

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools

NEWSLETTER

24th OCT 2024

AUTUMN TERM



Faith

Curiosity

Wellbeing

Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant day we had at the intra-school tag-rugby tournament on Thursday. It was great to see the children outside in the autumn sunshine with coach Dean Taylor and supporting staff and governors. At lunchtime the children told me they "loved it" and gave it 10 out of 10. A big thank you to everyone for making it such a successful event. See the photos and report further down.

I was delighted to ditch my normal lunch on Tuesday this week when presented with a bowl of delicious pasta and tomato sauce from Year 3- with REAL basil! - following their amazing DT day. See the full report in the Newsletter below!

We hope everyone has a fun half term week and we will be looking forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 4th November, ready for all the excitement of the run up to Christmas!

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

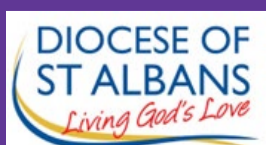
- Half term Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
- Moonlight Market 23rd November - Children's choir at 5pm in Barkway Church - everyone is very welcome

"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 Hugo. We have been learning all about Autumn this week.

Hugo used autumn leaves to create the hedgehog spikes. He worked independently and talked about the different colours of the leaves.

Well done Hugo!



RECEPTION

This week in Reception, Luna is our star of the week. Luna has worked so hard this week and showed fantastic behaviour for learning. We have been so impressed with her phonics where she has been blending to read words independently.

Luna has also really enjoyed making her own books this week which has been so lovely to see!

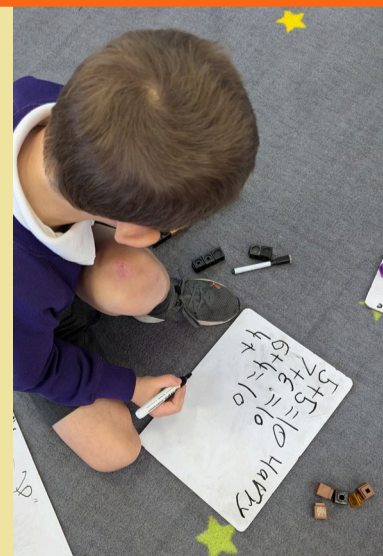
Well done, Luna!

YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, Harry is the star of the week for his fantastic work on the number fact families!

Harry is able to think of 4 different number sentences based on a part whole. He has also worked really hard using his understanding of number bonds.

Well done Harry!



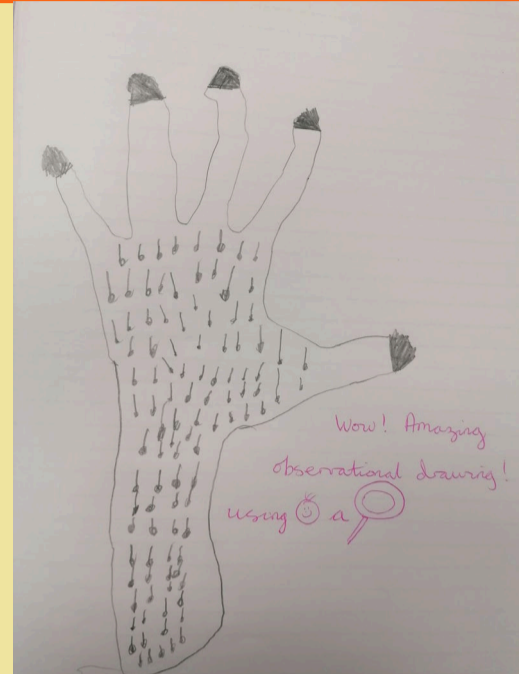
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YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Jake is the shining star! In a Science lesson on humans, Jake new that humans are mammals 'because we have hair on our bodies'.

Jake used a magnifying glass to observe the hairs on his arm and drew this excellent picture that even shows the detail of the hair follicles.

Great scientific observations Jake!

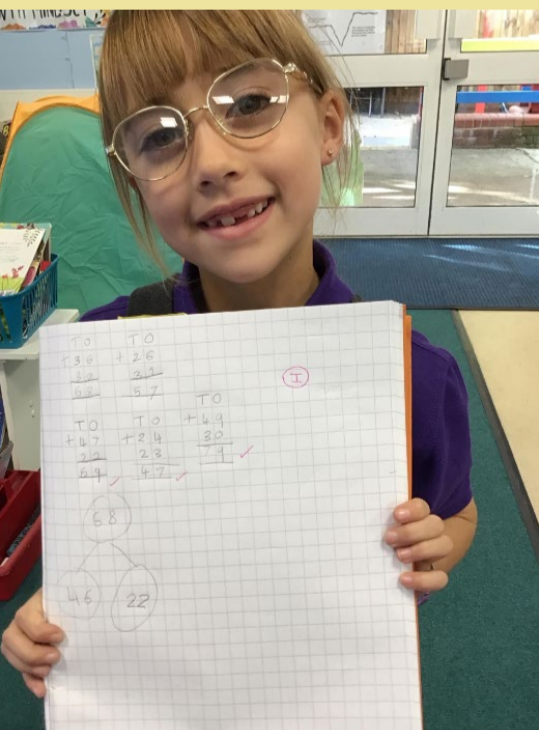


YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, Lorena has been a master of maths.

We began using column addition and she was able to neatly represent her maths and use the numbers in part whole models to write column additions.

This normally takes lots of practise! She mastered it in one lesson before moving onto column subtraction



Lorena is always able to explain her maths and eager to talk to any of her peers who may need support.

She always demonstrates fabulous learning behaviours.

Lorena, keep up the amazing work in Beech Class!

YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Jessica. We finished our unit on addition and subtraction this week with a unit assessment. I was so proud of Jessica's attitude towards the assessment, she tried every question and worked independently.

Well done Jessica!



STARS OF THE WEEK

ART STAR

Storm in Hazel Class is Art Star this week.

On Tuesday in Year 2 we were learning about mindful art and how colouring simple patterns can help us to feel calm and relaxed.

Storm worked carefully and followed the brief to the letter creating this beautiful piece of abstract art and hopefully feeling calm and relaxed whilst doing so.

Well done Storm!



SPORTS STAR

This week, Jude in Nursery is our Sport Star.

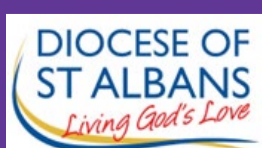
He has impressed Mr Taylor with his excellent ball skills in their PE lessons.

Well done Jude!



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STUDENT SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to the children that put themselves forward to be part of the School Council, we are very pleased to have you all on board!

The school councillors began their projects with a survey collecting pupil voice to find out how the children feel about different aspects of school life.

The school council will meet after half term to discuss the findings and look for any patterns that need our attention.

They have also been busy selling poppies and other Remembrance Day merchandise to support the Royal British Legion helping war veterans.

School Life Questionnaire

Name Hazel to class Date 16.10.24

Please answer the following questions by ticking the smiley face of your choice.

😊 = I agree. 😐 = Sometimes I agree and sometimes I do not. 😞 = I do not agree.

1.	I like school.	😊	😐	😞
2.	I like my teacher.	😊	😐	😞
3.	I work with my Learning Assistant every day.	😊	😐	😞
4.	I learn a lot in lessons.	😊	😐	😞
5.	I can join in all the activities.	😊	😐	😞
6.	I feel happy at school.	😊	😐	😞
7.	I feel safe at school.	😊	😐	😞
8.	My teacher listens to me if I need help.	😊	😐	😞
9.	I have someone to play with at school.	😊	😐	😞
10.	I enjoy breaktime and lunchtime.	😊	😐	😞



Please see the next page to see our new student council team!

ECO COUNCIL

Barley



Barkway

Here is our new eco council team for our Barley and Barkway school sites.

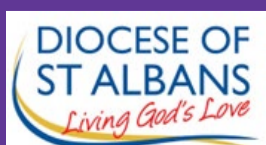
The Eco Council will be reintroduced to the Save our Streams project again after half term with a visit from Mark Wilkinson, chair of Friends of rivers Rib and Quin.

They will also be in charge of ensuring lights and screens are turned off when leaving rooms, taps are turned off and rubbish is going into the correct bins for recycling.



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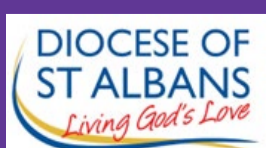
Here is our new sports council team for our Barley and Barkway school sites.

The Sports Council will be working with Mrs Edwards our PE lead, and our sports coach Mr Taylor, with PE sessions as well as helping distribute and return safely sports equipment for everyone to enjoy at playtimes.



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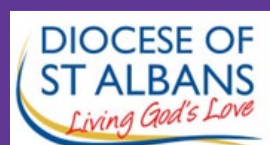
Here is our new school council team for our Barley and Barkway school sites.

The School Council are responsible for collecting pupil voice and for helping support fundraising projects and ways to improve our school.



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TAG-RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 24th October we held a Tag-Rugby tournament at Barley. We had three teams in each year group: South Africa, Australia and England. The children then played matches to determine who was the winner for each year group.

All of the children displayed great sportsmanship and tried exceptionally hard in each match to score tries and tag tags!

A big thank you to Mr Taylor for organising this fun event in which the children showcased all of their brilliant learning.

Well done to England (blue team) who won overall and received the trophy.



CLASS ACTIVITIES

YEAR 2

In Year 2 the children practise Maths Mastery as part of their early morning work.

These sessions help to secure the children's number facts such as doubles, but also help to improve their oracy.

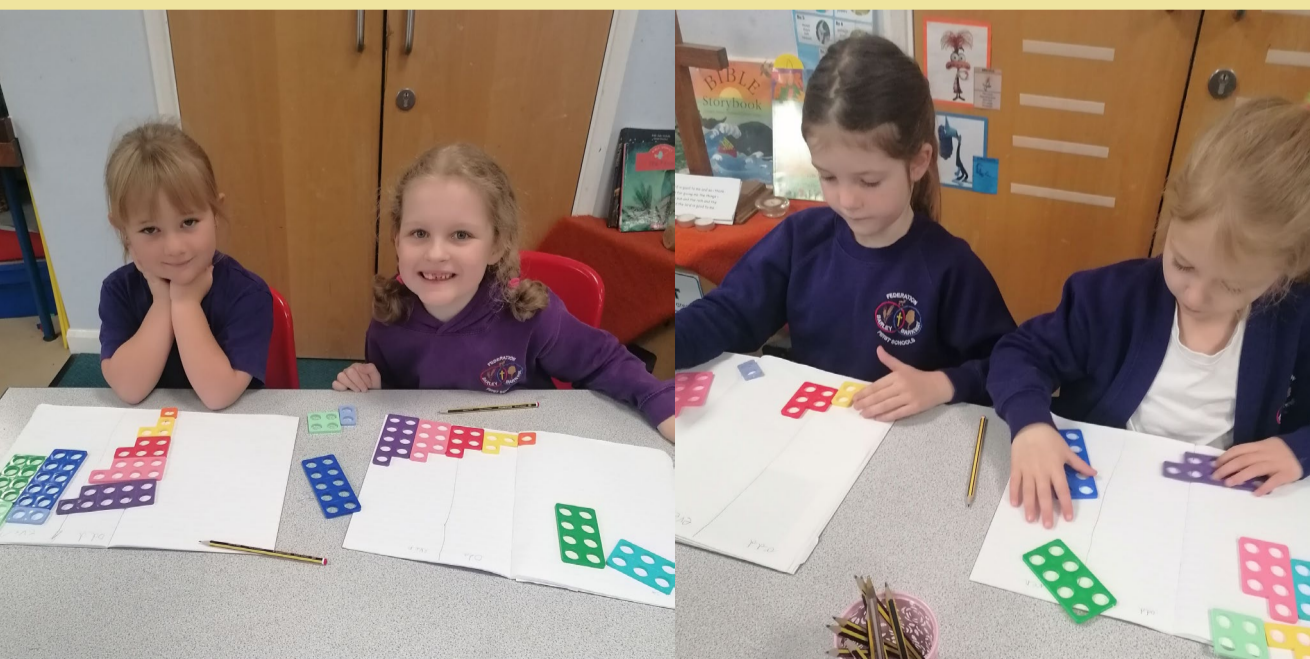
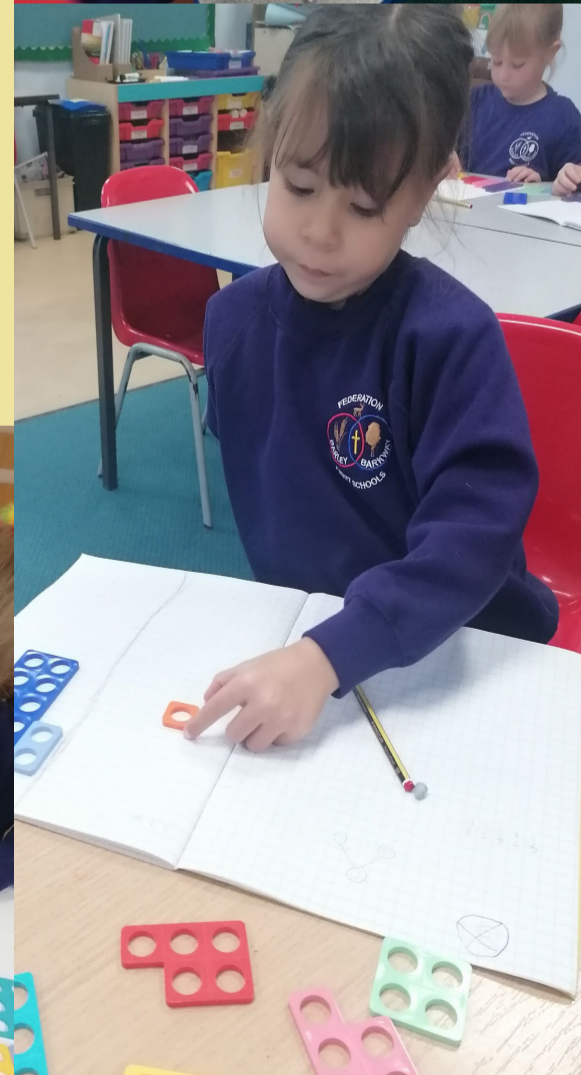
We encourage the children to speak in full sentences when discussing maths. The children took it in turns to describe what they could see on the board.

"I can see the odd numbers 3 and 5" (Jake).

Then they sorted numicon number shapes into odds and evens, which they did brilliantly.

"I noticed that the even numbers have a flat top but the odd numbers have an extra one sticking up." (Angelica Mae).

"I noticed that it goes odd, even, odd, even..." (Storm).



CLASS ACTIVITIES



YEAR 3

Year 3 had a very busy week this week. In D&T they learnt about where food comes from. We were surprised to see that some of our food came from the Netherlands. The Union Jack flag identified which foods came from the United Kingdom. In Science we have been learning about different food groups and balanced diets. Mrs Porter had brought lots of fruits and vegetables and the children could identify which food groups their ingredients belonged to. They remembered that peppers and tomatoes are fruits because they contain seeds.

Mrs Porter then tasked the children to chop, cut and peel a range of fruits and vegetables to make a vegetarian pasta sauce. Mrs Makewell was in charge of cooking the vegetables and blending them into a smooth sauce. After chopping and cutting, the children washed the dishes with warm soapy water and cleaned down the tables. In the afternoon, after PE, we sat down to a delicious vegetarian meal of vegetable pasta sauce with pasta.

Cali said "I didn't think I liked vegetarian food but this is delicious".

Lorena said "this is so healthy and it tastes good".

We concluded that we would like to grow carrots, peppers, onions, tomatoes and garlic in our school allotment. We could then make pasta sauce when the fruits and vegetables were in season.

We took a bowl of pasta and sauce to Mrs Brown who gobbled several spoonful's down as Year 4 salivated waiting for her to continue their French rehearsal for the parent assembly on Friday.

