



ST BARNABAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Our motto... To be kind, learn as much as you can  
and encourage one another.

## DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

A good last week with lots happening outside from volcanoes erupting to performances of songs. We continue to be vigilant but school feels more and more normal and so much creative work is going on.

This week in the classes the Reception children learnt about oviparous animals (those that lay and are hatched out of eggs.) They discovered that lots of different animals are oviparous! They also made lots of nature art inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. The sunflowers which they planted as seeds and nurtured, all went home this week.

The Nursery children used the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar as a stimulus to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Year 1 have been making gingerbread people to celebrate Paddington's birthday! They also performed their songs to the grown ups and designed fruit skewers. In maths they have been making equal groups and counting in 2s.

Year 2 have been writing descriptions in RWInc, learning to use the column method in Big Maths and in topic they have been decorating a Llama! Llamas in South America are an important part of the family. Families decorate their special pets with coloured wools and blankets to show how special they are. They have also been continuing with their weaving.

Year 3 have been sorting rocks into three types. They made 3d volcanoes and used different ingredients to make it erupt. They have been learning how when magma erupts, it solidifies into igneous rocks. In maths, they have used the column multiplication method. They enjoyed performing their Greek play to Year 4 on Thursday.

Year 4 have been exploring visual patterns in the times tables on different sized number grids. The class has also finished reading Beowulf and nearly finished their books about Beowulf on Book Creator. We will share these with you all once they are all complete.

Year 5 have been creating a beautiful class mosaic, making their own nets of 3d shapes, writing the start of their own stories based on our Romans topic and creating collages of Roman artefacts. They also had a great online chat from author Ross Mackenzie.

Year 6 had a guest talk with Scot Teen Book Prize winner, Ross MacKenzie. Pupils had the opportunity to ask the author questions about the sequel "Feast of the Evernight" in his "Evernight" series and his career as a writer. They have also been invited to take part in the writing competition to write a short story of 250 words with the title "The Door in the Cellar".

We can share the work in school with photos on our twitter account. Please see @BarnabasBuzz on twitter.com for pictures of lots of things happening in school. See the school home page for quick access.

We wish everyone a good half term and look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Karen Donaghey Headteacher

### ACTION...

#### Equipment

**We will be spending lots of time outside over the last half term of the year. Please make sure children come to school in PE kit everyday and always have a hat in school. All children will also need a water bottle in school everyday.**

#### Lost property

**We have lots of lost property in school. We will quarantine it over the holiday and then put it out at the front of school on the first day back so it can be claimed. Anything not claimed by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June will go to charity.**

**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.**

### COVID-19

**If a member of your family receives a positive test result over the break please let us know on [head.3832@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3832@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk)**

While it is great news that the virus numbers are stable, it hasn't gone away yet and we are still being very careful in school. We are still getting reports from parents who have children with symptoms of potential Covid-19. Please remember children with symptoms should be tested and should isolate as necessary. This is the current advice on the NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

It's well worth checking this for advice if children are unwell as it also gives advice on what to do if your child is very unwell.

**TERM ENDS WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY AT 1.30PM**

**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.**

**COMING SOON....**

**Run Jericho online... more details to follow.**