

# ST BARNABAS PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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## DEAR FAMILIES

We've had another great week. Festival of Voices was amazing. The Choir sang beautifully and we were all moved by Marc's violin solo. We were so proud of all the children who got a special mention from the conductor. Thank you to Mrs Garrod for rehearsing them and taking them to such a wonderful event.

This was followed up by the Rock Steady concert today. Again our children performed brilliantly in their rock bands and the whole school came to watch... even Nursery. We all enjoyed clapping along. Both events were shared with families and were a lovely reminder of how strong St Barnabas is on the arts.

At the time of writing Years 5 and 6 are rehearsing for Shakespeare Rocks and we all look forward to sharing their performance.

Our new Headteacher Scott Lewis popped in this week for a visit and was able to meet many of the staff and children.

We also appointed two new teachers this week and look forward to sharing the details once the paperwork is in place.

Not long now until the Summer Holiday and it is definitely summer weather. Although we have the shade of our superb trees children still need hats every day and should not share them just in case they have visitors. Please remember to send your child in with a hat. Thank you and happy weekend.

Karen Donaghey  
Headteacher



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## RUN JERICO WAS AMAZING

*Thank you to everyone who organised, helped, ran and supported. It was a lovely day.*

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

## EVENTS AND DATES

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July Years 5 and 6 play  
1.45pm. Tickets available.**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July school closed for  
JUBILEE HOLIDAY**

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

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 9.05 am Year 6  
Leavers Assembly, families welcome.**

**Term finishes Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
1.30pm no ASC that day.**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET DAY  
We have lots of trips on, please look  
out for permission letters.**

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## CHALLENGE AND LEARNING

Please keep those spellings and times tables going over the last few weeks of the summer term. They really do make a difference.

## 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 thinking about travelling and being kind. We have been reading *What the Ladybird Heard* books and the *Kind* book. Today we had a challenge to try to do as many kind things as we could.

**Reception** have been learning about different places in the world with the children sharing their experiences of different countries. We've used Google Maps to travel from school to other countries and have been learning a song about the 7 continents of the world. The children have been learning about what a post card is and have written their own, pretending they are somewhere else. In maths we've continued to look at the patterns in numbers and explored what they represent, whilst also practising number bonds. The children have also been exploring some strange items from the past on display in the classroom and have had to use their investigation skills to work out what they are and could be

used for. It has generated a lot of interest and close observation skills.

**Year 1** have celebrated Paddington's Birthday (25<sup>th</sup> June) by preparing fruit skewers and marmalade sandwiches. In English they have been working in groups to prepare short plays. They have started by reading their part and then acting out the first scene while following the director's instructions. In maths they have been revising addition and subtraction as well as spotting patterns. In geography they have been using a map of the United Kingdom to learn the names of the constituent seas and countries. They have also traced along the coastline and looked at photos to learn how in parts there are beaches, while in others there are cliffs.

**Year 2** had a lovely trip to the Natural History Museum and children enjoyed learning about bugs and their habitats. Big thank you to the parents that has come to help! In English, this week we have been writing instructions to build bug hotels. We will build them next week. In maths we have been learning about how to tell the time to the nearest 5. In topic, Year 2 has been learning about Australian animals.

**Year 3** started our new topic 'Italy' by learning about Michelangelo and his fantastic sculptures and paintings he did in the Sistine Chapel. We enjoyed having a brief go colouring in our pictures when lying down, but our arms soon got sore. We aren't sure how he preserved on the Chapel ceiling for 5 years! In maths, we have been revising 12 hour and 24-hour clock and been both reading and creating our own timetables. We had another interesting science lesson this week from a Year 3 parent, were we planted cress and vegetable seeds and began an experiment to explore whether

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seeds need soil, light, or water to grow. Each day we have been observing our seeds and recording results.

**Year 4** have really shone this week. They were chosen as the class for our new teacher applicants to prove their skills. They did very well, providing high quality feedback on the candidates and coping with four lessons on fractions in one morning. They have also shone in their efforts with the national Times Tables Check, which has gone very well. The major project of the week has been 'Alice: The Lost Chapters' which has included role play scenes developed on the field, new characters and story planning, as well as a large storyboard from each group which is now well under way. Some of it has been very funny, some of it very silly, but all of it has been hugely creative. The class learned about 'le' and 'la' in French and the concept of masculine and feminine words. They also explored the concept of the summer solstice and we discussed the historical importance and mysterious nature of Stonehenge.

**Year 5** have been working hard rehearsing for our play 'Shakespeare Rocks'. We have been learning the songs, music and having a go at acting out on the stage. We have also enjoyed baking some delicious cookies today- working on our measuring and ratio skills.

**Year 6** have been working very hard to learn their lines and the songs for the play, Shakespeare Rocks. The children have also been working on props and the background scenery. There is still a lot of work to do but the play is starting to come together. The children now need to sort out their costumes to bring into school next week.

In Geography, Science and English, the children have been working on their

Extreme Earth books on book creator. This week, they have written instructions on how to make a biome and how the water cycle works in their biome. Thankfully, the biomes that Year 6 made last week have started to grow! In Maths, the children have continued to look at investigations, predicting, hypothesising and exploring patterns in numbers. Year 6 have completed their cycle training this week and taken their test. Many congratulations to all the cyclists who have worked so hard over the last three weeks.

Extended Schools

Mobile no. **07599 930486**

3 pm – 5.30 pm.

### Activity Clubs

**KS2 Cooking** – making sweet & savoury pancakes

**Seasonal Sport** – tennis

**Football** – putting their skills into action

**KS1 Cooking** – making brownies

**Arts & Crafts** – painting clay models

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

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

**Spanish Club** – Pintura de playa (beach painting)

**Drawing Club** – learning to draw anime bodies

**KS2 Science Club**- edible experiments

**KS1 Science Club** – edible experiments

**Foundation Stage Stay and Play** – junk modelling

**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.