Tuesday: science

Wednesday: cooking

Thursday: construction – usually den building

Friday: film

We have a long term plan for more outside play - details to follow.

WE ARE A NUT, SEED AND KIWI FREE SCHOOL. Please check cereal bars and snacks and do not send products such as Nutella to school. This includes pine nuts, humus and tahini.

Children's health

If there are changes to your child's health please let us know so we can care for them appropriately.