

NEWSLETTER



Faith

Curiosity

Wellbeing

Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been delighted to welcome Mr and Mrs Garwood into Year 2 this week to learn more about celebrating New Year in China. Mrs Garwood has just returned from a visit to her home in Schezwan. I won't share anything here but do read below to find out what happened. Pupils in Year 2 very much enjoyed the session. We always welcome visitors into our classes to share knowledge, skills and experiences with pupils. Please do be in touch if you have a little time to share something with us; we would be so grateful.

Half-term is coming up very shortly and we hope everyone manages to stop and catch their breath. Also that we see some much longed for sunshine. Please keep up the good work with reading with your child at home. Every time you spend 5 minutes reading a school reading book or a story book, you are helping to add to those reading skills and knowledge your child has and builds up over time.

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Benefice confirmation service by Bishop Richard at St Margaret of Antioch in Barley on Sunday 9th of March at 10:30am. If you are interested in being confirmed, please let Rev Mark know – revmarkbridgen@gmail.com or 01763 848756.
- February half-term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st.
- World Book Day: Thursday 6th March

"Living Life in All Its Fullness"
–John 10

STARS OF THE WEEK

Children are chosen by their teacher to be Star of the Week and are proud to receive this recognition which we celebrate in our Sharing Assembly.

Stars are chosen for good behaviour, excellent work, demonstrating school values...

NURSERY

This week in Nursery, our star is Tiffany. Tiffany had a great session this week with Mrs Whitaker. Tiffany has been working on talking turns and listening in a group and she had a fantastic session this week.

Well done Tiffany!



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, Theo is our star of the week for his fantastic learning behaviour this week. Theo has shown brilliant focus during our whole class sessions this week and shown confidence to share his ideas and answer questions. He made a great prediction about which container had a greatest capacity in maths and his progress with his reading and writing has been amazing!

Well done, Theo!

YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, Ophelia is the star of the week for her fabulous Science. Ophelia was able to recall loads of facts about growing and plants. She told the class that plants need nutrients that they get from the soil and that the roots grow to absorb nutrients. She also shared that the roots hold the plants up so they don't fall over. Ophelia sat and wrote a whole page of writing all by herself to share her facts! Well done Ophelia, I am so proud!!



STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Isaac is the shining star for his brilliant creative writing.

Isaac always impresses us with his exciting imagination and his ability to create characters and storylines that surprise, amaze and entertain!

Isaac is working hard to progress his typing skills too, well done Isaac!

Tourist vs Mathematics

Once many years ago Tourist was abandoned as a baby and raised by a pack of wolves. He was on an extremely small island. The Lord of Mathematics trapped him in an ancient factory, there other people trapped in the factory. He escaped to a harbour where people go on boats. Tourist was hunting the Lord of Mathematics. He wears clothes with mathematical equations on them. He killed the Lord of Mathematics with a hockey stick, the other people escaped too. He lived happily ever after in one of the boats. *Wow!! 😊 Gae*



YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class our shining stars are Annie, Cali, Cece, George, Stan, Eliza and Reign for their collaborative learning.

In their art lesson, with Mrs Makewell, the children created a seagull out of recycled materials. It's amazing what little imaginations can do with recycled milk bottles and plastic packaging. This was their own idea after we wrote our own persuasive speeches in our English learning. Mrs Porter and Mrs Makewell were delighted to find some time in our curriculum to enable the children to complete their own project.

Year 3 have been reading Stella's Seagull which is a story about the problem with plastic to the environment.

YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Jessica for her perseverance. We have been doing some tricky maths this week but Jessica has persevered with it and understood it in the end. She also showed perseverance with her English publishing where she kept on going until she had her travel leaflet looking exactly as she wanted it.

Well done Jessica!



STARS OF THE WEEK

ART STAR

This week, our art star is Vera in Year 2, we have been studying the work of the artist Frida Kahlo and as our final piece of work for this half term Vera produced this fabulous portrait of the artist.

Well done Vera!



ECO COUNCIL

Mrs Gould met with the Eco Council at Barley School on Tuesday. Eliza wanted to share with you something she had found out about in her current English topic - wonky fruit and vegetables!

"When you do your shopping, look out for a wonky version of vegetables and fruit. These are much cheaper and would end up in landfill if they were not brought. Landfill is where all the rubbish goes and it takes about a hundred years to decay!" -Eliza (Beech class)

See this fun song to inspire you: <https://youtu.be/Lgm-yjGQfOg?feature=shared>

The Eco council at both schools will be making bird feeders with fat and seeds for birds. Sonny (Sycamore class) explained to Mrs Gould how we can make these.

We will be planting flowers and trees to help the birds, bees and butterflies, thank you to Henry M (Sycamore class) for this idea.

The Eco Council will also be sure to turn off screens and lights when they leave a room and make sure to turn off the taps too if they hear them running!

They ask that you please do the same in your own homes.



PATTERNS & WRITING

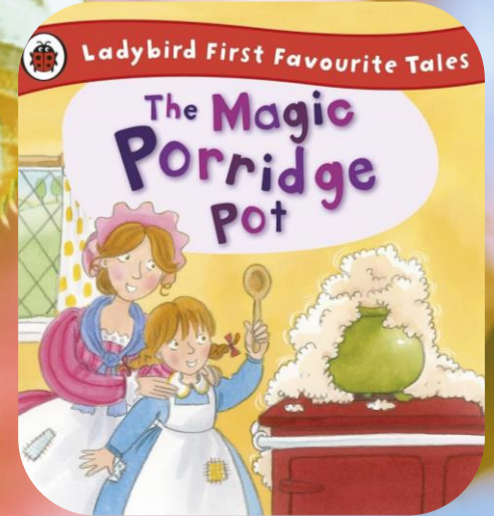
NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about patterns. We have been creating our own AB and ABC patterns out of counters, leaves, acorns as well as spotting patterns we can see around us. We have loved playing 'Fix My Pattern' where we have been trying to spot a mistake in an AB pattern and work out how to fix it!



RECEPTION

This week in 'Drawing Club', Reception have been writing about the story, 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. We enjoyed drawing characters from the story and having a go at writing a sentence. Reception are getting so much more confident to use their phonic knowledge and the tricky words they have learnt in their writing.



PLANTING

YEAR 1

This week in Year 1, Apple class enjoyed making a muddy mess in the class room when planting some seeds!

Apple class talked about how it's too cold outside right now to plant the seeds and discussed what would happen to the seeds if we did take them outside – so until it warms up in the Spring we are keeping them in the classroom.

The children were able to talk about what plants need in order to grow and gave examples of some of those needs; nutrients, water, and light.

Apple class planted a variety of seeds; herbs, flowers, and tomatoes – and hope that in the Summer we may be able to make pizzas with some of the ingredients we've grown.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

YEAR 2

Year 2 were treated to a special visit from Isabelle's parents on Tuesday to explore how the Chinese New Year is celebrated in China. Mrs Garwood had brought back lots of Chinese new year goodies from her recent trip to China including a beautiful banner that spelt out 新年快乐 Xīnnián kuàilè (Happy New Year).

Mr Garwood shared a video that tells a further story than our familiar zodiac story about a monster called Nien who would appear on the New Year and terrify all the Chinese people. Nien was scared of the colour red and loud noises and so when Nien came the villagers would beat their drums, set off fireworks and decorated with the colour red to scare him away!

We looked at the food that was eaten by Isabelle's family in China over the New year, lots made by the family such as smoked meat and sausages. Jaxon and Angelica-Mae guessed correctly that the photos showed cooked pork. We learnt that a lot of fish would be eaten and is always a food that is eaten at a time of celebration in China. We also found out that egg rolls are a symbol of wealth because they look like bars of gold!

The children were privileged to be given a gift of a Hongbao, a red envelope with Chinese money inside and enjoyed making beautiful red lanterns. Mr and Mrs Garwood also shared a traditional cracker made from rice which we all enjoyed tasting! We learnt so much and really enjoyed the visit, many thanks to Mr and Mrs Garwood for sharing their personal experiences and allowing us to find out about a fascinating culture and traditions first hand.



PERSUASIVE WRITING

YEAR 3

This week Beech Class has been planning their persuasive writing about recycling.

We read a story about a little girl called Stella whose seagull friend eats too much plastic.

They have been shocked at the impact of plastic in our oceans and the effect on our planet and marine life. The children developed their oracy skills by rehearsing their speeches with their partners before they wrote them.



They used a range of persuasive vocabulary including "I urge you..." and "The evidence shows that...".

Mrs Porter is looking forward to reading their published speeches next week and I know they can't wait to read them to year 4.

