



BARNABAS NEWS

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DEAR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

We've had a great week with lots of sport happening in all classes. The tennis coaching from the LTA was great, the children competed well in their sports day races and 5 classes completed Run Jericho. The field and playground has been in constant use! We've also started the process to renovate and move our school library and we are starting the work on the EYFSU garden very soon, so life in school is very exciting.

The virus, however, continues to be a worry and we are planning to continue with many of our measures in September. Details of this will be sent separately before the end of term.

Lots of news from the classes this week...

Nursery have been making clay tiles and exploring mark making on clay.

Reception class have been very sporty as part of the sports day activities with relay races on Monday and a tennis lesson later in the week. They've been revisiting shape in maths and reading lots of books about travel adventures. They've been talking a lot about what it means to be the best. The children decided that it was all about being the best 'you' can be by being kind and friendly and learning as much as you can. Just like our school motto! Reception has one proud teacher!

Year 1 have been learning to use the technique of pointillism in art to paint under the sea pictures for a book. They have visited the Oxford Jewish Synagogue and extended their knowledge of Judaism.

Year 2 this week have been working so hard on their maths. They have built 3d fractions using Lego, and have used their timetables to rewrite division facts as fractions. They have also been working on telling the time in digital notation. They enjoyed sports week taking part in house sports during PE lessons, tennis coaching and running Run Jericho. They all completed a mile in the KS1 playground running 27 laps and wearing run Jericho T-shirts and bibs that they decorated!

Year 3 have focused on their play rehearsals and enjoyed a performance at Wolfson College put on by the Oxford Playhouse. They discussed the strengths and how we could apply them to their performance next week. They enjoyed exploring WW2 items from our Oxfordshire museum box and further researched these online. In pairs, they presented their findings to the rest of the class as if they were museum curators. They also wrote letters from the perspective of an evacuee to their mother during WW2. In art, they learnt about children's gas masks and designed and made their own.

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

THANK YOU

- To the families who have donated money and materials. It all makes a huge difference.
- To the parents and grandparents who came on the trips this week.
- To Esther for hosting excellent visits to the Synagogue
- To everyone who has donated money for Run Jericho

ACTION...

We are always trying to improve our school and ask you please to complete our latest parent survey. Thank you

<https://survey.typeform.com/to/rzXYxwKQ>

Equipment

Next week the weather looks much better. Please make sure children come to school in PE kit everyday with their shoulders covered and that they always have a hat in school. All children will also need a water bottle in school.

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 also avoid sending KIWI fruit.

COVID-19

If a member of your family receives a positive test result or is isolating after close contact please let us know urgently on head.3832@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk This includes weekends. Thank you.

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

TERM ENDS- WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY AT 1.30PM

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR RUN JERICO

<https://runjericho.com/>

Continued...

Year 4 have been role playing different possible outcomes of the big decisions taken by the main character of 'Cloud Busting'. The class finished storyboards of the eight most important moments in the story. They have also completed tourist guides to the city of Oxford using what they know about the city's many attractions.

Year five have been writing some reflections on the year. They have also been finishing off their Escape from Pompeii stories, using some beautiful vocabulary. Year 5 have now managed to measure and cut out the third layer of their colosseum and they are looking brilliant!

Year 6 have been getting ready to leave primary school with lots of work on health and wellbeing and transition work.

Best wishes for a good weekend

Karen Donaghey, Headteacher

Please see school website home page for twitter pictures.