



BARNABAS NEWS

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

DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Welcome back and we hope everyone has a good break. Several of our parents spent some of the holiday painting at school and we'd like to say a huge thank you for their time and support of our school, which now looks great!

This week it has been so lovely to see everyone outside. All the classes have started cricket, from reception learning to roll and stop the ball up to years five and six who are bowling and getting runs. It's great to observe the progression through the years. This week in the classes...

The Reception and Nursery classes started their new topic called Watch it Grow and looked for signs of spring. The Nursery children focused on animals born at this time of year, creating tactile lamb pictures and the Reception class sorted things which are living, those which may once have lived but have been made into something like our wooden furniture or the fruit we eat and those things which are not living. They did lots of blossom art, writing and maths too.

Year 1 have started to name the 7 continents and 5 oceans. In science they have been identifying two of the five groups of vertebrates, birds and fish.

Year 2 have started reading their class book about Paddington, created their own story of the life of a seed in Science and been working on multiplication and division skills.

Year 3 have been learning about the Ancient Olympic Games and planned a 5-day programme. They have been finishing writing and illustrating their own Greek myths, including a mythical creature and a dilemma. They explored Greek theatres too. In maths they have been finding the fractions of amounts and focusing on x8 tables.

Year 4 have explored the extent of Anglo Saxon settlements through the place name endings in the area, such as -ing, -ham, -ton and -ley(s). They discovered from looking at Ordnance Survey maps that the Anglo Saxons must have built villages all over Oxfordshire. The class has also begun reading the epic story of Beowulf, which dates back to at least 800 AD (although they are reading a more modern translation).

Year 5 have been learning about The Romans. They have been handling real artefacts from the Roman era, have been making beautiful Roman mosaic patterns and have been reading Romans on the Rampage as their class book. In science, Year 5 have been learning about the human life cycle.

Year 6 have been finishing writing and performing their plays for Primary Playmakers. They were submitted on Friday. They also had an introductory lesson on micro:bits in computing.

The School Council, following the success of their tremendous film about our school are now surveying everyone about after school sports clubs.

Please look at @BarnabasBuzz on twitter.com for pictures.
Best wishes and happy weekend.
Karen Donaghey Headteacher

URGENT ACTION PLEASE

Please make sure you keep us updated with your latest phone number for emergency calls. Emailing us any updates is fine. If your child is ill or injured, we need to get hold of you immediately. Likewise, please let us have your new address if you have moved house since last September. THANK YOU

Lots of improvements are happening at school including working on the outside space. We are planting the Courtyard with a herb garden, a sensory area and a vegetable patch. We would be very grateful for any donations of large pots or tubs, compost and suitable plants or seeds. Thank you very much.

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.

'THE MORE YOU READ THE MORE YOU LEARN'

This term classes are focussing on these titles.

Year 1- *The Story Orchestra: Carnival of the Animals*

Year 2- *Paddington by Michael Bond*

Year 3- *The Odyssey by Robin Lister*

Year 4- *Beowulf by Robert Nye.*

Year 5- *Romans on the Rampage, Jeremy Strong.*

Year 6- *Floodland and Flood by Marcus Sedgewick*

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

Covid-19

We continue to follow the Public Health and DfE guidelines and to keep children in their bubbles. In line with other nearby schools we hope to increase the bubble size soon to allow for more socialisation and space at playtimes.

Heroes

Do you know anyone who has been an unsung hero during the Covid epidemic? If you do please see the letter sent via School Gateway to nominate them for an award. It can be an adult or a child.

TERM ENDS WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY

Half term Monday 31st May- Friday 5th June

INSET DAYS Monday 7th June and Thursday 22nd July