

# ST BARNABAS PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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## DEAR FAMILIES

A very busy first week back to set the scene for the term. Michelle did a great Run Jericho assembly and inspired lots of children to take part. The race is our biggest fund raiser and fits in well with our Daily Mile running each day in KS2.

Years 3 and 4 have had 2 workshops each this week one from an author the other from a local artist. They enjoyed both and it was excellent to welcome experts to the classrooms.

Year 6 are very excited about practising cycling and even more excited about their forthcoming production which we look forward to sharing with you. They have also been learning about First Aid today via the amazing IMPS scheme.

Lots and lots happening this half term so please keep a look out for further communication.

Best wishes  
Karen Donaghey  
Headteacher

PLEASE ENTER to win £1000 worth of books for our amazing new library

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

### IMPORTANT- Late Children

We still have a few latecomers in the mornings, the children really don't like it and it disrupts the start of the day.

**School opens at 8.45 am and registers are taken at 8.55 am. Gates are locked at 8.55am.** If your child arrives after this time, they will have missed the register and are recorded as late. If they are late please ensure that your child enters via the office where their attendance will be registered and any dinner orders taken. Children who arrive on time receive almost an hour more education than children who are late.



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## RUN JERICO

It's been a long, two year wait, but Run Jericho is back and better than ever! The event sells out each year, so be sure to register as soon as possible! Click on the link at [www.runjericho.com](http://www.runjericho.com) for the 10k, 5k or children's 1 mile.

If you have any questions, please email us at [runjericho@gmail.com](mailto:runjericho@gmail.com).

*This incredible event raises a huge amount of money for the school.*

## EVENTS AND DATES

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July JUBILEE HOLIDAY

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July SPORTS MORNING**

Term finishes Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

1.30pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET DAY

Class Assemblies - THURSDAYS 9am

Please enter via the hall doors in the KS1 playground.

16<sup>th</sup> June Year 3

We have lots of trips on, please look out for permission letters.

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## CHALLENGE AND LEARNING

Well done to Years 1, 2 and 6 for completing their external tests. Next week is the Year 4 Times Tables. Children in Year and up should know all their times table facts up to 12. For those liking a challenge 15 and 18 times tables are also useful.

Lots of useful information can be found at

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/year-4-multiplication-tables-check-mtc-explained>

Over the next two weeks we will be assessing the children's writing. The word lists for each year group can be found in the learning section on the school website. Children are expected to use and spell correctly the lists of words for their age group and all the ones for the years below.

## WE ARE A NUT, SEED AND KIWI FREE SCHOOL

Please help us protect our children with severe allergies by not sending these items to school. This includes many cereal bars, **Nutella**, tahini and peanut butter.

Thank you

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

**Nursery** have read The Dot story and have been exploring making art from dots. We have also started our new Magic Carpet travelling topic. We read

the Magic Bed and have been thinking about where in the world we could travel to on an adventure.

In **Reception** we started a new topic called Magic Carpet Rides which will combine imaginative and creative exploration with more factual learning about different places and countries. This week we focused on the story The Magic Bed by John Burningham and used this as a writing stimulus and discussion theme. We've continued to learn about being healthy with a focus on cleaning our teeth and have begun to develop paint skills and colour with activities based around the book The Dot and stimuli like the artists Kandinsky's artwork based on circles. In Forest School the children explored making shapes from nature with a healthy amount of tree climbing mixed in! The children are continuing to count in 10's with an activity based around creating groups of 10, counting them and finding the numerals to go with their groups. This is all done with a timer which means they sometimes have a different amount like 54 which enhances their knowledge of counting and the patterns within number. Another busy week!

**Year 1** have started taking part in athletics activities in PE. In art they have been using the technique of pointillism to paint under the sea pictures. In science they have learnt the five groups of vertebrates and discussed their differing or shared characteristics. In music they have been singing different line patterns to better understand pitch. This has been linked to waves and a song all about the deepening ocean zones.

**Year 2** has been learning about position and direction. Year 2 had much fun

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programming Bee Boots and guiding them around a map. Children also spent some time drawing their island maps and writing instructions on how to get the treasure. In science, Year 2 has been learning about how to describe and classify living, non-living and never alive things. The children did an excellent job looking for all these things in the playground. In RE, Year 2 has been learning the story of Zacchaeus, a tax collector that, after meeting Jesus, changed and decided to be a good man.

**Year 3** have been revising 3d shapes and their properties as well as solving lots of 2digit x 1digit multiplication questions. In English, we finished off our fantastic Ancient Olympic Leaflets (look out for photos via email). We have enjoyed fine tuning our class play for next week as well as enjoying several workshops in school. This week we enjoyed a literacy-based workshop run by the Story Museum, where we got to design our own stage sets. We also had a fantastic art workshop focusing on trees- using both charcoal and paint. Some of these will be displayed in the Town Hall, so keep an eye out for them!

**Year 4** 3 days in school and super busy already! Year 4 have started their new reading book, 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland', meeting the White Rabbit, the Mouse and the Dodo. They have also been exploring factors and multiples in Maths in order to become more fluent with the language and number facts of multiplication ahead of next week's Times Tables Check. They were practising a variety of greetings and responses in French. The class have also been learning the rules of rounders in PE. We have been very lucky to have had two art-related workshops, one

involving visualising how parts of a story could be brought to life onstage as part of a plan for a production of the book 'Luna Loves Library' with a theatre designer for the Story Museum. The other workshop was part of a celebration of the twinning of the cities of Oxford and Bonn 75 years ago and the class produced charcoal drawings of trees in winter and paintings of trees from spring or summer.

**Year 5** have been continuing to focus on our topic 'mountains' and combined our knowledge to create some stunning collages of mountain scenes. In maths we have been focusing on word problems and the language associated in answering the questions. We have been learning about different life cycles in Science, which we have really enjoyed.

**Year 6** have continued working on the class book Floodland. The children have been finding out about the authors choice of language by exploring how words and phrases infer feelings and personalities of the characters in the book. They have reflected on the different ways in which we are given an impression of a character without being told directly, and the devices the author has used to enrich our knowledge of the characters. The children then made little books to help them explore their favourite character in more detail. In our daily 10-minute write, we have focused again on language choices. The children have been editing and improving their vocabulary choices by trying to use a "show not tell" approach. In Geography this week, Year 6 have been learning about different biomes. They have started a non-fiction book on Book Creator and have picked one biome to research in detail. They are

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currently collecting 2L plastic drinks bottles so they can create a biome in a bag next week. As we need 28, please send any empty plastic drinks bottles to Year 6. They will be gratefully received. In Maths, Year 6 have been revising multiplication and division as well as looking at different mathematical investigations. They have also been very busy with cycle training.

### **Recycle Your Ink Cartridges and Help Support St Barnabas' Church of England Aided Primary School**

Did you know that you can help us raise funds simply by recycling your ink cartridges via our Recycle4Charity programme?

For each ink cartridge recycled via the programme we will receive up to £2 donation.

How it works:

To send your cartridges or start collecting for us click here

- <http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C125928>

Extended Schools  
Mobile no. **07599 930486**  
3 pm – 5.30 pm.

### **Activity Clubs**

**KS2 Cooking** – Not on this week

**Seasonal Sport** – tennis

**Football** – putting their skills into action

**KS1 Cooking** – making chocolate chip cookies

**Arts & Crafts** – clay modelling

**Fun Games** – fun games were enjoyed by all

**Book Club** – reading Sabotage on the Solar Express and making clay animals

**Spanish Club** – Ir de camping (camping)

**Drawing Club** – learning to draw anime style faces

**Breakfast Club** and the main **After School Club** have been enjoying playing outside and have been creating some wonderful pictures.

Lunchtime Clubs were enjoyed by lots of children. There are still a few spaces for cricket and tennis.