

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools

NEWSLETTER

18th OCT 2024

AUTUMN TERM



Faith

Curiosity

Wellbeing

Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week there was another very successful visit to Margaret House to read with the residents who are always so welcoming, and the children very keen to read and chat to them. We saw the featured artwork that was completed during the National Art Week in Care Homes - the children's work hangs proudly in the dining room for all to see.

There are some budding musicians in school - I have been visiting music lessons and can see the obvious delight and sense of achievement shared by the children as they learn recorders and polish their singing skills. We will be sharing some of these in our parent assemblies this term. We begin with Mrs West and Year 4 class on Thursday 24th October at 2.30pm.

We are excited here in Barley to have our very own tournament to showcase our tag rugby skills next Thursday morning. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

I hope everyone has a happy and peaceful weekend.

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

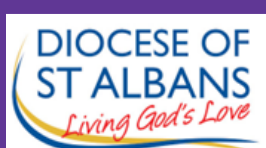
- Half term Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
- Moonlight Market 23rd November - Children's choir at 5pm in Barkway Church - everyone is very welcome

*"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, Margot is our star of the week. Margot has settled into Nursery so well, coming into Nursery with a smile on her face and remembering our routines. Margot is such a fabulous independent learner and she is always busy inside and outside the classroom. Margot loves our mark making and creative area and she makes lots of beautiful pictures everyday! Well done, Margot!



RECEPTION

This week our star of the week is Oscar. I have been really impressed with the effort Oscar has been putting into our phonics and guided reading sessions. Oscar has been trying really hard to learn the sounds and is becoming much more confident to blend a word. Well done Oscar!

YEAR 1

This week Maisie is the star of the week. We have written our own versions of Puffin Peter in English this week and she has worked so hard and has managed to include speech and questions marks which are things we won't learn about until the summer term! She was also feeling nervous about reading her story out loud but she confidently read it to Mrs Logan on Thursday and has invited her Mum and the other Year 1 grown ups to listen to her read! In geography Masie spent a long time thinking about the human and physical features of the UK and then added more information, for example "Loch Ness is a physical feature. For years they thought there was a sea monster in Scotland".



STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Isaac is the shining star for his efforts in Phonics and Science! In a phonics session, Isaac could recall the dge trigraph in bridge and fridge.

In Science, Isaac could tell me that some animals will use coral for both shelter and cleaning their bodies and in a lesson on human mammals, Isaac reminded Mrs Gould that we also have hairs in our nose!

Great work Isaac.

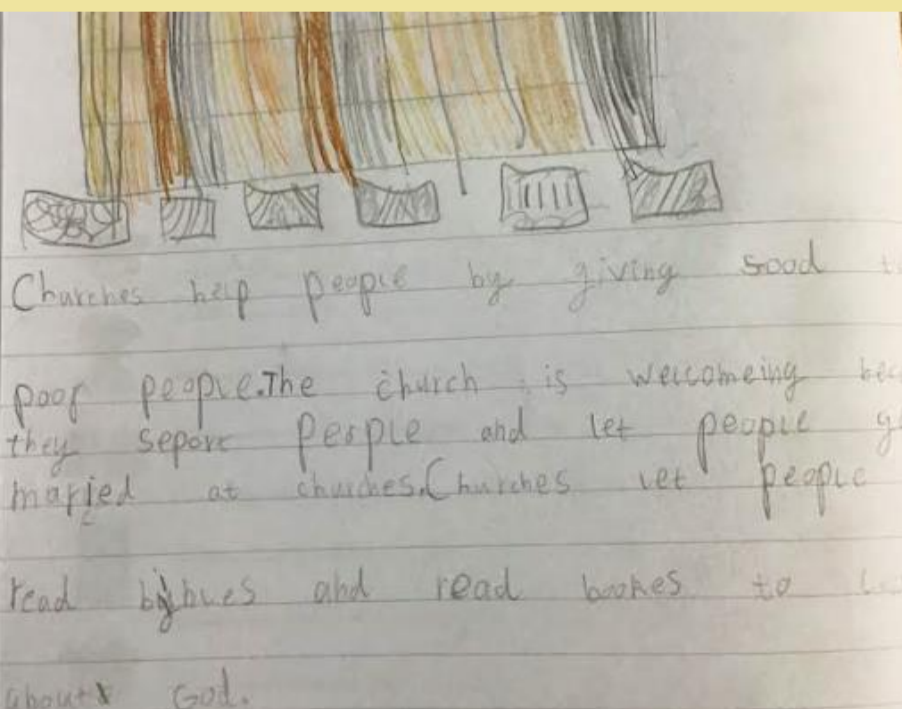


YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, Reign is star of the week for her wonderful observations in R.E. She visited the church with Mrs West.

Upon return to school, Reign told Mrs Porter all about it. She wrote about her experience to learn how the church leaders support the community.

Well done Reign!



YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Noah for his excellent participation in lessons. I have really noticed Noah joining in in all of our lessons this week, putting up his hand and making excellent contributions to our learning. Well done Noah!



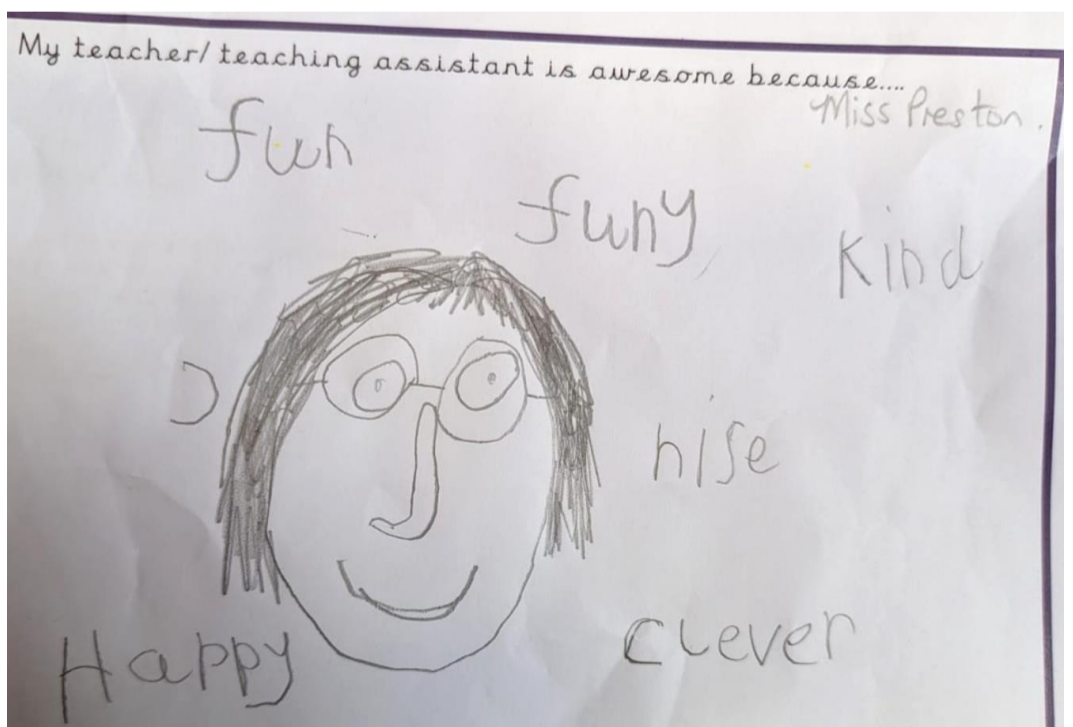
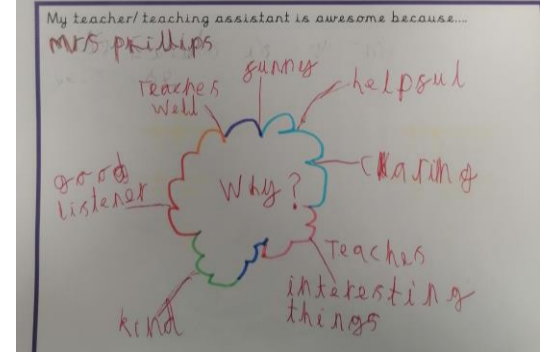
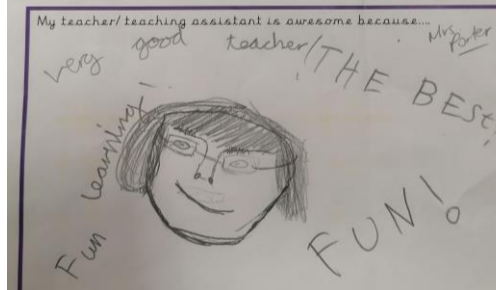
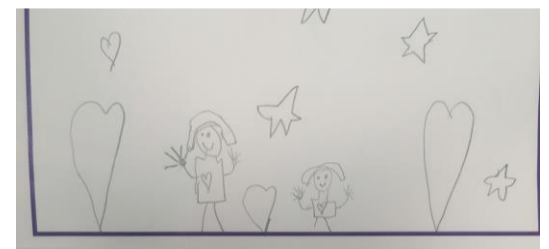
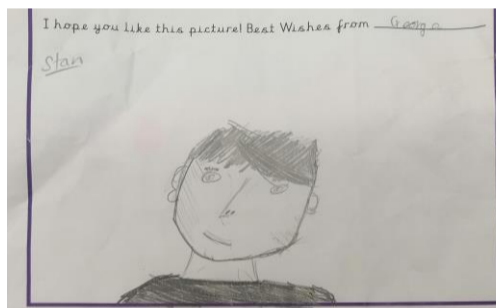
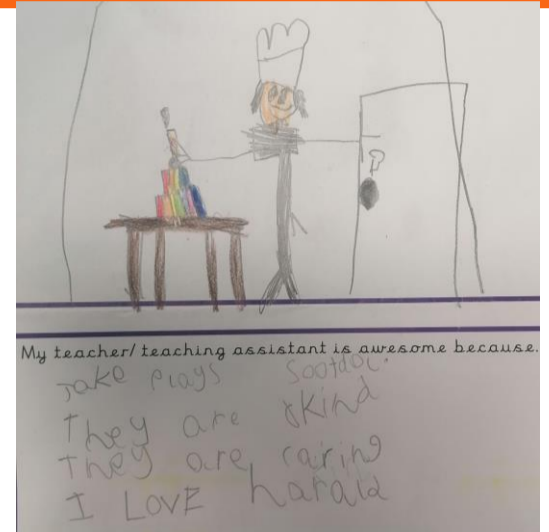
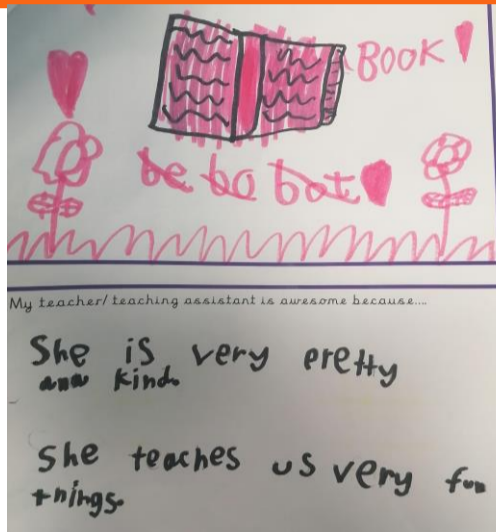
WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

“It is time to prioritise mental health in the workplace”

Thank you so much to the children that completed their mental health day activity.

The school staff really loved reading all the positive and thoughtful comments from the children and looking at the beautiful drawings too.

They ‘filled our buckets up with lovely warm feelings’!



CLASS ACTIVITIES

NURSERY & RECEPTION

Oak Class have been very excited because they discovered a very special delivery this week! We have lots of new construction resources to build with outside including crates, foam bricks, tyres, wooden planks and an amazing builder's shed to store everything in!

Thank you to Mrs Brown, and Mrs Piper, for giving us these lovely new building treats!



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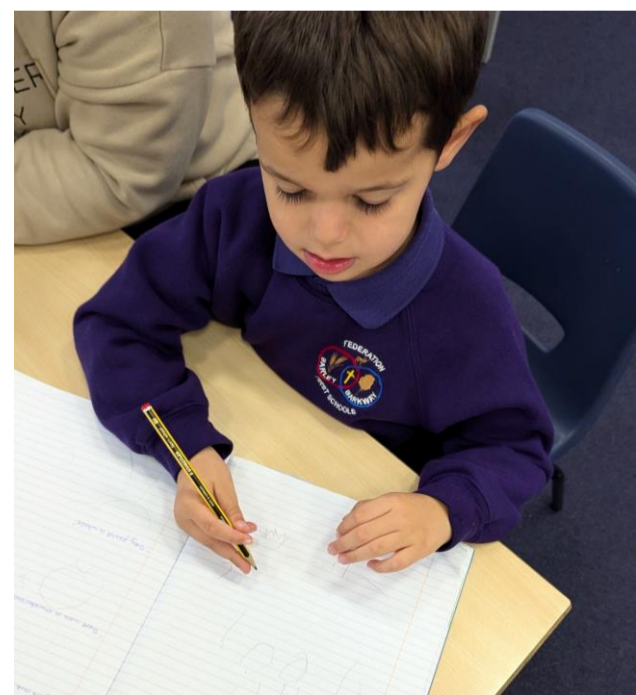
YEAR 1

Apple class have worked so hard this week, they have all innovated their own versions of "Puffin Peter" a story about a Puffin that loses his best friend in a storm!

The children proudly read their stories to their special grown ups and the nursery children on Friday after assembly.

Miss Preston is so impressed with everyone for applying their phonics, using capital letters and full stops and for being able to write at length.

Everyone created a fantastic piece of writing!!



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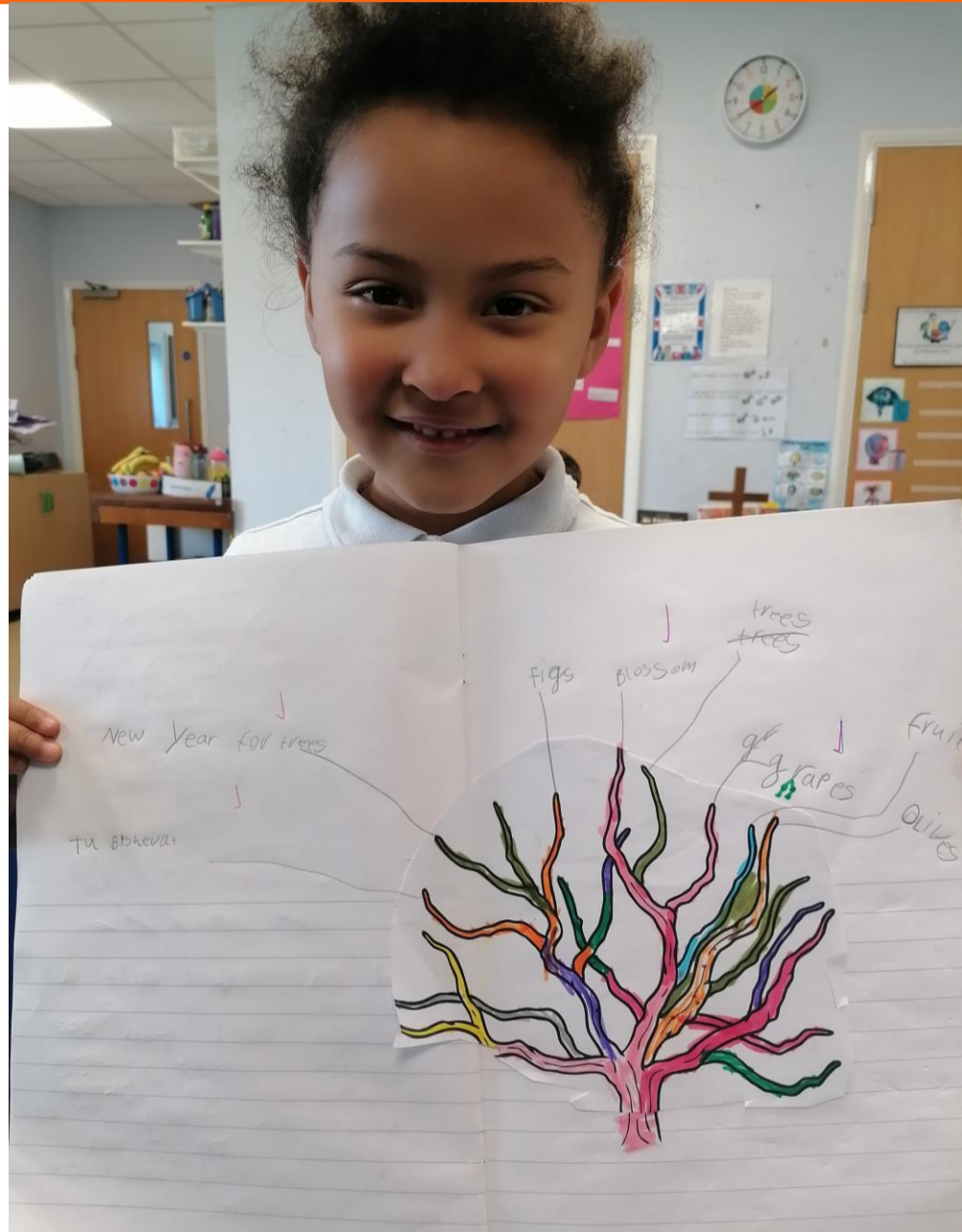
YEAR 2

Year 2 have enjoyed their RE unit on 'Caring for the Earth. Why does it matter?'

They have looked at traditions of Khalifa in Islam and the Harvest in Christianity.

This week they learnt about the Jewish festival for trees, Tu B'Shevat. They could recall ways it is celebrated. "They would share figs with neighbours" (Vira). "Jewish people plant trees on the festival". (Jaxon).

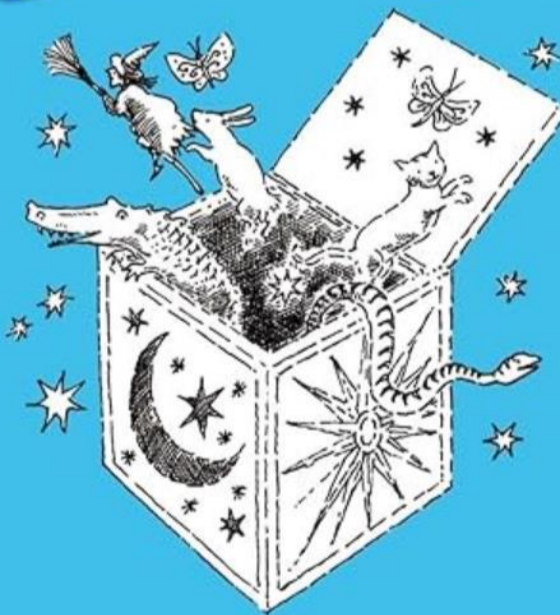
The children then enjoyed some traditional drinks and food linked to the festival, grape, pear and apple juice and some pitted dates.



CLASS ACTIVITIES

KIT WRIGHT

The Magic Box



POEMS FOR CHILDREN

Illustrated by Peter Bailey

YEAR 3

This week in year 3 we have been busy generating vocabulary to create ideas for a free verse poem.

Year 3 started by reading 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright.

The poem explores the ideas of imagination, wonder and magic, by putting various unique and marvellous items into a special box.

Year 3 had some excellent vocabulary - "hungry hedgehogs, little leaves, blackberry bushes, and damp dark hedgerows".