

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term 2

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

A message from our Assistant Headteacher

Dear parents and carers.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Barkway Market last weekend. We are grateful for the support of the FOBBS team, our teaching staff and volunteers who supported the BBQ stall.

This week we have celebrated National Mental Health Week and focussed on the 5 ways to wellbeing. Mrs Gould led a whole school assembly on Tuesday and we are grateful for her guidance on how we can follow the 5 ways to wellbeing.

CONNECT - we have come together in our play and shared lots of collaborative learning this week. Year 3 connected with Margaret House to read with their buddies.

BE ACTIVE - Mrs Whitaker has led some fun and engaging active PE lessons and we took part in the Joe Wicks National fitness event for schools

KEEP LEARNING - the children in years 2-4 undertook a new yoga flow with Cosmic Yoga and yogi Jane. We know we have a lot to learn in yoga.

TAKE NOTICE - we all remembered our breathing techniques where we can stop, breathe deeply and take notice of our feelings and surroundings.

GIVE - Reverend Mark has continued to support us with our understanding of friendship and how we can be a good friend. We are thankful for the time he gives us and the rich and wonderful stories he shares with us.

It has been a pleasure to hear about all of the learning that has been taking place this week. I can hardly believe we are nearing the end of another half term. Have a wonderful weekend and remember to connect, be active, keep learning, take notice and give (5 ways to wellbeing).

Kind regards

Mrs Porter



UPCOMING EVENTS

* Forest School

Reception & Y1

~~7th May~~ CANCELLED

- 21st May
- 12th June
- 25th June

* Half Term

25th May – 1st June

* Inset Day

2nd June – Schools Closed

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Stars of the Week

Nursery

This week Albie is our shining star in Nursery. Albie has been trying really hard in his phonic sessions. In our sessions this week he was able to say the sound for w. He identified pictures of objects that started with the letter w. As well as sounding out words to blend them

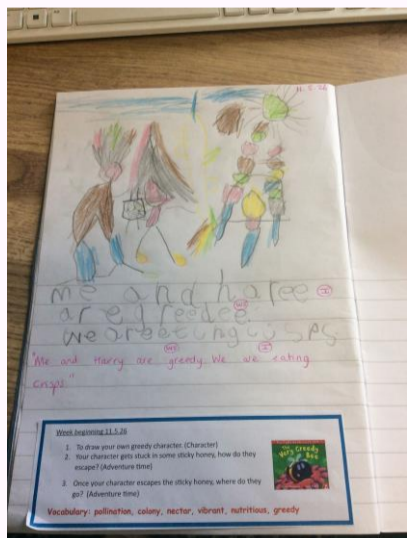


like, 'wig' and 'win'. He then used sticks to make the shape of w, "Down and up and down and up the waves." Fantastic phonic work Albie!



Reception

This week's Star of the Week goes to Mabel. Mabel has been trying so hard in our drawing club sessions. This week we have been reading the story, 'The greedy bee' and Mabel chose to draw her own greedy characters during our writing session. She remembered the tricky parts in the words 'me' and 'we'. Mabel used the sound mat to find and copy the tricky word 'are' and sounded out the words 'Harry' and 'and' independently. Great writing Mabel! :)



Year 1

This week our shining star is Henry for his positive sporting attitude in PE lessons. At the start of the year it was difficult for Henry to come out of a game earlier than his classmates. Over time he has shown much improved resilience and good sportsmanship behaviours in PE lessons.

Henry has also greatly impressed Mrs Gould by scoring some amazing baskets with a basketball at playtimes; sometimes at quite a distance away from the hoop!

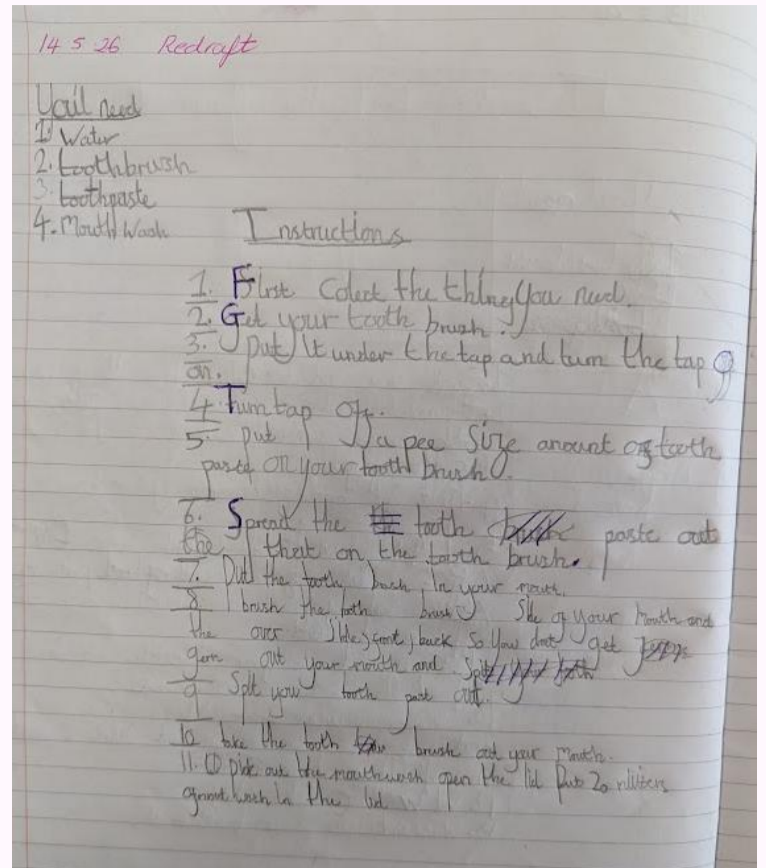
Well done Henry!

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Stars of the Week

Year 2

This week, the star of the week in Year 2 is Harry for his fantastic instruction writing. He thought carefully about what his instructions needed to ensure they were clear and easy to follow. He then was able to follow his own instructions to brush his teeth!!



Year 3

Jake is our star of the week in Beech Class this week. He wrote, edited and published the most amazing instructions. Jake used alliteration, verbs and adverbs to make his instructions really interesting. Well done Jake.

First turn east but beware of the exploding volcano. Then turn left but don't get swept up by the Tornado. Next, carefully creep past the crazy crocodile and then turn north. Then turn east but don't be burnt by the fiery crystals. Then turn west but don't faint as you approach the hot crumbly castle.

Year 4



This week, our star of the week is Annie. Annie has had a great week and has been a fantastic role model to the

rest of her class. She always remembers to put her hand up, is the first one helping to tidy and give out books. We can always rely on Annie to be doing the right thing.
#Thank you Annie!

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Star of the Week

Science Star

This week, Angelica-Mae is our Star of the Week for her fantastic scientific observations and predictions. During our investigation into how water is transported in plants, Angelica-Mae asked thoughtful questions and made very observant predictions. She showed great curiosity and used her scientific thinking skills brilliantly throughout the lesson. Well done, Angelica-Mae! Keep up the excellent work.



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Happy Birthday

A big
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to
Maisie in Year 2, and
Mr Coomes who are
celebrating their
Birthdays this week!



This weeks activities

Oak Class

This week in EYFS, we have been learning all about bees and the important role they play in our world. The children were very excited to welcome a real beekeeper into school, who taught us fascinating facts about bees, honeycombs, and how honey is made. We had the opportunity to look at special beekeeping equipment and learn how beekeepers carefully look after their hives.

To help bring our learning to life, the children took part in some wonderful hands-on activities. We pretended to be busy bees collecting pollen by using flour to represent pollen and moving it from flower to flower. The children also used pipettes to collect "nectar," helping to develop their fine motor skills while understanding how bees gather food.

It has been a fantastic week full of curiosity, exploration, and imaginative play, and the children have loved buzzing around as busy little bees!



This weeks activities

Apple Class

Apple and Oak were privileged to have an AMAZING talk from Seb, a local bee keeper.

🐝 🐝 🐝 We all learnt so much! We found out that there are two types of bee, the bumble bee and the honey bee and there are about 270 types of honey bee in the Uk. Well done to Isabel who correctly identified a bumble and honey bee. Seb amazed us with the fact that bumble bees can stay underwater for 5 days without breathing, this was quite a recent discovery!

We learnt that all the bees start the same and then the colony makes a group decision about which one will be the queen bee 🐝 and then they feed her royal jelly and she turns into the queen! She will lay 2000 eggs a day and can live for up to 5 years (other honey bees will live for about 6 weeks).

Well done Finley, who knew that bees do not have ears, they 'hear' through vibrations. Tiffany understood that if a bee was not flapping its wings we would not hear that famous buzzing sound that bees make. The children were interested to find out that bees have 5 eyes, two on the side and 3 on top of their heads, which help them see better when they are flying around.

We found out that a honey bee has more hairs on it than a squirrel and Lexi guessed correctly that the bees have so many hairs so that the pollen sticks to their bodies. We learnt that bees have four wings but their lower wings have little hooks on so that they can stick to the top wing to make two wings!

Seb showed us the slates from the hive with the wax and reminded us all of how important bees are for pollinating our flowers and trees so that they produce fruit.

Henry and Dolly dressed in the beekeeper's protective clothes and showed us the smoking gun which beekeepers use so that they can get to the honey.

The children had so many questions and lots to say about their own experiences with bees. We look forward to planting the bee friendly flower seeds that Seb kindly gifted to us. A huge thank you to Mrs Edwards for organising this truly fantastic interactive and mind blowing talk!



This weeks activities

Hazel Class

This week, the children continued their fantastic writing skills! They carefully thought about how to give clear, step-by-step directions on how to brush your teeth. and then put their instructions to the test by following them together.

We also had great fun exploring the story How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth. The children loved acting out the story and following the hilarious instructions needed to wash such a huge, woolly creature! Through role play and discussion, the children learned how important it is to give instructions in the correct order and to be as clear and detailed as possible. There were lots of smiles and laughter as the children worked together to bring the story to life.



This weeks activities

Beech & Sycamore Class

Year 3 and 4 loved having their parents and carers come in on Thursday so that they could share their highlights from our school journey to PGL. We shared photos and videos of all the exciting activities that we did including abseiling, climbing, archery and rafting, We even shared the video of Mrs Makewell and Miss Preston zip wiring together! At the end, we also shared some of our favourite songs that we were taught, including the great dance moves. Everyone loved PGL and we hope that we have inspired the Year 2s who will get to go in 2 years time.

