

ST BARNABAS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

17th June 2022

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DEAR FAMILIES

We've had a great week. The sunny weather has meant lots of playing and learning outside enjoying the shade under our amazing trees.

Year 3 finished our series of class assemblies with the telling of the story of Helen of Troy and gave parents the opportunity to try some Greek food. We were all impressed by their performance and by how much they had learnt.

We have been delighted to be able to share the news that Scott Lewis will be St Barnabas Primary School Interim Headteacher and he is coming to visit the school soon. Next week we will be interviewing for new teachers.

Miss Keys is moving back to Ireland, Mr Heather is moving to Spain and Mrs Green is moving to Shropshire where she has family nearby and her husband has a new position. All three teachers will be hugely missed and have made a great contribution to our school.

We plan to tell you who will be teaching which class by the end of June.

Best wishes for a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you at Run Jericho.

Karen Donaghey
Headteacher



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RUN JERICHO

THIS SUNDAY!

Click on the link at www.runjericho.com for the 10k, 5k or children's 1 mile.

If you have any questions, please email us at runjericho@gmail.com.

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

EVENTS AND DATES

Thursday 7th July Years 5 and 6 play
1.45pm

Friday 8th July school closed for
JUBILEE HOLIDAY

Tuesday 12th July SPORTS MORNING

Wednesday 20th July 9.05 am Year 6
Leavers Assembly

Term finishes Wednesday 20th July
1.30pm no ASC that day.

Thursday 21st July INSET DAY

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

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CHALLENGE AND LEARNING

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 been enjoying the warmer weather and experimenting with water in the garden. We have also been reading Winnie the Witch and the Flying Carpet.

Reception have been focusing on writing sentences using finger spaces and a full stop at the end. We've talked about what objects and pictures remind the children about and used these as a stimulus for extending their vocabulary and creative writing. In maths, we've been taking the children's knowledge of counting in 10's to make groups of 10 with an introduction to how place value works with 10's and 1's. The children have also been taking part in a vote to change our role-play space into something new. The winning vote was for a train station and the children have

decided on all the things we'll need to build it. In our investigation area the children have been learning about colour and light, sorting objects into transparent and opaque. We've also begun to practise our sports day events for later this term.

Year 1 have been looking at x-rays of animal skeletons and looked for features of which vertebrate it belongs to. In topic they have been using the interrelated dimensions of music to explore words and songs related to under the sea. In P.E. they have been learning the different throwing sports for athletics such as javelin and hammer throw. They have also made bear fact files and started writing the story of the three billy goats gruff set beneath the ocean.

Year 2 has had a special visitor. Olivia's mum has come to school to teach us about Australia. Children learnt about some of the main features of Australia and created beautiful aboriginal artwork. In English, we have been learning a song about the 3 little billy goats gruff. Children have been very creative in planning and writing their own versions of the story. In science, Year 2 has been learning about world habitats, and how habitats provide the basic needs of the animals that live there.

Year 3 finished off our fantastic Ancient Greek topic and enjoyed putting on our class Assembly. We hope you enjoyed watching it! In maths, Year 3 have been learning about perimeter. We have been measuring sides of 2d shapes and adding up the different lengths to find the perimeter. We have applied our knowledge of properties of 2d shapes when working out the lengths of missing

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sides. In P.E. we enjoyed throwing javelins for athletics.

Year 4 really enjoyed the visit of author Ben Lerwill on Wednesday's assembly. He had many stories to tell, including the story of the dog Pickles who found the World Cup when it was stolen in 1966. His books will no doubt be on the search list for a number of them. The class have written extended stories this week, which have astounded me with their imaginative flair and show how far they have progressed over the year. Yesterday they started making up new chapters for Alice in Wonderland in small groups where they had to create two new characters. These too were full of imaginative flair, and we will continue with these next weeks and find a way to put together 'Alice: The Lost Chapters'.

Year 5 created our own medals inspired by the Jubilee. In PE this week we prepared for sports day working on our throwing skills. Year 5 also had a lovely trip to the Modern Art Museum on Wednesday and enjoyed learning about the artist Ruth Asawa.

Year 6 have been planning and writing a story using all the punctuation and grammar skills they have learnt this year. They have also been editing and improving their work.

In maths, Year 6 have continued focusing on investigations, using the skills they have practised. They have also been using their logic and looking for patterns in numbers.

Cycle training has continued in Year 6 this week as well as learning the words for the play, Shakespeare Rocks.

Extended Schools

Mobile no. **07599 930486**

3 pm – 5.30 pm.

Activity Clubs

KS2 Cooking – making biscuits

Seasonal Sport – tennis

Football – putting their skills into action

KS1 Cooking – making turkey burgers

Arts & Crafts – designing medals

Fun Games – fun games were enjoyed by all

Book Club – reading Sabotage on the Solar Express and making fox sandwiches

Spanish Club – Merienda at the Spanish Café

Drawing Club – learning to draw anime hair

KS2 Science Club - water properties, including colour mixing and soaking clothes and playground water pictures

KS1 Science Club – making volcanoes

Foundation Stage Stay and Play – making puppets

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.