



BARNABAS NEWS

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DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

A really busy week with lots going on. Singing assembly is going well and there were some wonderful discussions in the class assemblies about being a real friend. The children have done so well coming back to school and they cope really well with the bubbles. By next Wednesday everyone will be ready for a break. School will be very busy during the children's holiday and thank you very much to the team of parents who are coming in to paint. We are also having some improvements made to the children's toilets and fingers crossed to the trim trail. This week in school... Nursery have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and talking about healthy eating.

In Reception the children have continued to learn about how the body works with a focus on digestion and the food we eat. They used *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* story to create caterpillar food books incorporating number work with writing. In art the children focused on the artist Frida Kahlo and decorated photographs of themselves using the ideas of Frida, creating vibrant collages which they have displayed in the classroom.

Year 1 have been looking at maps of the classroom, school, neighbourhood, city, country and world. They read the story 'Me on the map' and used this as inspiration to put themselves on the map of the classroom. They have also been using BeeBots to understand what an algorithm is. In Art, the children have made a daffodil.

Year 2 have been studying their cress seed experiment carefully to see which conditions are best for cress seeds to grow. They have also worked hard continuing to create their own globe labelling the seas and continents and enjoyed PE sessions out in the sunshine! In their Jigsaw session they have been learning about the different food groups and making healthy choices.

Year 3 have been learning about the Battle of Marathon. They found out where the marathon race began and wrote letters from an Athenian Army general requesting Sparta for more soldiers in their fight against King Darius' Persian Army. With their scrolls, they ran around the field, to Sparta and back. They also learned about what made the Greek army so strong and have continued making swords and helmets, ready to form a phalanx formation next week. They baked hot cross buns when learning about the Easter story. In maths, we have been revising maths topics from term 2.

Year 4 have been acting out Anansi stories this week, with very funny and creative results, especially with their use of props. Our PGCE trainee Miss Crocker has been coming up with ever more inventive lessons, including a challenge to build your own obstacle course using a big selection of PE equipment and a group challenge to make a 'des res' bug hotel.

Year 5 have had fun with forces, designing and adapting ramps for cars. They have shown a brilliant understanding of prime numbers and have demonstrated beautiful art skills when sketching.

Our motto... To be kind, learn as much as you can and encourage one another.

COVID-19

Please continue to socially distance and to wear masks in and around school. We continue to follow Government/Public Health guidelines.

Thank you for your co-operation, we do not want to have to close a bubble or have to go back to home learning.

School is responsible for TRACK AND TRACE during the first week of the holiday. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 before 7th April please email head.3832@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk

Easter Assembly

Normally we would visit St Barnabas Church at this time. Instead Father Christopher will be leading an inclusive assembly to celebrate and learn about Easter on Tuesday at 9.30am

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..

TERM ENDS WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH AT 1.30PM

TERM 3 BEGINS ON MONDAY 19th APRIL

INSET DAYS Monday 7th June and Thursday 22nd July

'THE MORE YOU READ THE MORE YOU LEARN'

This term classes have been focussing on these titles.

- The Wolf and Three Bears by Jan Fearnley Year 1
- The Sunflower House by Eve Bunting Year 2
- The Odyssey by Robin Lister Year 3
- Anasi Tales from the Caribbean Year 4
- The Case of the Disappearing Boys from the Baker Street Boys series by Anthony read in Year 5
- Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson in Year 6

These titles form part of the 36 books to know well by the time you leave St Barnabas

Year 6 have been learning algebra and how to read data from pie charts. They have also been learning the journey of a river and ways to help conserve and look after our rivers and forests. They are learning about the importance of the resurrection for Christians in RE. For science they have been learning about the structure of an atom and how the flow of electrons gives us electricity.

The School Council have started to make a film about our school which we cannot wait to show you after Easter.

We hope everyone has a good Easter break. Please look at @BarnabasBuzz on twitter.com for some pictures of the above.

Best wishes for a good break,

Karen Donaghey, Headteacher