

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools

NEWSLETTER

13th DEC 2024

AUTUMN TERM



Faith

Curiosity

Wellbeing

Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been enjoying the beginning of a very festive period at our schools this week as we continue rehearsals for the Nativity and today enjoyed a Christmas lunch in both schools wearing our Christmas jumpers with teachers and friends. Thank you for your donations to Save the Children on Thursday. The money raised will be very much appreciated by the charity.

Years 3 and 4 had fun at Hitchin Museum as they looked at the original materials from Raymond Briggs "The Snowman". The morning included a writing workshop and the children have come back poised to write their own version of the story.

We have the pantomime to look forward to next week, Decoration Morning and performing our Nativity in Barkway church. We look forward to hopefully seeing you on Wednesday and Thursday.

Please look out for an email, today, bringing news of our Nursery 2 year old consultation.

Today, was our last Parent Reading/Sharing Assembly for this term, we look forward to welcoming you all on Friday's after the holidays

We wish you a happy weekend in the busy run up to Christmas.

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

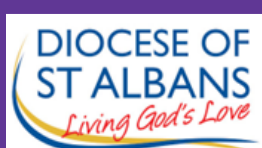
- BBF Pantomime Trip to Cinderella and the Glass Slipper – 17th December
- BBF Christmas Decoration Morning at Barley School 18th December 9.00am – 10.30am
- Christmas Nativity at Barkway Church 19th December at 9.00am
- Autumn Term Ends:
Barkway Nursery 12pm
Barkway Rec-Y1 12.30pm
Barley School 12.45pm
- Spring Term Begins
Wednesday 8th January 2025

"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...

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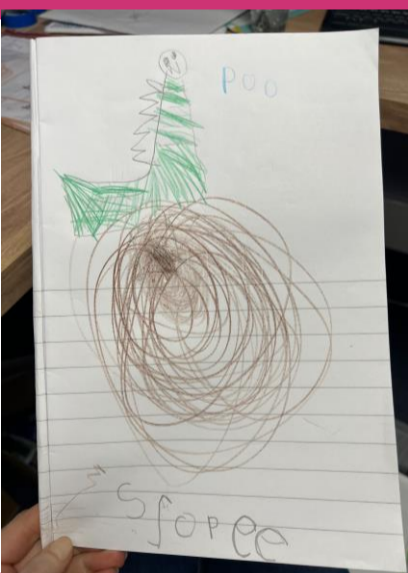
This week in Nursery, our stars are all of Nursery. Nursery have been working hard learning songs for our assembly performance. I am impressed with how quickly they have picked up the words and actions.

Well done!



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, Cosima is our star of the week for her amazing drawing and writing in Drawing Club. Our story for this week was 'The Dinosaur that pooped Christmas! Cosima loved this story and she really enjoyed drawing her own dinosaur and his massive poo!! Cosima then used a really exciting word to describe her dinosaur's poo and this was 'sloppy'! Cosima used her phonics to sound out and spell the word. Super work, Cosima!



YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, Ellie-May is the star of the week for her super singing in all our nativity rehearsals. She has been working so hard at remembering where she needs to be during practices and has been a super dancer in our show!

Great job Ellie-May!



STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 2

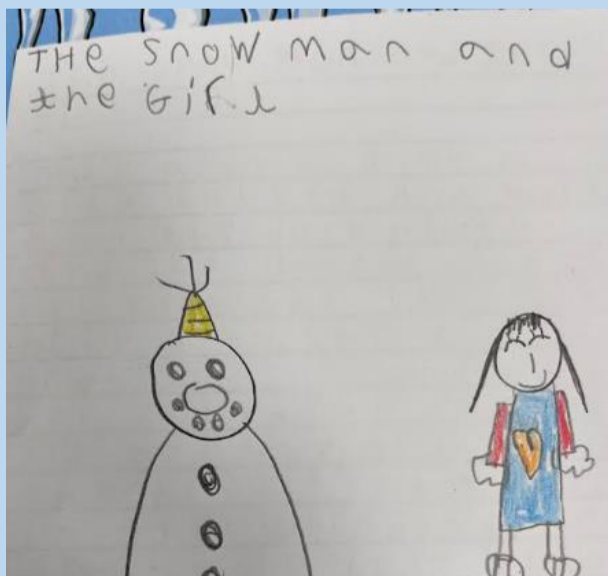
This week in Hazel Class, Isaac is the shining star for his brilliant efforts with reading. Isaac loves books and his passion comes across when he reads out loud. It is always a pleasure for the listener to hear Isaac read because he reads with expression and enthusiasm! Isaac is brilliant at changing his voice for different characters and for talking about the behaviour of the characters.

Well done Isaac!



YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, Cali is star of the week for her wonderful story planning when we visited the Snowman Exhibition at the Hitchin Museum. She planned a story and then wrote her own story called The Snowman and the Girl.



YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Louis Richardson. In Year 4, we try to use a wide range of vocabulary. We have been writing our animal story this week and Louis has really been challenging himself to use exciting words, He has also been using some great sentence starters.

Well done Louis!



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ART STAR

In art across Years 1 - 4 we have been exploring printing. As our final project we have all made packs of cards to send to our families and friends.

Everyone rose to this challenge brilliantly so you are all art stars. I hope all your special people will be pleased with the results when they come home next week.



SPORTS STAR

This week, Hugo is the shining star of the week for showing great reactions, responsiveness and always participating with a can do attitude.



Christmas Gift - Sponsoring an Animal

This year our Christmas gift to the children at Barley and Barkway Federation will look a little different to before as we will be sponsoring two animals at Shepreth Wildlife Park! The children will be able to feel proud that they are doing a kind of act of helping to care for a beautiful animal. Mrs Gould met with the school council at both schools and showed them the wide range of animals that we could sponsor. They were then asked to decide between them a shortlist of 3 animals to sponsor. The school council at Barley (Storm, Willow, Vira, Cali, Reign, Louie M and Finley) all agreed on a Pony, Red Panda and Sumatran tiger. The councillors explained the sponsorship gift idea to the rest of the school and the votes were counted. The Red Panda was a clear winner for Barley school with 16 votes!

The school council at Barkway (Reggie and Ophelia) narrowed their preferences down to the Brazilian Guinea Pig, the Sumatran Tiger and the Rabbit. Ophelia and Reggie explained to all the children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 about the project and the vote was made. This time the Sumatran Tiger was the winner with 14 votes!



Red Panda – Barley's Choice

Sumatran Tiger – Barkway's Choice



YEAR 2

The children in Hazel class had great fun recreating pudding lane with their home made houses. Alice had made Thomas Farriner's bakery so we made sure the bakery was where the fire started just like in 1666. A massive thank you to Mr Rawling for his help in the burning of the houses. The children sang 'London's burning' as the flames soared along the houses. A great way to imagine how the fire in 1666 would have behaved. The children commented on how windy it was just like it was back then. What a great historical experience!



YEAR 3

Year 3 had fun on Thursday in RE finding out about the Hindu festival of Holi. They particularly enjoyed throwing paint onto the field!



YEAR 3 & 4

Last week years 3 and 4 enjoyed a science afternoon with Mrs Porter and Mrs Makewell. The children used jelly worms and bread to make fossils. They painted bread to replicate a fossil. "I thought it was strange to paint bread, but my Fossil looks great" Frankie, year 4. Then the children carried out a science experiment to observe what would happen if they mixed bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. "Wow, its fizzing" said Jessica, year 4. "I can hear a cracking noise" Stan, year 3. Well done for being super scientists to make predictions, ask questions, observe changes and communicate your results.



YEAR 3 & 4

Years 3 and 4 had a wonderful morning at the North Hertfordshire Museum. They spent time in The Snowman Exhibition before planning their own story. They used the book "The Snowman" by Raymond Briggs to support their imagination. The children innovated characters including Snow Dogs, Snow Elves and Snow Monkeys. Mrs West planned her story with a Snow Lady. We can't wait to share our finished stories with Cas at the Museum.



YEAR 4

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Barley community garden on Thursday. The shepherd came down to see us and showed us how the sheepdog moves the sheep around the field. We found out that the sheep were there to eat the grass so that the orchard can be planted in the spring. We also tried different varieties of British apple.

