



ST BARNABAS NEWS

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**Our motto: Be kind, learn as much as you can
and encourage other people**

DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

A really good week with lots of great learning.
This week in school ...

In the FSU they have begun to look at the works of the author Julia Donaldson. The nursery focused on the story What the Ladybird Heard, making a map to illustrate the story and the Reception focused on The Gruffalo, discussing describing words and creating a labelled picture of his features. They have also been painting clay pots and learning about ways to separate amounts in maths to recognise the same and half.

Year 1 have been continuing the topic on famous people. They have all tried playing the violin, cello and double bass as they learnt about Vivaldi and they have read the story of Malala. In maths they have used balance scale to complete addition calculations.

In Year 2 they have been colour mixing in art & experimenting with paint. They have also been learning to edit their work & they have written a newspaper report in RWInc.

In Year 3 they have been learning about the different layers of the rainforest and their features. They got into house groups and started making diorama boxes of the Rainforest. They wrote stories set in St Barnabas with cliff hangers and apostrophes for possession which was the SPaG focus. In maths, they completed multiplication word problems. Well done Year 3 for the fantastic reading challenge Homework. It is great to see so much reading happening at home and it has sparked off some wonderful book chat this week in their classroom.

Year 4 have been reading The Iron Man and have been studying the famous scientists Chien Shiung Wu and Dorothy Hodgkin. In maths they have been learning about area and perimeter.

Year 5 have been finishing their lanterns and are now starting to create Mayan masks from paper mache on balloons. In maths they have been using the column method for multiplying.

Year 6 have started learning about long division. They have also been learning about the properties of 3D shapes and their nets. In Jigsaw, our new PSHE programme, they have been thinking about their own wants and needs compared with children who work on cocoa plantations in Ghana. Today, they discussed Maslow's hierarchy of human needs, to discuss how our needs are met compared with children in parts of Africa. They made some amazingly thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Best wishes to everyone and thank you for your support.
Karen Donaghey (see twitter @BarnabasBuzz for pictures)

**COVID-19 please make sure you wear a mask
when collecting and dropping off or when
visiting the school site.**

**We continue to follow government/public health
guidelines which are updated regularly. Please look
out for updates via School Gateway.**

Thank you for your co-operation. Remember:

- **Stay home if unwell and isolate**
- **Wear a face covering if over age 11**
- **Wash hands regularly**
- **AND PLEASE SOCIALLY DISTANCE 2M**

**CHILDREN IN NEED we have almost reached our
target of £250 and have run over 2000 miles to date!
To donate go to:**

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-barnabas-school> Thank you.

PTA NEWS

**We are delighted to announce we have a new
committee:**

CHAIR- Anna-mum of children in Y6, Y3 and R

TREASURER -Nikki- mum of children in Y3 and R

SECRETARY- Caroline mum of child in Y3

Huge thanks to our outgoing committee: Esther, Thao and Peter. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment, it has been hugely appreciated. Please see PTA email for more information.

**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.**

CHRISTMAS IS COMING and lots is planned.

- ❖ We are practising for 3 performances: FSU Christmas songs, KS1 The Nutcracker and KS2 Christmas songs. We plan to film the performances so we can share with families via the website
- ❖ A Christmas tree has been donated and will go outside the front of school.
- ❖ Wizard of Oz performance is on Monday 7th December and Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December
- ❖ The PTA are organising an Advent Trail around Jericho and Year 5 lanterns will be displayed in windows.
- ❖ Father Christmas will do a walk past and a zoom chat with classes. The PTA are kindly funding the presents.
- ❖ **We'd like to decorate the school to make it look jolly and Christmassy. If you have any spare decorations, please leave in the box in the foyer. Thank you.**