



# 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

Welcome back after half term. School is feeling increasingly settled and so we are going back to our weekly newsletter. It's finally stopped raining and the children had a lovely time playing in the leaves on the field. This week in school ...

The nursery children have been creating autumn leaf window pictures and enjoying seasonal stories like Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper as well as role-playing outside with enormous piles of leaves for campfires. In addition, the Reception children have been finding out about the illustrator Korxy Paul and his art work in Winnie the Witch stories, as well as working hard in RWI and maths activities where they have been ordering numbers and exploring conservation of number.

In Maths Year 1 have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 10. In topic they have been using dance to explore the themes of Autumn and fire as well as developing printmaking skills to create a firework painting. In Science they have been measuring the weather and keeping track of how it is changing. In music they listened to Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

Year 2 have been learning about Rosa Parks as part of their new topic 'Famous People'. They have also used oil pastels to create a Bonfire picture and learnt about the Gunpowder plot. In maths they have been counting forwards and backwards in 2s from any given number.

Year 3 have been exploring the properties of 2d and 3d shapes and building 3d net shapes. They also continued working on 2-digit column subtraction with and without exchange. They, like the other classes, took part in a Prayer Spaces session where they prayed for or reflected on people, we are thankful for and others around the world. They are enjoying starting to transform the classroom into the Rainforest with snakes, leaves, and parrots. In English, they started reading a new class book 'The Explorer'.

This week Year 4 have been researching the lives and work of Nobel Prize winners Chien Shiung Wu and Dorothy Hodgkin for a whole school project on famous scientists. They have also been exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, focusing especially on drawing the shapes with a ruler with more accuracy. As well as reading and writing a variety of poems in English, the class is looking ahead to prepare a virtual assembly about Diwali, which is celebrated on November 14th.

Year 5, they have been using their times tables knowledge and working on column methods for division. They have also started to create lanterns to light up their windows.

Year 6 have been thinking about writing descriptions in English. We have looked at some examples and discussed metaphors, similes, personification and synonyms. In maths, they have been focusing on multiplication using the column method and have been practising multiplying a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number, as well as multiplying decimals.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

We are busy trying to run 5000 miles by Christmas and have decided to use the running to try to raise money for Children in Need. Children in Need Day is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November and on that day children can wear spots or stripes or something fun. But instead of bringing a donation please donate on our Children in Need page.

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

### STREET TAG

Continuing the PE theme please see the attached information about Street Tag. If you decide to take part, please keep the app open so you can collect points.

### ST BARNABAS TOP 100 BOOKS

Thanks to input from children, staff, parents and reading organisations we now have a Top 100 list of books to read before you leave St Barnabas. We have a display of the books in the library and the list is being promoted all around school. Thank you for all the donations of vouchers: we have nearly managed to buy all the books.

### FILM PERMISSION

Lots of amazing things are happening in school that sadly, we currently can't share with you. Therefore, we are making some films about our school and the things happening. Please look out for the new permission letter. We hope everyone will give permission for us to share the films on our website and on YouTube. Thank you in anticipation.

### Spare socks and shoes

When it is cold, wet and muddy please send spare socks and shoes. Thank you

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.

### COVID-19

We continue to follow government/public health guidelines which are updated regularly and 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**