



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 week in spite of the rain with lots happening. Next week is parent consultations, please remember to sign up.

This week the Early Years children have been playing games with 2D and 3D shapes, describing their qualities and making tessellating pictures. As a class everyone also contributed to a large garden collage picture which included flowers and insects made with a range of materials. The Nursery have been reading Baby Goes to Market. They talked about and counted the fruit that he finds at the market.

Year 1 have been writing a story map of one of Paddington's adventures in London. They also used BeeBots and maps of the UK and Peru to compare where Paddington is from and where he lives now. They even wrote algorithms to plan a journey around the countries, and debugged a few that had gone wrong!

The highlight of the week for Year 2 was that they had a wonderful online Space Explorers workshop run by the History of Science Museum. This introduced the children to Galileo and the invention he's best known for, the telescope. The children looked at constellations and how many of the names come from Greek myths and legends and also got to draw their own constellation pictures! They also had a look around the Museum space objects such as telescopes, moon globes, moon drawings and a star globe, which was fascinating.

Year 3 have been focusing on solving 1d x 2d equations. They have been finding synonyms to describe a setting in the Odyssey as well as including fronted adverbials. They also enjoyed acting out Greek myths and learning the lines for a chorus.

Year 4 have been writing character descriptions for three of the main characters in 'Beowulf', including the monster Grendel. They have used information and adjectives from the text of the book to help them in their descriptions. The class have improved their joined up handwriting skills and some of the children have surprised themselves by how much difference they have made in just a few weeks. We have worked at fulfilling our eco pledges for the Blue Peter Green Badge challenge, especially switching off lights and devices when we aren't using them, and we have also planted some seeds in recycled school lunch cartons.

Year 5 have been having fun with forces, making our own Roman catapults! They have been lucky enough to take part in a fantastic strings workshop, with the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra, based on 'The Greatest Showman', organised by the Dragon School and Mrs Garrod. Year 5 have also developed their understanding of fractions this week.

Year 6 have been learning about Evolution and Inheritance in Science. We have looked at the features we inherit from our parents, and we have learnt about DNA. In our topic, Extreme Earth, we have been learning about the biomes of the world. We have been researching facts and labelling maps.

Please look at @BarnabasBuzz on twitter.com for pictures of lots of things happening in school.

Best wishes for a good weekend.

Karen Donaghey Headteacher

HUNGRY CHILDREN

Lots of children are complaining they are hungry at playtime. Please send your child to school with a healthy snack. Thank you

ACTION...

We are very lucky to have such an active and supportive PTA. The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 25th May at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome as we all work together to improve our school. For more details, see the PTA newsletter.

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.

COVID-19

It is great news that the virus numbers are dropping but it hasn't gone away yet and we are still being very careful in school. We are 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.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: Weeks beginning

Monday 17th and 24th May.

TERM ENDS WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY

Half term Monday 31st May- Friday 5th June

INSET DAYS Monday 7th June and Thursday 22nd July.

LOST AND FOUND

A watch was found on the field, it is being kept safely in the office.