

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools

NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN TERM



Faith Curiosity Wellbeing Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been very busy with visitors to our schools. First of all, Mark Wilkinson from Friends of the River Quin (FORQ) came to see Key Stage 1 and 2, bringing wild life from the River Quin, our local chalk stream with him. Children delighted in extracting various invertebrates from the sample of the river water he brought with him, and then looked at them under the microscope. The excitement was palpable! We shall be following up with a summer field visit to the river at Standon in the spring term.

Mark, the Catering Manager at Margaret House, also visited and was most impressed by the children as they made smoothies from fruit in Year 3. If you managed to try some, I'm sure you'll agree it was delicious.

Thank you very much for coming along to our parent consultations after school over the last two weeks. Teachers enjoy catching up with you and sharing the progress that has been made over the year so far. These are formal consultations, however, if you ever have any concerns or thoughts you might wish to share with teachers, their doors, like mine, are always open.

And finally, thank you for supporting our raffle to raise money for this year's Children in Need event. Fingers crossed that there are lots of happy winners next week!

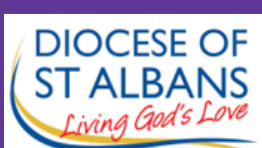
SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

***"Living Life in
All Its Fullness"***
-John 10



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STARS OF THE WEEK

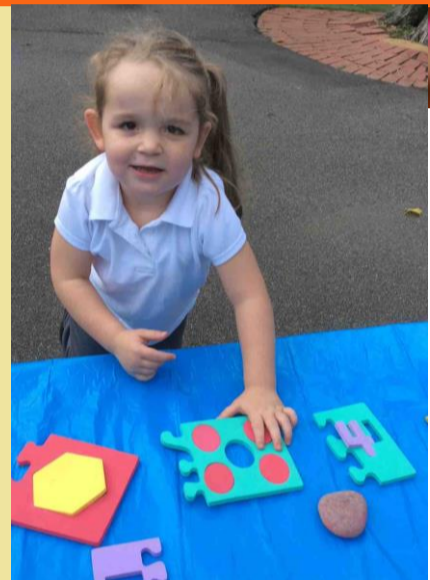
Children are chosen by their teacher to be Star of the Week and are proud to receive this recognition which we celebrate in our Sharing Assembly.

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

NURSERY

This week in Nursery, our star is Tiffany. This week in Maths we have been learning all about matching and Tiffany was really keen to learn about matching objects and have a go at the different activities. Tiffany tried hard to remember to take turns with the other children when joining in with the matching activities.

Well done Tiffany!



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, Benito is our star of the week. He has really impressed us with his perseverance and resilience when practising his throwing and shooting into the basketball net. He kept practising and each time he was aiming more accurately and getting the ball through the net more frequently. He was so proud of himself and we were equally as proud!

Well done, Benito!

YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, Maisie is the star of the week for her fantastic questioning when Mark came to visit us to talk about the chalk streams. Maisie was able to share lots of information about what she thinks we would find in the streams. Maisie was confident at looking through the microscope and was able to move the petri dish around to make sure she could see it. Great Science investigating Maisie!!



STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Isabelle is the shining star for her amazing efforts with learning phonics. Isabelle shows great determination when learning and perseveres when on the learning line. Isabelle is remembering the phonics she is learning and is using them to help her read and write. Isabelle is even spotting digraphs on the board now!

Great work Isabelle, we are so proud of you!

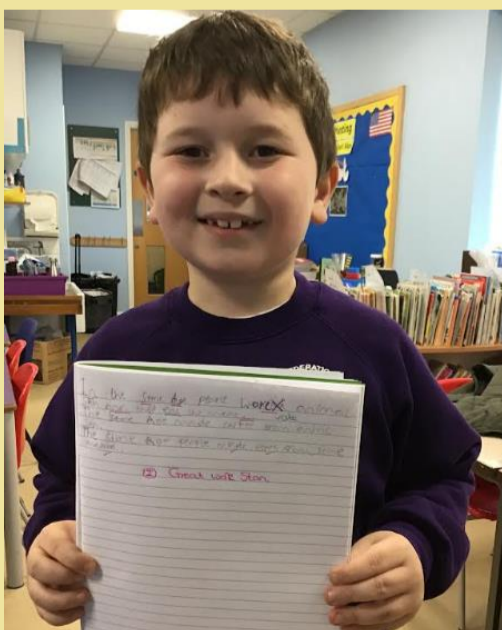


YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, Stan is our super star. In History, Stan enjoyed learning about the Stone Age and wrote some wonderful facts. He drew a marvellous picture of how people lived in the Paleolithic times (Old Stone Age).

In RE, Stan also impressed Mrs West. He drew on his knowledge of a historical timeline, linking the time that Hinduism was founded with the timeline for the Stone Age.

Well done Stan.



YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Frankie for fantastic reasoning in Maths. In our Mastery Curriculum, we challenge the children to tell us why and to notice patterns. Frankie was able to tell me that 8041 was not in the three times table as the sum of the digits was not a multiple of 3, but if he added a 2 to it then it would be.

Amazing Maths reasoning Frankie!



STARS OF THE WEEK

ART STAR

Angelica-Mae in Hazel class is Art Star this week.

We learnt about the artist Jim Dine and how he used the technique of printing in his art. Angelica-Mae successfully cut out her heart shape, a very tricky job and was able to print using both the positive and negative spaces, well done!



We were delighted to welcome Mark Wilkinson from Friends of the Rib and Quin back into our school to talk about the important work to protect our precious chalk streams. We pledge to work with Mark to “make a difference”.

BBF WANT TO HELP THE FRIENDS OF THE RIB AND QUIN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Mark showed us the map of the two rivers in our local area. The Rivers Rib and Quin are our local rivers. Louie.M impressed Mark with his knowledge about “evaporation and the water cycle” drawing on his learning from year 4 science.

Mark reflected on the problem of plastic in the ocean which prompted Angelica-Mae and Isaac, the Year 2 Eco-Councillors, to talk about recycling or reusing plastic.

Mark taught the children about the rocks underneath our feet which cleanses the water in our local area. Sadly, in our local area, the water companies are pumping water out of our streams.

We were surprised to learn about the problem of sewage and how sewage ends up in our local rivers which contaminates our rivers.

We learnt how river bed samples are collected with volunteers using a net to collect samples. The volunteers carry out a fair test to enable them to report accurately on their findings.

We used a microscope to observe a Mayfly larvae and a Bullhead fish which Mark had collected from the rivers. We learnt about Caseless Caddis and other mini beasts including Sticklebacks and Crayfish babies which all lived in our local rivers.

We were privileged to sort the minibeasts and observe them under a microscope.

Eliza “I never knew that nature was this cool”.

George “The animal under the microscope was Mayfly larvae and it was awesome”.

Lorena “I loved the Bullfish because it had a different pattern on it which I used a magnifying glass to see more clearly”.



The year 1 children loved their visit from Mark.

Ophelia said she wouldn't want to put her hand in the water without gloves but at the end of the session she confidently held a fish.

They said that they loved learning about all the different animals in the water.

All the children really enjoyed looking through the microscope!!

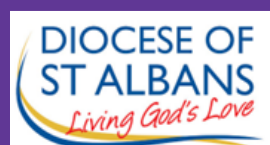


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MARGARET HOUSE

Mrs Gould was extremely proud of the children (Louie, Henry, Eliza, Cali, Angelica-Mae and Alice) who visited our friends at Margaret House this week, for their engagement with the residents and their beautiful manners.

All the children chatted away to the ladies at their tables and showed interest when they were spoken to. Mrs Gould was really pleased to see Cali speaking loudly and clearly when she could see her new friend struggling to hear her.

Eliza proudly showed Mrs Gould the beautiful artwork hanging on the wall that she had created on her last visit to Margaret House.

The children and Mrs Gould really enjoyed a delicious roast dinner and chocolate fudge cake and ice cream for pudding! It was lovely to see Henry shaking hands with the residents at his table when leaving saying "Great to have lunch with you"

CLASS ACTIVITIES

YEAR 2

Hazel Class continued learning about the Hindu festival Diwali this week, this time looking at ways that it is celebrated.

The children designed their own rangoli patterns to decorate the floor outside our classroom. Their bright colours and interesting designs caught Mrs Brown's eye, who came in to class to tell the children how much she liked them.

"They put on beautiful Hindu dresses" (Storm)

"Rangoli patterns are pictures on the floor to make the houses look nice" (Angelica-Mae)



CLASS ACTIVITIES



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been thinking about how to be sustainable citizens.

They are learning about food waste and how to avoid it.

They were visited by John, the Catering Manager from Margaret House who shared the innovative ways that he reduces food waste.

Here's some information about Church Farm Ardeley who have generously donated 5 farm entry vouchers for our Children in Need raffle!



Meet father christmas church farm ardeley

Selected dates in December

Festive Farm Entry includes

Christmas Activity Pack * Festive Woodland
Walk the farm & see the farm animals

Meet Father Christmas

Father Christmas in his outside grotto
(includes a quality toy)

Meet the Elves

Write a letter to Father Christmas

Write a wish for the Wish Tree

Bag up reindeer food & carrot to take home to Rudolph

Additional Activities

Santa Paws – bring your beloved pooches to meet

Father Christmas include treat & toy

Harvest your Own Christmas Tree

Festive Tractor & Trailer Ride

Feed the farm animals

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

*This is an outdoor event so plenty of
fresh air. Wrap up warm & wear wellies!*

CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY
A Free Range Experience

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Moonlight Market 23rd November - Children's choir at 5pm in Barkway Church - everyone is very welcome!
- Occasional day 6th December – Both schools closed
- Barley Christmas Market 7th December, 10.30am until 3.30pm – raffle and refreshments plus a wide range of stalls.
- National Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch 12th December
- BBF Christmas Nativity at Barkway Church 19th December at 9.00am



FOBBS UPDATE

A massive thank you to Mike, Sonny, Lynden, George, Harry, Elsie, Ophelia, Oscar, Louis, Henry, Lorena, Eleanor, Issac, Leo and Aria for helping to raise an amazing **£226!!!!** In the Seven day challenge over half term.

Thank you so much to all that supported this event.



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