

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We enjoyed having our special visitor at the beginning of the week. A big thank you to everyone who took part in our SIAMS inspection. The report will be published in a few weeks and I look forward to sharing it with you.

There has been a lot of art at Margaret House recently as they celebrated National Art Week in Care Homes - a small group from Year 3 in Barley took part in the Home Sweet Home project on Friday.

Parents and Carers of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1, are warmly welcome to join us on Thursday 4th October at 3.00pm, in Barkway, to find out how we do our Maths at Barley Barkway Federation in the younger year groups.

This will be very enlightening as we share the equipment that we use with the children for their early Maths. Our Maths Lead, Mrs Porter, will present the workshop which will be enjoyable.

We hope everyone has a happy weekend.

"Living Life in All Its Fullness"
-John 10

- Faith
- Curiosity
- Wellbeing
- Confidence

UPCOMING EVENTS

It is our Harvest Festival Service in Barkway Church at 9.00am next Thursday, 4th October, - come along and join us.

Years 2, 3 & 4 will walk to Forest School afterwards.

Please arrive at Barkway Church at the normal drop off time.

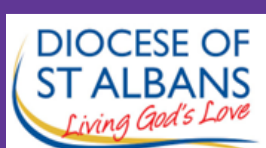
If you would like to bring in cans or jars of food to be shared with our local food banks, that would be very welcome. Children will have the opportunity to bring these forward during the service which has been planned by our Year 4 children.

On 20th October, a local choir - including our own Mrs Porter - will be performing at Barley Church to provide - 'An Afternoon of Popular Song'. It forms part of the campaign by Barley Social Hub to raise money for toilet facilities in the church. Tickets may be obtained from the link below:

<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/barley-social-hub/an-afternoon-of-popular-song>

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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 Rowan. Rowan has had a great start to Nursery. He has especially enjoyed painting and drawing in the creative area. It has been great to see Rowan growing in confidence and start to communicate more with adults.

Well done Rowan!

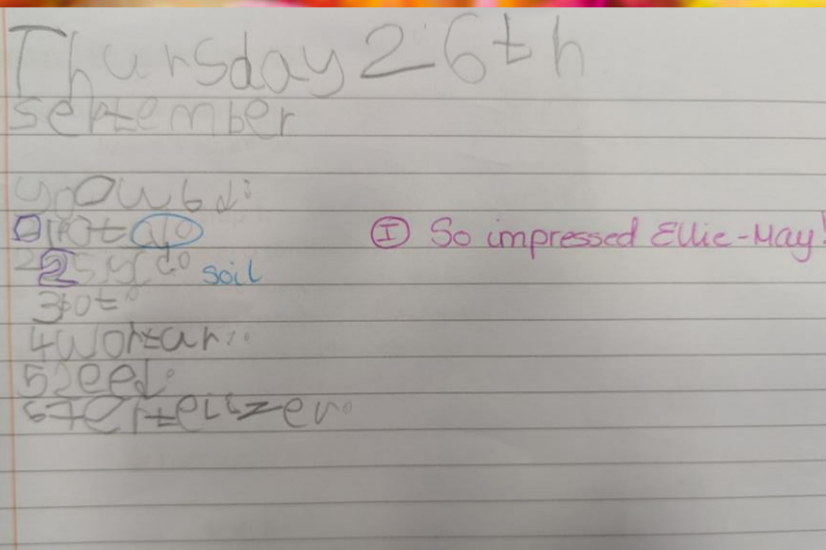


RECEPTION

This week in Reception, Grayson is our star of the week. Grayson has really impressed us with his amazing phonic skills. He loves phonics and this shows with his enthusiasm and amazing concentration and effort in every lesson. Grayson is confident with the sounds that we have learnt and he can confidently hear the initial sounds in words to match to the correct graphemes. Grayson drew an amazing picture of a Power Ranger this week and he knew that Power Ranger began with 'p' and he wrote a beautiful P to go with his picture!

Well done, Grayson!

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YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, Ellie-May is the star of the week for her INCREDIBLE independent writing. We are so proud of Ellie-May who felt confident to use her phonics to write a list of things that you will need to grow a bean. She also had a fantastic go at writing some very tricky words in phonics this week - including windmill! Well done Ellie-May!

YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Alice is the star for her brilliant efforts in maths! She has impressed us with her good understanding of what numbers are made of and could confidently tell me that 56 is made of 50 and 6 (and 5 tens and 6 ones). Alice worked through her tasks in a focused way which meant she also had an opportunity to tackle the further challenges. Well done Alice!



YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, Annie is our star of the week. Annie was a fantastic buddy during our visit to Margaret House. Annie loved talking to her buddy and sharing ideas about the colours to use when painting their trees.

Annie also wrote a fabulous story in her own time and enjoyed reading it to Mrs Porter.

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YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Henry. Henry has been a fantastic mathematician working on comparing and ordering our four digit numbers. Henry was able to use our mathematical vocabulary and explain whether a set of numbers were in ascending or descending order. Well done Henry!



ART STAR

This week, the art stars are Year 3 for supporting their reading buddies with their art project.

Beautiful artworks Year 3, well done!



SPORTS STAR

This week the sports stars are Henry and Louie in Year 4, for always showing excellent focus on the information given out at the beginning of the lesson, giving encouraging words to others who make mistakes, playing with desire to improve and win and finally for making tremendous TSG tackles in Rugby this week!!!



BARLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN



The sun was shining on the children for our first visit to the Barley Community Garden. Hazel Class were the first to visit but we hope that over time that all of the children will have an opportunity to go. We have been involved with this project from the very start.

Last year, Rebecca who oversees and established the garden, consulted with the children at Barley and Barkway Federation to find out what they would like to have there. The children submitted design ideas to her. Rebecca loved their ideas, such as bug hotels and said "I loved that so many of the designs were well thought through, for example including water butts and compost heaps, things that plants need to grow well".



We can now already see some of their ideas coming to life with the flower beds for both flowers and edibles, seating areas and soon to be water features!

Hazel class donated some daffodil bulbs to the garden which they planted when they were there.

This garden will have a positive impact on our community and we are thankful to be part of this initiative.



MARGARET HOUSE



To launch Art Week in Care Homes, Mrs Porter took a group of children from Years 2 and 4 to Margaret House. The students were thankful for the opportunity to talk to our reading buddies and create a piece of art.

On Tuesday, Beech Class also had the opportunity to visit their reading buddies and collaborate with them to create paint trees - using a range of colours, which was part of the 'Home Sweet Home' project.



George: "I enjoyed sitting with my buddies in art and it was a fun activity together".

Cece: "Barbara's artwork popped out of the page".



Reign: "I really liked painting with my reading buddy and looking at other people's artwork".

Eliza: "One of my favourite things is visiting our reading buddies who are very kind".

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HAZEL CLASS

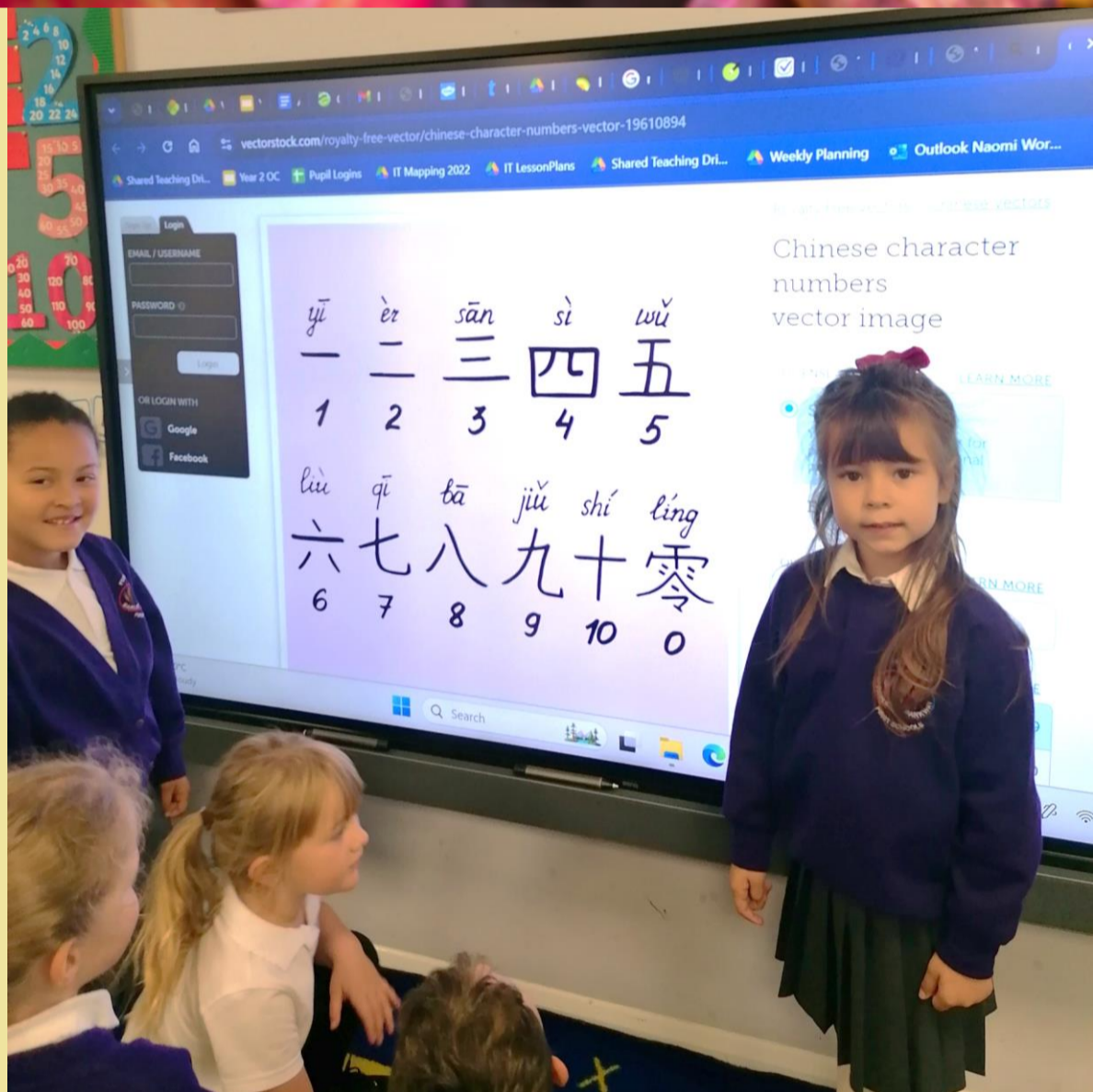
Isabelle has settled in brilliantly into Hazel Class and school life.

She is impressing us with her determination to succeed and her brilliant recall of learning.

We love hearing Isabelle speak in Chinese and she wowed us all by reciting the numbers to 100!

She then taught us how to say 1, 2 and 3 in Chinese, which sounds like 'ee, ar, san'.

We hope to know how to say the numbers to 20 in Chinese by the end of the year!



Here is Isabelle showing her classmates the Chinese characters for numbers 0 to 10.

Thank you so much Isabelle for helping us to celebrate and learn Chinese!

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BEECH CLASS

This week in Year 3 the children have progressed their programming skills in Computing.

Using PurpleMash the children input code to make a rabbit disappear from the magician.

The children programmed their rabbit to speak and move left and right across the screen.



The children all demonstrated amazing computational thinking!

Rabbit Speak 'Hello Beech Class!' for 3 seconds

timer after 5 seconds