



# 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

A really good week with lots happening and children starting to go out for visits again. Year 1 visited the church and enjoyed being able to go on a trip for the first time. Lots of classes have been growing things and we are very grateful for the donation of several large pots for the courtyard. Year 5 are growing strawberries and Year 2 have a good patch of onions coming on. Any spare compost would also be very gratefully received as we seem to be using it very quickly! Thank you.

This week The Foundation Stage children have spent lots of time outside. They have been learning about plants and planted sunflower seeds and are waiting for them to grow!

Year 1 have been acting out and writing the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have started making Paddington Bears and folding paper for his hat. In maths, the children have been calculating number fact families and counting in multiples of 2.

Year 2 have had great fun starting their new topic 'Paddington' and have been using their DT skills to create their own Paddington models. In PE they have been learning cricket skills and in science enjoyed finishing their 'How to grow a seed' books.

Year 3 have been looking at Ancient Greek mosaic designs and started designing and creating their own using small tiles. Using Scratch Junior, they learnt to create characters and programmed them to move. They have been developing their literacy skills by playing various word games. A favourite this week has been 'sword drill', were they raced to find the word given, to earn house points.

Year 4 have been practising their joined handwriting so that they can impress their Year 5 teacher! They are writing regularly with pens to encourage them to use joined writing wherever possible. As well as developing their resilience by doing assessments in school this week, they have continued to read the ancient Anglo Saxon story of Beowulf and have been learning to count in fifts.

Year 5 have been learning about the life cycle of a plant, from seeds to baby plants to mature plant. They have learnt about flowers, pollination, germination, and seed dispersal, with plant expert parent, Radhika and have cut open seeds to see the different parts. They have also been learning more about the Romans with a fun, lively Q and A session from the museum service that brought the Roman artefacts to our class.

Year 6 have started cycle training. The children have been learning about the highway code and practising cycling their bikes on the road. They have also started IMPs (first aid) training. This week, they learnt about the recovery position.

Please look at @BarnabasBuzz on twitter.com for pictures. Best wishes and happy Bank Holiday weekend.

Karen Donaghey Headteacher

### ACTION...

**Please send your child with a hat on sunny days**

#### Lates and forgotten items

**Please do not leave your children at the gate if they are late. We have no way of knowing they are there and need to see the person dropping. This is for their safety. Please try to avoid needing to drop items during the school day as they don't always get to the child on time if the office is very busy. Thank you.**

#### 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 will now increase the bubble size to allow for more socialisation and space at playtimes and in the hall. The bubbles will now be in pairs of year groups. Reception and Nursery, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6.**

**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**

**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.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES AS HAPPENED THIS WEEK.**

#### 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.**

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS: Weeks beginning**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

**TERM ENDS WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

**Half term Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**INSET DAYS Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.**