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

DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Another busy week with lots happening. Next week we will merge bubbles at playtimes with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 being able to play together. KS2 will be out at the same time but will continue to have their own areas. Reception will also start to have their lunch in the hall with KS1 as part of preparing for their transition to Year 1. This week in the classes...

In Nursery they have been looking at blossom as the garden has been full of fallen blossom. They have also have read stories about blossom and are continuing their topic about things that grow. The Reception class have been learning about time, with the children making their own clocks with moveable hands. They've also been watching their newly planted seeds closely and have been pleased to see that some have already begun to sprout!

Year 1 this week have been learning to add a one-digit number to twenty. They have drawn maps of the UK in shaving foam just like Paddington, as well as writing and debugging algorithms with the BeeBots and a map of the world. In Forest School they used salt dough to make tree gargoyles.

Year 2 continue to enjoy their Paddington topic, they have talked about refugees and what they would pack in their suitcase if they had to leave Oxford in a hurry and they couldn't take many things (teddy bears, special toys, books, paints, Nintendo switch, chocolate and family pictures). They have also plotted places in London to take Paddington and marked them on a map. They have also been learning how to stay safe online.

In Year 3 they have been learning how to find equivalent fractions. In topic, they researched Greek gods and applied their knowledge by looking at sources and identifying which god was depicted on each source. They also made a class book on Book Creator of the gods. They have also enjoyed helping a publishing company by reading some of their books and writing reviews to help them in their editing process. In French, we have been learning the months of the year.

Year 4 have learned about the Staffordshire hoard of Anglo Saxon gold discovered in 2009 near Lichfield and they have speculated about the mystery of why the hoard was buried in around 650 AD and left there. Was it loot from a battle or an offering to the gods? Was it treasure hidden from attackers or was it a ransom for a king? They have continued reading the saga of Beowulf, learning what they can about his character from the text.

Year 5 have been learning about reproduction of plants. Our parent volunteer expert supported our understanding with a brilliant talk and the children then dissected flowers to see the different parts. Year 5 have also been learning about puberty and changes that occur in humans and other animals. They have started to create information books about Romans in Britain.

In English, Year 6 have started reading Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick and discussing the pictures in Flood by Alvaro F. Villa. They have used these books to help develop their writing skills and to think about how they can make their opening sentences more exciting.
Please look at @BarnabasBuzz on twitter.com for pictures.

Best wishes for a good weekend.
Karen Donaghey Headteacher

ACTION...

CHILDREN ONLINE

In assemblies this week Years 4, 5 and 6 have been talking about staying safe online. Many children reported having problems online at home, particularly with other people's behaviour but some also reported seeing unsuitable material.

We will continue to support the children in school but for parents the

NSPCC has some excellent material on online safety at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> as does childnet.com

For information on setting parental controls visit nationalonlinesafety.com

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 Sedgwick*

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 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 large bunch of keys were found outside and are being kept in the office. They contain several bike lock keys. Please contact the office.