

NEWSLETTER

Barley & Barkway Federation Schools

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term! We have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead, filled with a variety of events and activities for the children to enjoy.

A heartfelt thank you to our Year 2 and Year 3 pupils for their fantastic work on the Barley allotment and the front of the school. Under the sunshine, they practised their weeding, sweeping, and clearing skills—and the results are wonderful. The area looks lovely, and it's great to see the children taking pride and ownership in their work.

Next week, the children will be taking part in cricket workshops—we're keeping our fingers crossed for good weather! Sunshine will also be much appreciated for Year 1's trip to London on Wednesday and Year 3's visit to Verulamium.

We'd also like to wish our Year 1 pupils the very best of luck as they take their Phonics Screening Checks next week—you've all worked so hard, and we're proud of you.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Sharon Brown
Federation Headteacher



Mrs. Porter and students at the Barley site allotment

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.

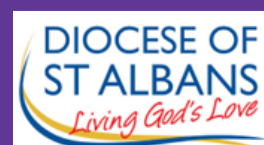
UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.
- 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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STARS OF THE WEEK

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NURSERY

This week our star is Jude. Jude is always an enthusiastic member of the group during our Maths activities. This week we were ordering animals from the tallest to the shortest. Jude was able to confidently compare the heights of the different animals and use our key vocab.

Well done Jude!



RECEPTION

This week Saffron is our star of the week in Reception. Saffron has had a great first week in Oak Class and we are really proud of her!

She has settled in brilliantly, showing fantastic behaviour for learning; she always sits beautifully on the carpet and listens, joining in our learning and answering questions. She has enjoyed exploring our EYFS environment inside and outside and she has made new friends.

Well done, Saffron!



YEAR 1

This week Tobias is the star of the week for his excellent work in maths.

Tobias has been confident when learning about fractions. He has used manipulatives to help him find a quarter and a half of a number and been able to explain how he found his answer.

Great job Tobias!



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YEAR 2

This week Jaxon is the shining star in Hazel class for his very positive, polite and helpful behaviour choices. Jaxon has a 'can do' attitude and encourages others in their learning too when he sees they need a boost.

He is always one of the first to tidy up equipment to help us keep a lovely calm and organised learning environment.

Thank you so much Jaxon for your positivity and polite manner, it really helps to make things better!



YEAR 3

This week, Aria is our Star of the Week! She is a kind and caring friend, showing thoughtfulness not only towards others but also towards animals and plants.

During our allotment work, Aria showed great care and attention as she gently trimmed the dead flowers and composted the stems. She knew not to pull out the bulbs because we want the plants to grow again next year.

Well done, Aria!

YEAR 4

In Year 4, Amber is the star of the week. We have been looking at the Amazon River and wrote reports on the different creatures that live in the Amazon to present to the rest of the class. Amber wrote a really clear presentation on the Giant Otter including a rhetorical question. She also wrote an excellent postcard, describing what she would see in the Amazon.

Well done Amber.



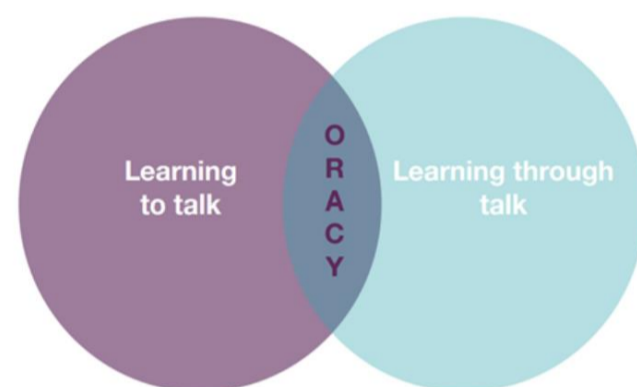
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ORACY STAR

Our Oracy star of the week is Adela in year 4. Adela was an excellent communicator in our RE lesson where we started learning about Islam. She was able to explain what her family does at home and we are looking forward to hearing more clear explanations as we continue our learning.

Well done Adela!



This week our science star is Jake in Reception. Jake absolutely loves animals and he can confidently name and tell us about all of his favourite animals. He has really enjoyed our theme this week which has been all about safari animals. He has used the animals in the small world area and he completed the animal puzzles.

Well done, Jake!

ART STAR

This week, Annie in Beech Class is our Star of the Week

As part of our craft unit, we are designing cards to sell at the Barley Show.

Annie impressed us with her painting skills as she planned her designs which clearly demonstrate her artistic skills and creativity.

Well done, Annie!

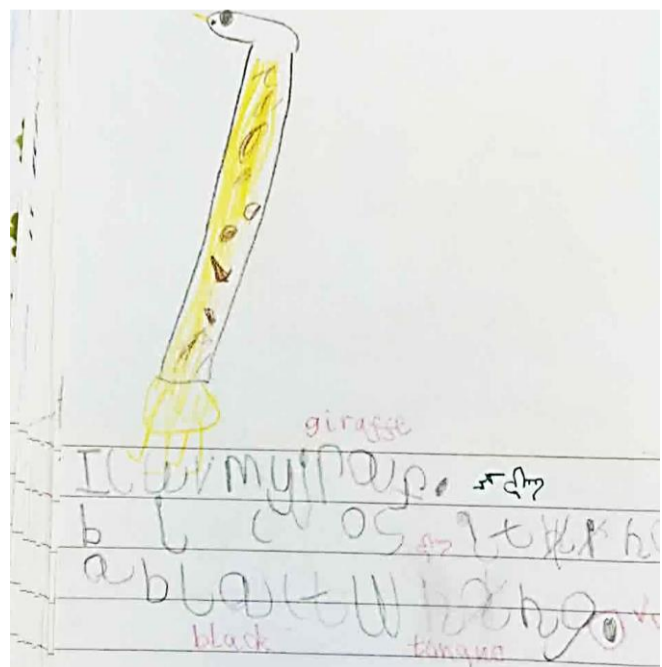
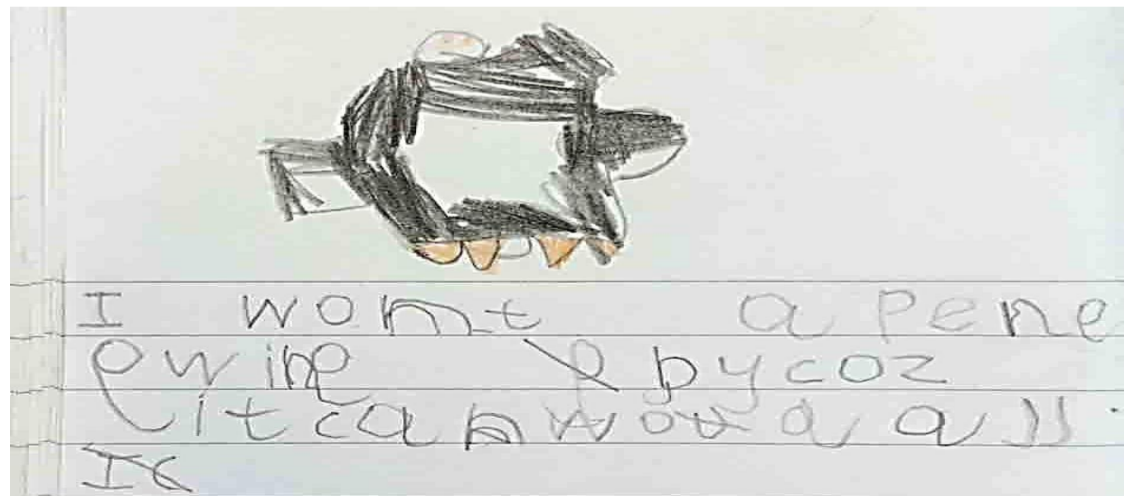
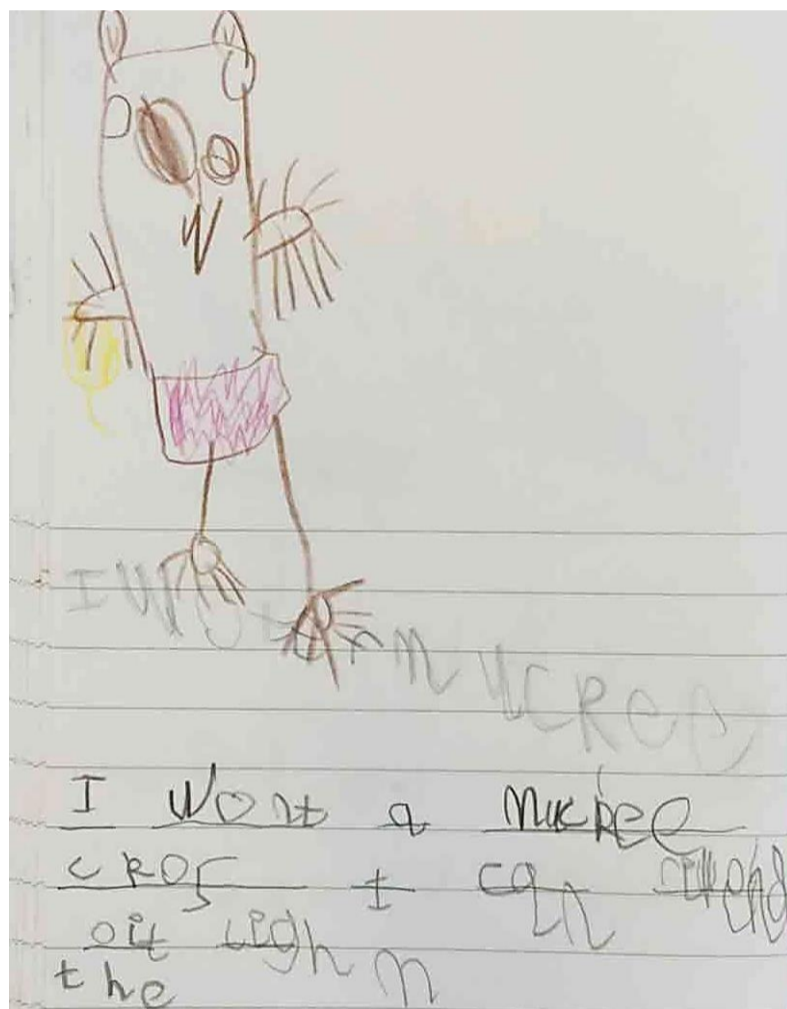


SAFARI ANIMALS

NURSERY & RECEPTION

This week in Oak Class we have been learning all about safari animals. Nursery have been learning to order by size and using the language of short/shorter and tall/taller using the safari animals. Reception have been reading the story 'Dear Zoo' for our Drawing Club sessions this week. They have been imagining that they were a zookeeper and which animal they would like to look after and why! We had 'penguins because they can waddle', 'monkeys because they are silly and eat bananas' and 'snakes so I can play hide and seek with them'.

What a fantastic first week back, Oak Class!



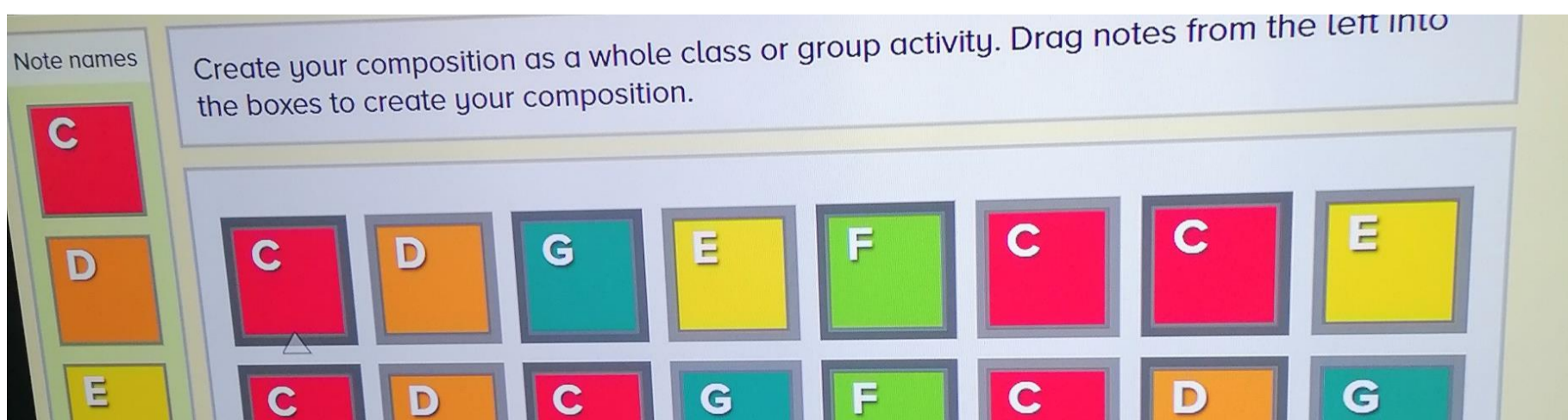
MUSIC COMPOSITION

YEAR 2

Year 2 really enjoyed a different type of music lesson this week. They began by appraising Peer Gynt Suite: Anitra's Dance by Edvard Grieg. Mrs Gould was very impressed by Storm who said "It reminds me of the Nutcracker". Alice said it made her "think of Christmas" and Jaxon said it reminded him of the film "Home Alone". Storm noticed the change in volume at points in the song so we talked about the word 'dynamics' and how Grieg used changes in dynamics throughout the piece, going from quieter to louder and louder to quieter.



The children then had an opportunity to compose their own piece of music. Jake chose 'funk' as our music style and Willow started off by dragging notes into the squares to create a line of our music. The children worked as a team on the rest of the composition. We were blown away by how good the final version was and so was Miss Phillips who also heard it. We were not sure at first about Storm and Alice choosing the same note for an entire row but it worked really well and created a type of chorus for the piece. The children had lots of fun dancing to their composition at the end!



COMPUTER CODING

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning how to code in Computing. They are using microbits to help them code using coding blocks. The children know that microbits are tiny computers and are really enjoying coding.



MRS MAKEWELL IS 50!

YEAR 3

Year 3 were delighted to spend the day with Mrs Makewell to mark her special birthday.

"We love her art lessons" - Cali.

"I know about Mount Everest now" – Stan.



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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