

NEWSLETTER

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy and fun-filled week it has been across our Federation! It's such a joy to walk around our schools and see so many happy, engaged children enjoying their learning and making meaningful connections within the community.

This week, our children have been out and about! Year 2 enjoyed a lovely local area walk in Barley, exploring their surroundings and learning more about Barley.

Year 4 had their first visit of the year to Barley Community Gardens, it's always a special place for hands-on learning, including trying some delicious fruit!

Meanwhile, Year 3 began their visits to Margaret House and were thrilled to meet their reading buddies. It was heart-warming to see those relationships starting to blossom again, especially seeing Alice reading with Jim, who Cali read with last year. Moments like these really show the power of community and the joy it brings to both the children and the residents.

Back in school, I was incredibly impressed by the fabulous family trees created by Oak Class. Dolly proudly shared hers with me, she could name each person in her family and had drawn a beautiful picture of them too. Such lovely work, Oak Class!

Year 1 have been busy learning some very important lessons around online safety. When I popped into their classroom, they confidently told me that it's very important not to share their passwords with anyone, such an important message, and one they're clearly taking seriously.

Looking ahead, we're excited to be celebrating National Fitness Day on Wednesday 24th September. All children and staff are encouraged to come to school in their favourite sportswear for a day full of movement, exercise and learning about the importance of staying active. We'll be exploring how exercise supports our wellbeing and the amazing effects it has on our bodies. It promises to be a fun and energetic day! Please look out for further information on this.

And finally, we are very much looking forward to our Harvest Festival service at Barkway Church on Thursday 2nd October at 9:00am. Each year group will be contributing in their own special way, and there will be plenty of lovely songs to enjoy. We would be delighted if you could join us, it promises to be a wonderful celebration. A letter with further details will be coming home soon.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a restful weekend when it comes.

Warmest wishes,

Miss Mière
Acting Headteacher



THIS TERM OUR SCHOOL

VALUE IS 'GENEROSITY'

Our students will be focusing on loving others as we love ourselves, giving sacrificially, giving cheerfully, caring for creation, and giving our time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Monday 29th – Years 2, 3 & 4 to Buckingham Palace

October

Thursday 2nd – Harvest Service @ Barkway Church 9am to 9.40am followed by Yrs 2, 3 and 4 attending Forest School

Monday 27th – Half Term Begins

Friday 31st – Half term ends (schools reopen Monday 3rd November)

November

Tuesday 4th – BBF Flu Immunisations (Reception to Y4)

December

Friday 5th – Occasional Day (Schools Closed)

Thursday 9th – School Nurse Reception Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Screening

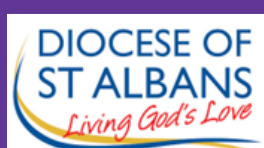
Thursday 11th – BBF Christmas Lunch/Xmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th – End of Term (EYFS & Y1 12.30pm, Yrs 2, 3 & 4 12.45pm)

“Living Life in All Its Fullness” –John 10

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NURSERY

This week Grace is our shining star in Nursery. She has really settled in to Nursery very well and is showing excellent learning skills. She tried hard to draw her family for her proud wall. She was able to tell us all the family members and even tried really hard to copy her name carefully on her picture.

Well done Grace!



RECEPTION

This week, the shining star of Oak class is Jude! Jude showed such care, creativity, and dedication in his work this week. He worked so hard to create a beautiful piece of stone art, carefully representing the people who matter most to him – his family. Jude also challenged himself with his writing, making a real effort to spell everyone's names correctly – even his baby brother Darcy's! He carefully wrote the letters over some modelled writing. He could recognise the words 'Mum' and 'Dad' and was able to label his artwork carefully. Well done Jude, keep shining!

YEAR 1

This week Eleanor is our star of the week. I have been really impressed with how hard Eleanor as been working in Year one. Eleanor always tries her best in everything she does. In Maths this week, the children were learning to say one less than a number. Eleanor confidently used both counters and a number line to find one less than a number

Well done Eleanor!



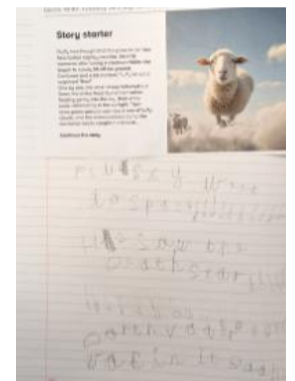
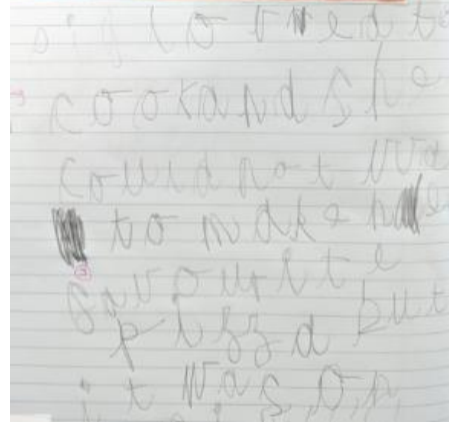
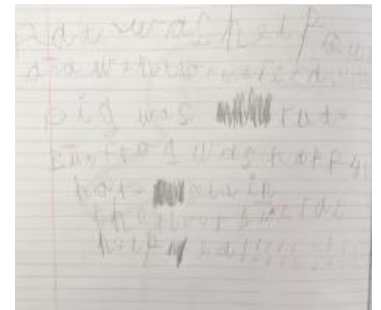
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YEAR 2

This week in year 2 Tommy is the star of the week for his fantastic writing in English. Tommy has been enthusiastically writing sentences using a range of conjunctions to join two sentences together. I especially enjoyed his sentence "Pig loved to cook and she could not wait to make her favourite pizza but it was on fire!!!!" which included a lot of exclamation marks!

Well done Tommy!!!!!!!



YEAR 3

This week, Willow has shone in science! In Year 3, we are developing our scientific skills to sort and classify information. Willow impressed Mrs Porter by using a ruler to carefully draw a table, helping her present her findings clearly and neatly.

Well done, Willow - keep being a super scientist!

YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Cece for her brilliant maths. We were learning how to flexibly partition 4 digit numbers and Cece really challenged herself with some very tricky numbers which she was able to partition successfully.

Well done Cece!

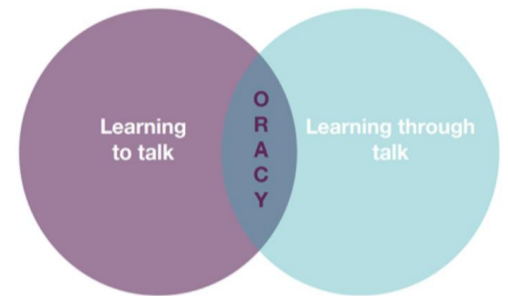


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ORACY STAR

This week, Angelica Mae had the exciting opportunity to shadow a zookeeper for the day. She threw herself into the role, asking thoughtful questions about the animals and learning how to care for them. Her experience has inspired her to explore more about the role of a zookeeper and consider it as a career in the future! Angelica-Mae has prepared a short presentation that she would like to present to assembly today. Oracy in action!



SPORTS STAR

Eleanor in year 1 is the PE star of the week! Her determination to complete the skills within football and rugby this week shone through. She showed all of her class how to listen, follow instructions and play the game whether she won or lost. Keep it up Eleanor! Mrs Whitaker is impressed with you!

ART STAR

Hunter in year 1 is the Art star of the week!

This week Year 1 had a tricky assignment to practise different techniques such as hatching, cross hatching, smudging and stippling to fill space. Hunter listened carefully and produced some wonderful work. Well done Hunter!



SCIENCE STAR

This week, Ophelia is the star of the week for her fantastic predictions and questioning in our STEM talk with Jen the marine biologist on Wednesday. Ophelia predicted that the rise in temperature of the ocean would be the reason Mantas are becoming endangered. She then was also able to ask questions about why the water is warming up and we are going to do some more of our own research.



A big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
to Mr. Watson, Reggie,
Ophelia, and Angelica-Mae
celebrating their special day
this week!

We hope you have/had a
fantastic time filled with fun
and the things you enjoy the
most!

APPLE CRUMBLE

NURSERY AND RECEPTION

This week in EYFS, the children had a wonderful time getting hands-on in the kitchen as they made their very own apple crumble! As part of our focus on developing independence and life skills, the activity gave the children the chance to explore a range of new experiences.

Using child-safe knives, the children practised careful chopping techniques to prepare the apples—learning how to hold the fruit steady and cut safely under close supervision. They also had the opportunity to measure, mix, and sprinkle ingredients, which helped to develop their fine motor skills and early understanding of quantities.



ACTIVE MATHS

YEAR 1

Apple class enjoyed an active maths lesson on Monday. The learning focus was to find 1 more than different numbers. The children began discussing a Problem Solving and Reasoning challenge involving Hunter giving Mrs Gould 1 more Lego figure. The children explained that Mrs Gould was incorrect and she only had five figures and not six. Benito said "I know that there are 4 and 1 more is 5, not 6". The children then went outside and took turns to jump on the correct number line (, i.e. Jump on 1 more than 9....). Afterwards, the children enjoyed drawing their own number lines using number tracks to help them form their digits.



STEM LESSON

YEAR 2

On Wednesday it was world Manta day, year 2 joined a STEM learning talk by a Marine Biologist called Jen. The class learnt some amazing facts such as, the skeleton of a manta is made up of cartilage and not bone, manta rays can grow up to 7 meters wide and they have the largest brain to body ratio! We also learnt that manta rays have to keep swimming to stay alive.

During the talk Jen was explaining that a lot of manta rays are endangered and asked the children what they thought might be the biggest threats to them, Tobias said "I think pollution of rubbish is a problem as they might eat the plastic and die" and Ophelia shared "I think the biggest threat is climate change as the ocean is getting warmer and it might kill them." Jen shared that the three biggest threats are pollution, climate change and fishing. The biggest problem right now though is that in some countries people believe that the gills of the manta have healing properties and they make soup from them.

Hazel class were all very interested in what they could do to help and enjoyed asking Jen some questions. Tommy wanted to know why the manta rays get so big, Ophelia asked why the water was getting hotter and Harry wanted to understand more about how the manta ray's waste helps the ocean!



MARGARET HOUSE

YEAR 3

This week, Beech Class made Mrs Porter feel incredibly proud during their first visit to Margaret House Residential Care Home for a special reading session. The children were polite, friendly, and read with wonderful expression to their reading buddies. It was a lovely experience for everyone, and we are already looking forward to our next visit!



COMMUNITY GARDENS

YEAR 4

Year 4 had their first trip of the year to the community gardens where they planted spring onions and carrots.

We are looking forward to seeing if they've grown when we go back next month.

