

NEWSLETTER

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to our Year 1 children for completing their Phonics Screening Tests, and to our Year 4 students for tackling the national Times Tables Test. Their hard work was definitely rewarded—there were plenty of ice cream treats to celebrate!

The week was full of sporting action, with tennis and cricket keeping everyone active and energized. Be sure to check out the reports below for all the highlights.

Looking ahead, our much-anticipated Sports Day is happening next Friday afternoon. We're delighted that FOBBS will be selling delicious cream teas for everyone to enjoy. We hope to see you all there for a fun-filled afternoon!

The forecast is looking bright, so here's wishing you a wonderful and restful weekend.

Sharon Brown
Federation Headteacher



BBF students at the Royston Primary school tennis tournament

THIS TERM OUR SCHOOL VALUE IS 'TRUTHFULNESS'

Our students will be focusing on telling the whole story, living without lies, making the right choices, searching for the truth, having the courage to be honest, and seeing the truth.

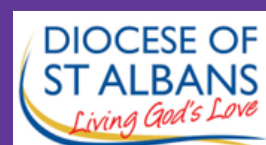
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Father's Day – Sunday 15th June
- BBF Sports Afternoon – Friday 20th June, 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
- FOBBS BBQ and Campout – Friday 18th to 19th July.
- End of year service – Monday 21st July, 9.00am at Barley Church.
- Summer Term Ends – Tuesday 22nd July, Barkway to finish at 12.30pm and Barley to finish at 12.45pm.
- Inset Day – Wednesday 3rd September.
- Autumn Term Begins for Yrs 1, 2, 3 and 4 – Thursday 4th September, Reception on Friday 5th September, and Nursery on Wednesday 10th September

"Living Life in All Its Fullness" –John 10

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NURSERY

This week Elsie is our star of the week in Nursery. We have been really impressed and proud of Elsie's increased confidence in Nursery where she has been developing some lovely friendships; playing collaboratively and imaginatively with her friends, especially this week with the dinosaur small-world and role play areas. Elsie has also developed her independence when exploring activities inside and outside and we are so pleased to see this!

Well done, Elsie!



RECEPTION

This week Luna is our star of the week in Reception. Luna is such a special member of Oak Class; she is kind, caring and helpful to everyone. She is bubbly and full of fun and laughter!

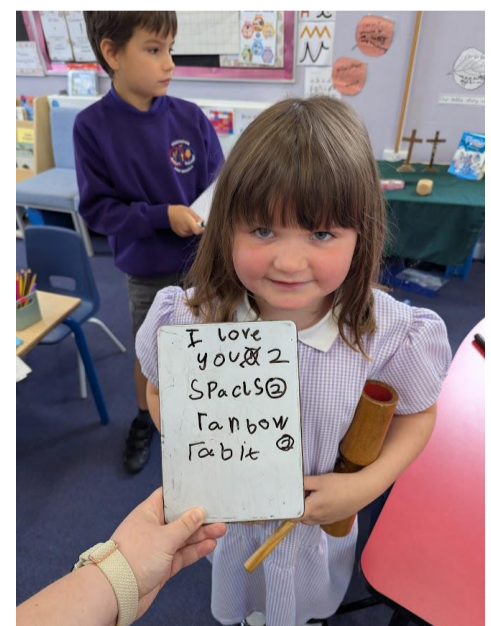
She has made amazing progress with her phonics and reading and this week she has shown increased fluency when reading her book - reading lots of words by sight.

We are so proud of you Luna - well done!

YEAR 1

This week Ophelia is the star of the week for her amazing writing this week. She wrote a prediction of what she thinks would happen at the end of the story we have been reading "The Great Kapok Tree". She used a range of interesting language. I loved her sentences: "The man awoke he was shocked" and "The man picked up the axe and ran deep into the forest."

Well done Ophelia!



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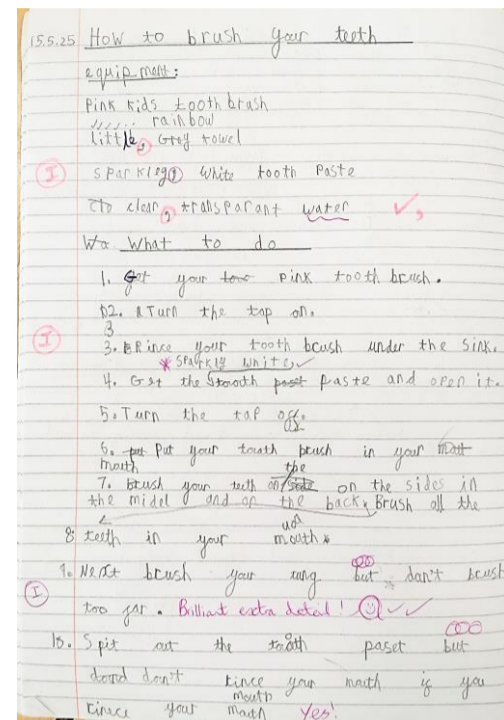
YEAR 2

This week Vira is the shining star in Hazel class for her consistent effort with independent writing.

Vira tries hard to get into the learning zone, ignoring distractions and focusing on applying everything we have discussed about the topic.

Over the last few weeks, Vira has written some beautifully clear, correctly sequenced and detailed instructions.

Well done Vira - we are very proud of all you!



YEAR 3

This week Lorena is the star of the week. In our D&T learning to join materials, Lorena completed neat stitching to make her sunglasses case.

She added detail in the form of her initial LML and drew hearts to complete her design.

Well done Lorena, it is a beautiful piece of work.

YEAR 4

This week in Year 4, our star of the week is Lynden. Lynden has been working hard in all of our subjects this week and in between has managed to squeeze in finishing off his applique cushion. He is always a fantastic role model in his behaviour, listening carefully and being kind and helpful.

Well done Lynden!



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ORACY STAR

This week George is the oracy star of the week. Mrs Porter gave George a personal target to use a range of prepositions (on, behind, underneath, beside) in all of his writing.

On the coach home from Verulamium, George was innovating stories about his sister Elsie. He was changing his voice to emphasis prepositions in his storytelling.

This means that Mrs Porter will need to set him a new target!

Well done George!



SCIENCE STAR

This week Esme is the science star of the week. While on our trip she made some excellent observations of flowers in paintings linking to our topic of plants. Including noticing a lovely abstract painting and said it looked like a meadow with flowers in it.

Well done Esme!

ART STAR

This week the children of Apple Class who visited Tate Modern are our art stars. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school, sensibly travelling all the way to London and showing positive learning behaviours whilst exploring such an exciting gallery.

Well done Apple Class!



CRICKET

BARLEY & BARKWAY

A big thank you to Matt from Hertfordshire Cricket Club who came and ran a brilliant cricket taster session at Barkway and Barley schools on Monday.

Mrs Gould was impressed with Isaac (Hazel class) who said before we began 'the batsman is trying to stop the bowler hitting the wicket and cricket is my favourite sport of all time!'

The children participated in lots of fun activities in groups with the cricket bats, balls and wickets including some competitive point scoring games. Well done to Frankie (Sycamore) who gained his team 5 points for hitting the wicket and Louis R (Sycamore) for gaining ten points for knocking down the wicket altogether! All the children were joining in and trying their best.

Well done to Jaxon (Hazel) for trying hard during the warm up activities. He did some excellent balancing of a bean bag on the bumpy side of his bat whilst running around a circuit.

Well done Noah (Sycamore) for successfully throwing and catching a bean bag on his bat!



ROYSTON SCHOOLS

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our 6 tennis whizzes who played at the courts on Therfield Heath in Royston, participating alongside 9 other teams from local schools.

George and Lorena (Year 3), and Henry, Louie, Frankie and Finley (Year 4) now have Wimbledon firmly in their sights as they played magnificently, exhibiting great sportsmanship and winning many of their matches.

Mr Taylor's tennis lessons paid off. Overall we came fourth out of ten teams. Go BBF Go!



TATE MODERN

YEAR 1

On Wednesday year 1 had a fantastic trip into London to the Tate Modern. They met at Royston train station to get the train there which was very exciting! While at the gallery we spent time walking around and discussing the art, the children were amazing at discussing whether they liked the art or not using "because" to explain. We came to a room that Ophelia was able to describe as "abstract art" whereas Esme was looking at one of the abstract pieces and said that it looked like a meadow and some flowers. What a fantastic observation!. After lunch we went and sat under Louise Bourgeois's spider "Maman" which the children spent time discussing what it was made of, Maisie correctly predicted that it was made of metal. Everyone found their favourite spot and then lay on the floor sketching ensuring they got the texture and shapes on the spiders legs. Next we walked around and found Salvador Dali's lobster phone which led to big discussions trying to decide if it was a real lobster or a sculpture. Tommy said he didn't think it would be real as it had some cracks in it.

The children were lucky to see some amazing art work, including work by some well celebrated artists such as Henri Matisse, Andy Warhol and Henry Moore - what an amazing opportunity for such young children!



FRACTIONS IN TIME

YEAR 2

Year 2 were challenged by learning half past, quarter past and quarter to times so we linked back to their previous unit on fractions to help their understanding.

The children cut a clock face into halves to see 2 half hours and then into quarters to see the quarters of an hour. Mrs Gould was very impressed by Angelica-Mae who made a brilliant link to our previous learning and said "I have just realised that 20 minutes is a third of an hour".

The children also helped embed their understanding with fun paper loop games and interactive electronic games that can be accessed for free here:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=time>



ROMAN WORKSHOP

YEAR 3

Year 3 visited the Roman town of Verulamium at St Albans. They participated in a Roman workshop to learn about life in Roman times.

Reign said "I have learnt they shopped in a Forum", "they wear a massive toga if they are very rich and that they had a very healthy diet".



NORTH HERTS

PARENTING SUPPORT & ADVICE GROUPS

North Herts DSPL 1 is providing various parent support and advice groups. In these support and advice groups, topics such as; transition phases, exam time support, encouraging independence, tips/tools regarding eating difficulties, and behaviour as communication are covered.

To find out more about these groups please follow the link to access current provision:
<https://tinyurl.com/mw6baey7>

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