

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term 1



Spotlight

Following a successful period as Acting Assistant Headteacher, I am pleased to confirm the permanent appointment of Mrs Porter as Assistant Headteacher at Barley and Barkway Federation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* February Half-Term

16th February – 20th February

* Maths Meet-up

Barkway – 24th February at 2.30pm for 30 minutes with Mrs Porter

* Maths Meet-up

Barley – 3rd March at 2.45pm for 30 minutes with Mrs Porter

* Easter Break

30th March – 10th April

“Living life in all it’s fullness” – John 10

A message from our Assistant Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a real buzz across the Federation this week, which began with a wonderful assembly led by Reverend Mark on Monday. He linked our school value for this half term, using stories to explore courageous behaviours. Reverend Mark was particularly impressed with how well our younger children in Barkway responded to his questions and reflected on what it means to be courageous.

Apple Class didn’t let the gloomy weather dampen their spirits! They put on their purple waterproof bodysuits and headed out on a Geography walk. In Hazel Class the children have been busy learning how to become money literate. They’ve been adding notes and coins and thinking about what they want to spend their money on. There was much excitement in year 4 when they found a cake in their classroom. They enjoyed interviewing staff members to try to find out who the cake belonged to.

We are very thankful to Miss Preston for leading the Wicked musical event from Barley School on Thursday. I’m sure you would agree that the children sang beautifully and performed the complex melodies with joyful smiles.

Parent reading sessions and Celebration Assembly will resume next Friday. We can’t wait to welcome you back into school to share our achievements and celebrations.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Porter
Assistant Headteacher

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Stars of the Week

Nursery

This week Grace is our shining star in Nursery, she always tries hard in our Phonic lessons. She worked particularly hard to sound



out words and blend them orally this week, listening carefully to each sound and repeating them back. She also was able to blend sounds for an action word and do the actions correctly. Grace always shows great focus and enthusiasm when joining in with songs, sounds, and listening games. Her positive attitude is lovely to see! Keep working hard Grace!

Reception



This week our star This week's Star of the Week goes to Dolly. She has been showing amazing independence by staying at school for two whole days instead of going home for lunch last week.

This was a big step, and she approached it with a positive attitude and a big smile. She settled in well, enjoyed lunchtime with her friends, and showed great confidence throughout the day. As well as this Dolly has been really trying hard when getting changed for PE independently and is doing this so well! Well done for such a fantastic effort! Keep it up!



Year 1

This week our shining star is Lexi for being really kind to others!

Lexi has been really encouraging her classmates, modelling how to join in with different activities and celebrating the successes of others.

Thank you Lexi for being such brilliant role model to others with these generous and caring behaviours!

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Stars of the Week

Year 2

This week all of year 2 are the star of the week for their amazing work in maths. They have had great discussions around how to make different amounts and have collaborated to check each others work and compare the different notes and coins they have used.

Well done Hazel class!



Year 3

This week, Alice was our Star of the Week for her fantastic work in Science. During a practical lesson exploring how fossils are formed, the children used bread and jelly worms to represent the process. Alice made careful observations and confidently used scientific vocabulary such as layers, sediment and fossilisation to explain her ideas. Well done, Alice!



Year 4

This week, the star of the week is George for his fantastic headline. We have been looking at News reports and have started to write our own news report about our mysterious cake.

We were thinking about using alliteration in our headlines and George came up with



the brilliant headline 'Year 4 class close case on cook'! I'm really excited to read the rest of George's report.

This week, the second star of the week is Cece! Most days in Year 4 we see how many times tables questions we can answer in 2 minutes and on Thursday Cece got 40/40 for the first time!

Well done Cece!



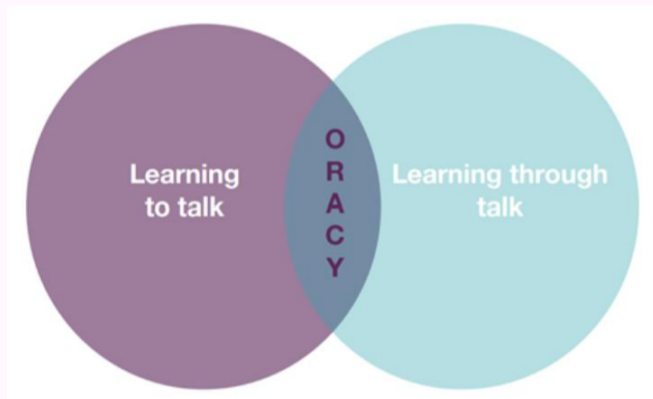
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Oracy Star



This week, Jake is our Oracy Star of the Week for his excellent mathematical reasoning. In Maths lessons, the children have been learning about multiplication, and Jake consistently uses his speaking frame to clearly explain his answers. Jake has secure mental maths skills and always takes the opportunity to share how he knows an answer or how he has worked it out. Well done, Jake!



Sports Star

This week, Ellie-May is our Star of the Week for her perseverance in PE. She never gives up and consistently shows a positive growth mindset when trying new moves and skills. Ellie-May demonstrates courage in her learning and always gives her best, even when challenges arise.

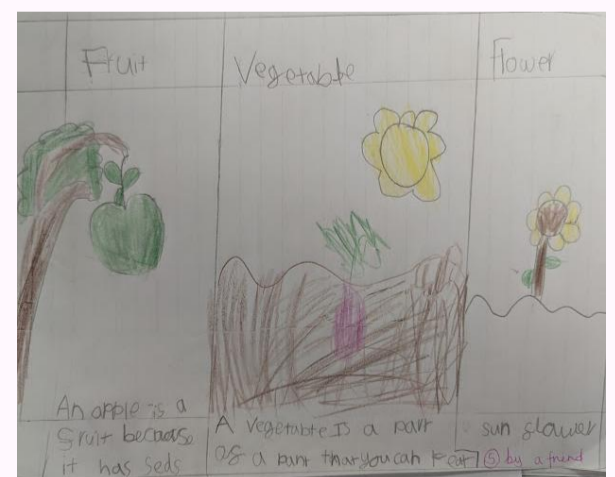
Keep up the good work Ellie-May, your teachers are very proud of you.



Science Star

This week Ellie-May is the science star for her fabulous data collection. Ellie-May was able to create her own table and use this to share information she had learnt about different types of plants.

I am really impressed with how neatly she has presented her work while recording information.



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This week George in Year 4 is art star. We have been thinking about the artist Henri Rousseau who made wonderful paintings of things he had never actually seen (like tigers). Year 4 were challenged to draw a tiger from their imagination. George wasn't sure he liked his painting to begin with, but I think we can all agree that it's amazing! Well done George.



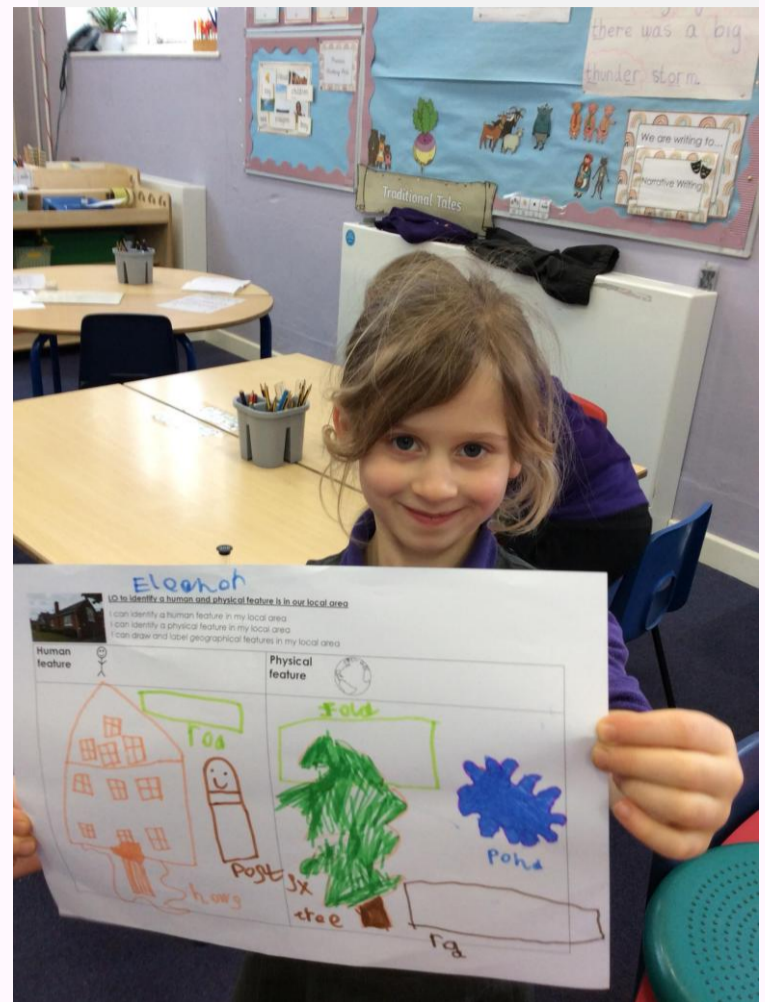
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Apple Class

The children in Apple Class did a great job of spotting human and physical features on our local area walk despite the rain! Well done Lexi for noticing that one human feature house was made of both rocks and bricks. Leo told us that the tree in the church ground was called Mr Barkway and we found out that it is about 600 years, what an amazing physical feature!

When we got back to school to get warm and dry, the children drew the human and physical features that they had seen on our walk. Well done little Geographers!



This weeks activities

Beech Class

Year 3 have been working hard in Maths this week and have become real 'Masters of Maths'! They even drew on the tables!

The children have been learning their multiplication and using different visual methods to help them understand and solve problems. They explored ideas by drawing models, such as cherry models or part part whole diagrams directly on the tables to support their understanding.

Mrs Porter was very impressed with how the children explained their methods and tackled a range of multiplication questions. The tables were, of course, cleaned afterwards before the children continued their work in their books.

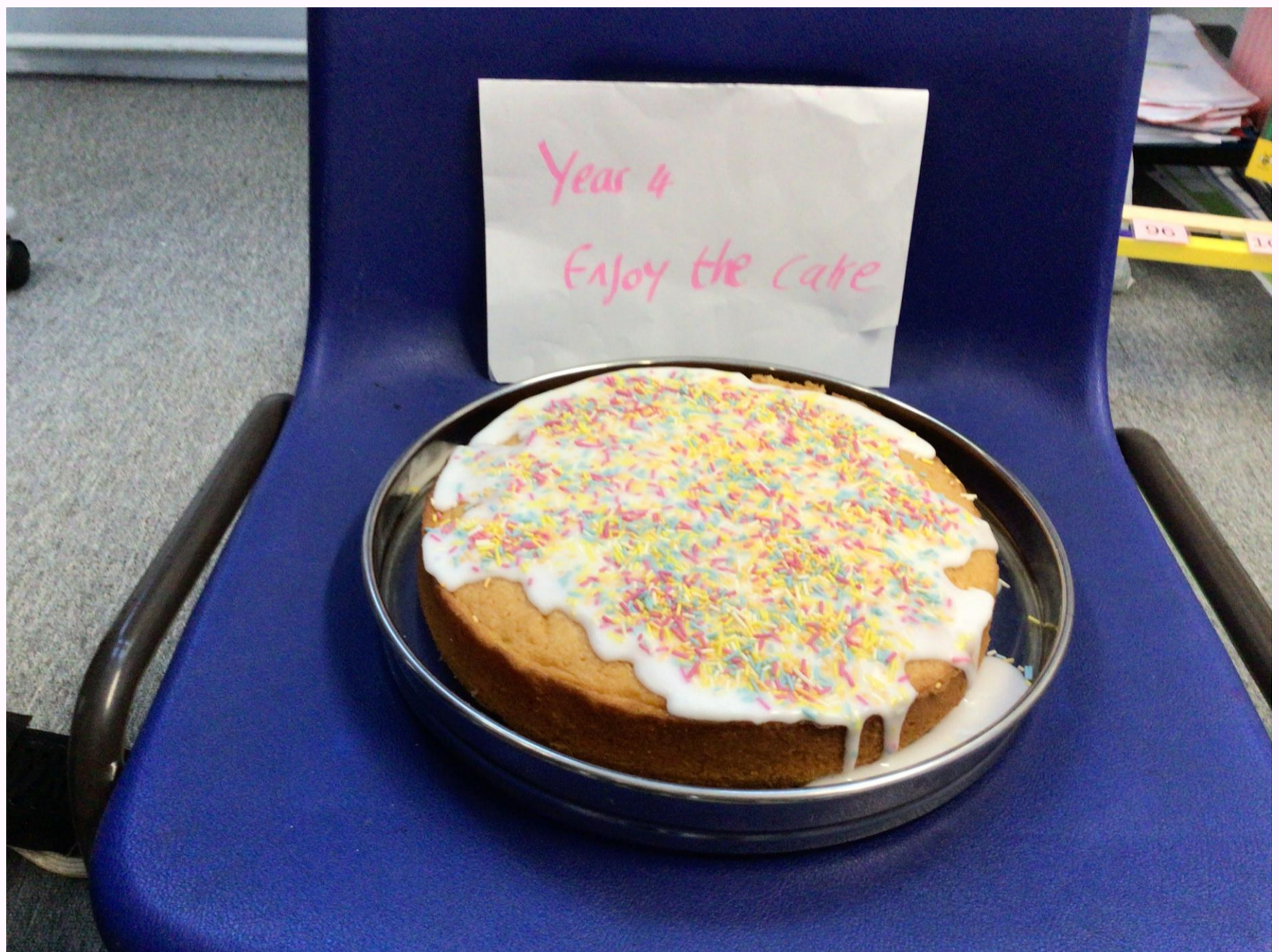


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Sycamore Class

Our value for this half term is Courage.

Year 4 had an exciting time on Tuesday when a cake mysteriously appeared in their classroom with a note. They had to be detectives to find out who had seen it arrive and work out where it had come from. They are now using this as a basis for their report writing this week.



Tesco Tokens

In Tesco Extra, Royston, we have been given the opportunity to receive up to £1,500 funding for our mud kitchen!

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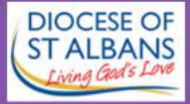
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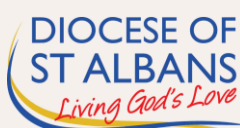
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