

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools

NEWSLETTER

17th JAN 2025

AUTUMN TERM

Faith

Curiosity

Wellbeing

Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the Spring term. We can see fresh shoots everywhere in our raised beds and we are poised for some spring colour post the freezing temperatures we have had recently.

Piet Mondrian is the new artist for Year 3 with colourful geometric shapes using bold primary and secondary colours. I was invited to the gallery after the lesson and was delighted to feel the enthusiasm for the painting style of Neo-Plasticism from the earlier part of the 20th century. We look forward to the finished pieces to be designed and worked over the next few sessions.

Our curriculum continues to propel children forward in their learning. Thank you for supporting them at home with reading, rehearsal of times tables and spellings. We very much appreciate how you find time in your busy schedules to support this.

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Are you, or someone you know, interested in being confirmed – receiving of holy communion? We are delighted to welcome Bishop Richard who will be taking our benefice confirmation service at St Margaret of Antioch in Barley on Sunday 9th of March at 10:30am.

Confirmation classes to explore the Christian faith for both adults and young people from the age of ten will begin this month. It does not matter if you have not been baptised (christened) as baptism will form part of the confirmation service.

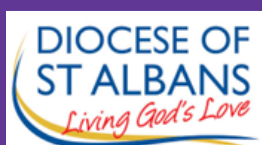
If you are interested in being confirmed, please let Rev Mark know –
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or 01763 848756.

"Living Life in All Its Fullness"
–John 10



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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 Jude. This week we have been learning about birds and we have made bird feeders by threading cereal on to pipe cleaners. We were so impressed with Jude as he made his completely independently. He was really excited to hang it up in the playground for the birds.

Well done Jude!



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, Lexi is our star of the week for her fantastic effort and progress in phonics. Lexi has worked so hard to learn her sounds and she now knows so many of our phase 2 sounds and she was able to match the objects to their initial sounds.

Well done, Lexi!

YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, Tommy is the star of the week for his fabulous effort in class! He has done some fantastic writing for his teachers and has come to school with a fabulous attitude to learning. Well done Tommy for settling so well.

We are so proud of you!



STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Jaxon is our shining star. Before the holidays, Jaxon offered to show the class how to make a 3-D Santa. He took this seriously preparing each step at home and demonstrated it clearly to the class! Jaxon is also a star for making brilliant choices with his behaviour. He will also help his friends to make good choices by reminding them of what is expected.

Well done Jaxon!



Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Alice. One evening, Alice was sitting at her table, wearing slippers, and humming a tune. Some with me, and you will see... With out thinking, Alice followed the cat into his den.

It wasn't a day though, it was a mysterious world. Alice found a monkey playing a harp who told Alice to eat a flower which would make her shrink. Once small, Alice discovered the king of the mushrooms was a world king. He kept moaning about everyone seeing his path (plus!) Alice was about to tell the king off for being horrible when she heard the prison calling. Alice time for tea. Alice woke up realising it was just a dream.

George Whitaker age 8 Class Beech

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Alice saw a long, long table with a red and green striped tablecloth. She was surprised to see, two cloth purple and yellow tea-pots dancing and blowing steam in the air. Alice saw cakes with sprinkles on top and tea. She thought the Mad Hatter was crazy he was pouring tea on his hat and then it was dripping on his cup. Alice saw a white rabbit.

The mad Hatter was accidentally sitting on the cakes. She could not believe that there was a mouse in the teapot!

YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, George is our shining star. Mrs Porter set the children some reading homework over the Christmas holiday relating to Alice in Wonderland. George wrote an Alice in Wonderland story at home.

In class, George has been adding prepositions and dialogue to make his story more entertaining for his reader. George consistently uses his purple polisher to edit his work, never needing to be reminded about this important skill.

For his next step, George will be innovating his own character and story setting to write his own narrative.

YEAR 4

All pupils in Year 4 are stars this week for their brilliant start in French this term.

We polished off counting to thirty with revision to twenty in one session.

C'est magnifique et on va vous montrer!



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ART STAR

This week Eliza in Beech class is our art star.

In year 3 we are learning about the artist Piet Mondrian.

Eliza worked very carefully and accurately to create this amazing piece of work inspired by the artist.

Well done Eliza!



SPORTS STARS

This week one of our sports stars is Jude for showing great agility with his running and change of speed and direction.

Louis R is also our sports star this week for displaying an excellent can do attitude in 2 consecutive PE lessons. He also reassured class mates not to give up during a game!





NATURE WALK

YEAR 1

On Monday Year 1 went on a nature walk, they looked for signs of winter, linking to their science learning as well as spotting human and physical features.

Harry was confident to speak about the wagon wash, explaining that it is like an old fashioned car wash.

Tobias was asking some scientific questions "I wonder if the pond is frozen?"



YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed a practical science lesson carrying out a simple test. The test was to help compare the properties of wood, paper and cardboard by folding and tearing each material.

Angelica-Mae made the prediction "I think the paper will tear the easiest".

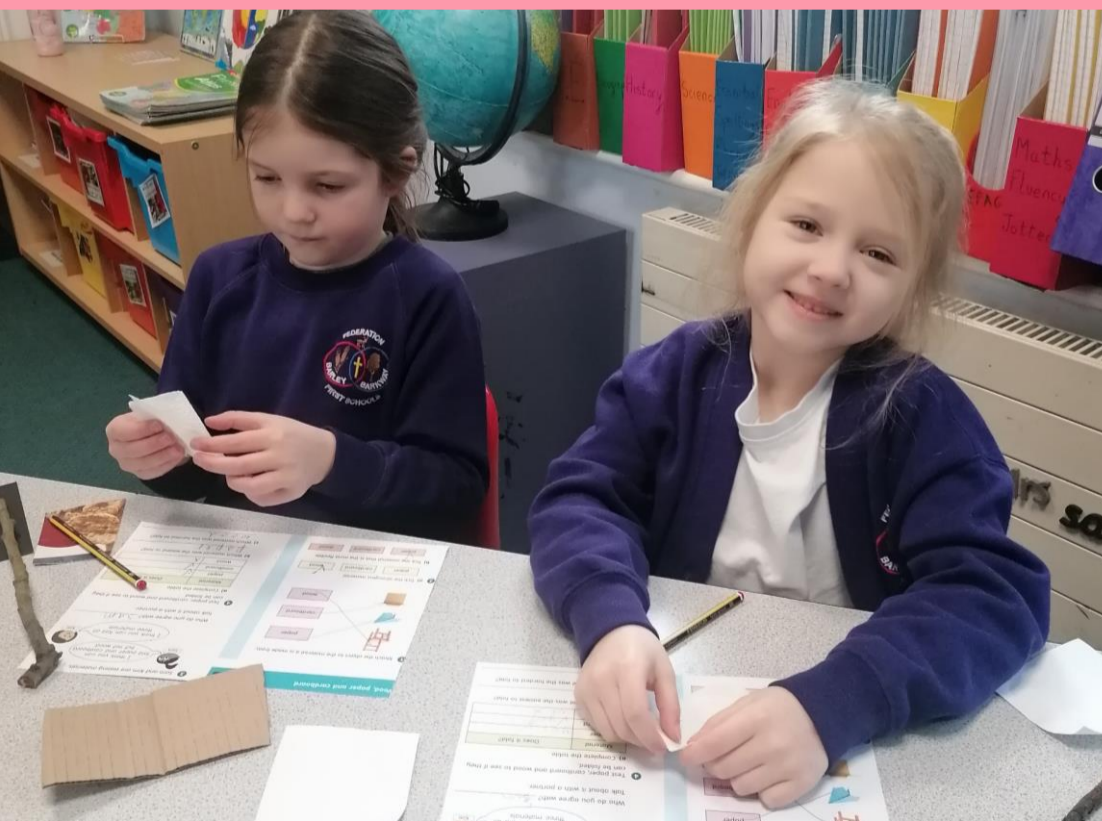
Storm said "You can fold the cardboard".

We talked about the difference between breaking and folding the wood.

"You cannot fold the wood" (Jake).

The children practised using the words flexible and rigid. All the children were able to decide which materials were the easiest and hardest to fold and tear.

SCIENCE



YEAR 3

In Science this week, year 3 have been learning about fossils and fossilisation.

They enjoyed using chocolate and smarties to represent fossilisation.

When year 3 broke their fossils open in the afternoon, they were able to see if their smarties had fossilised as whole animals or parts of animals.

