

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term 2



Spotlight

Next week to celebrate the World Cup children are invited to swap their PE kits for their favourite football shirt, team strip or sports wear for both PE sessions. Please bring the chosen outfit into school in their normal PE bags.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Forest School

Reception & Y1

- 25th June
- 10th July

* Nursery & Reception Stay & Play dates:

- 3rd June – 9.30am until 10.30am
Parents/carers welcome
- 1st July – 9.30am until 10.30am
Parents/carers welcome
- 3rd July – **Nursery only**
– 10.45am until 11.45am
Parents/carers welcome
- 9th July – 9.00am until 12.00pm **Children only**

“Living life in all its fullness” – John 10

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the very wet and cooler weather this week, it certainly hasn't dampened our spirits at Barley and Barkway!

A huge congratulations to Apple Class for all of their hard work and fantastic effort during their Phonics Screening Check this week. We are so proud of the determination and resilience they have shown. Well done also to Sycamore Class, who have worked incredibly hard in preparation for their Multiplication Tables Check. You have all been absolute stars! As a special thank you for your hard work, some well-deserved treats will be heading your way next week.

Our value for this final half term is Respect. We are reminded to value and care for one another: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). Respect means showing kindness, consideration and appreciation for ourselves, for others, for our environment and for the wider world around us. At Barley and Barkway, we believe that everyone is valued and everyone matters. I encourage you to talk with your child about what respect means to them and the different ways we can show respect each day. Whether it is listening carefully, helping a friend, looking after our school grounds or caring for the world around us, respectful actions can be seen everywhere. Take some time to notice respect all around you this week!

Looking ahead, our much-anticipated Sports Day will take place on Friday 3rd July at Barley School. We will begin with a picnic lunch on the field from 12.00pm, where families are invited to join their children before the afternoon's activities begin. This will be followed by a variety of exciting races and team events, giving every child the opportunity to participate, challenge themselves and celebrate the joy of being active together. We hope to see you all there for what promises to be a fun-filled and memorable sporting afternoon. Ready, set, go! Let the games begin!

We are also looking forward to seeing an array of favourite football shirts and sportswear next week during PE lessons as we celebrate the World Cup. It is always wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and team spirit.

Please keep an eye out for information about our upcoming Father's Day Breakfasts, which will be taking place at both schools over the next couple of weeks. These special events are an opportunity to celebrate the important male role models in our children's lives, and we look forward to welcoming many of you.

A reminder also about our Attendance Information Sessions for parents and carers next week:

- Tuesday 16th June, 9.00am – Barley School
- Thursday 18th June, 2.45pm – Barley School

These sessions will provide an opportunity to discuss attendance, ask questions and find out how we can continue working together to support every child's success. We hope to see you there.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,
Miss Mière

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Stars of the Week

Nursery

This week's Nursery Star of the Week is Hallie. Hallie has been working so hard during her Maths learning this week, showing fantastic listening and always trying her best.

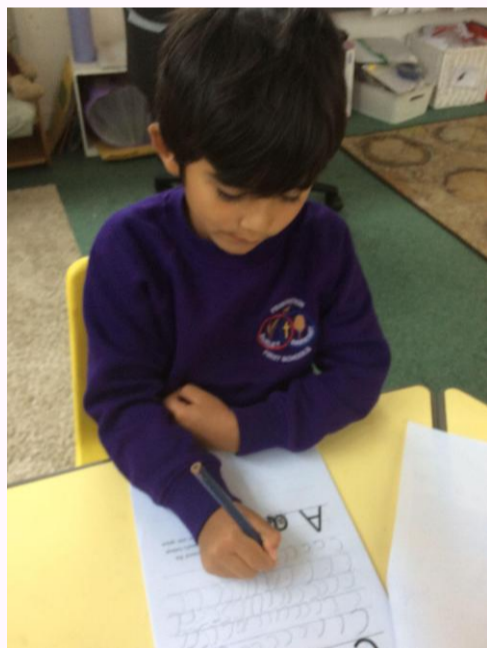
We recently explored the number 6. Hallie was able to carefully count the 6 objects in front of her, saying one number for one object. She then challenged herself to count out 6 counting bear. Great job Hallie, keep up the brilliant work!



Reception

This week's Star of the Week goes to Rowan. We have been super impressed with his phonics this week. He has worked so hard to sound out words carefully and remember each sound as he writes them down in CVC words. He is gaining so much more

confidence in his own ability to hear sounds in his writing and his reading! He is also working really hard on his letter formation, trying hard to write his letters correctly. Excellent work Rowan! Keep up the hard work!



Year 1

This week our shining star is Benito for his AMAZING effort in Phonics! Benito has been working really hard at school and at home on his segmenting and blending skills. He is getting more confident at spotting those tricky split digraphs and blending much longer words. Mrs Gould was impressed on Monday when Benito blended 'rehearsal', 'celebrate' and 'musical' perfectly!

Well done Benito!

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Stars of the Week

Year 2

This week, the star of the week in Year 2 is Tobias, this was chosen by Miss Preston and Harry. In year 2 we have been writing the words to a picture book about a boy moving from another country. Tobias has written the ending of the story. His emotive language has been fantastic, he has really thought about the character and has been sharing how he would be feeling. When Mrs Bagnall read Tobias's ending to me I got very emotional. Well done Tobias!



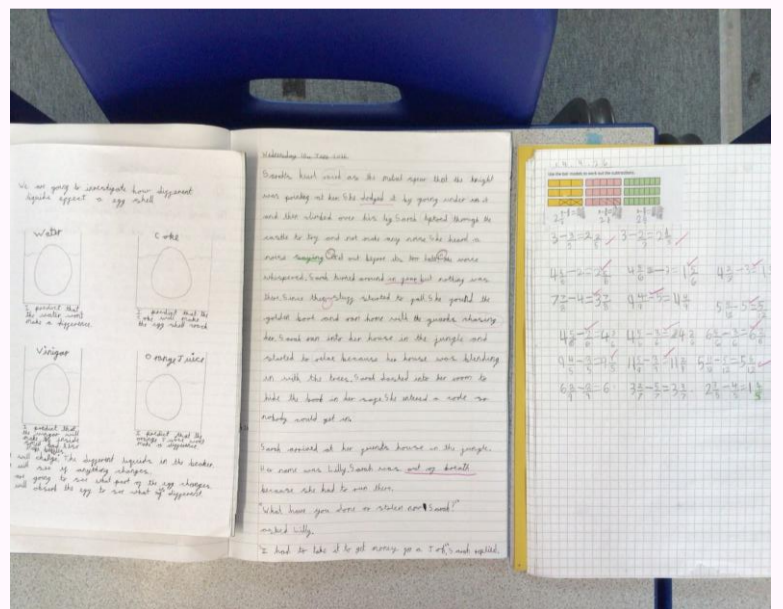
Year 3

This week Willow is star of the week for her non chronological report about an imaginary Kitten Festival. She used alliteration, adverbs and conjunctions to make her report interesting. Willow even added a glossary.



Year 4

This week, our star of the week is Eliza. I have picked Eliza as her presentation across all her work is to the highest standard. She has beautiful, neat handwriting which she uses across all her work and also produces neat drawings and diagrams. Her books are always a pleasure to look at and mark. Well done Eliza!



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This week, Elsie in Reception is our shining Science star. Elsie showed fantastic curiosity and observation skills while exploring minibeasts. She carefully looked at different creatures and noticed similarities and differences between them.

Elsie then used her maths skills to organise the mini beasts into groups and counted how many were in each category. She demonstrated excellent scientific thinking by observing closely, asking questions, and using data to help explain her findings.



Well done Elsie on combining science and maths so successfully!

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Happy Birthday

A big
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to
Tobias, Jake P, Annie
and Mrs West who are
celebrating their
Birthdays this week!



This weeks activities

Oak Class

Our EYFS children have been exploring the exciting world of dinosaurs through a range of engaging activities. The children loved acting out dinosaur stories, using their imagination to become fierce T-Rexes, gentle herbivores, and adventurous explorers.

In our indoor learning area, the children took part in fossil hunts, carefully searching for and discovering "dinosaur fossils" hidden in the environment. This sparked lots of discussion about what dinosaurs might have looked like and how palaeontologists learn about the past.

Loose parts play encouraged creativity and problem-solving as the children used a variety of materials to build dinosaur habitats, nests, and landscapes. They worked collaboratively, sharing ideas and creating wonderful prehistoric worlds.

The children also enjoyed drawing and designing their own dinosaurs, thinking carefully about colours, shapes, and special features.



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Apple Class

Apple class enjoyed being Historians this week and began their exciting topic on Monarchy. The children remembered lots of facts that we shared at the start of the lesson about Royal families and traditions. Lexi and Benito enjoyed pretending to be a King and Queen and the class took turns to bow to them saying 'Your Majesty'. The children enjoyed decorating their own crowns with beautiful jewels and shared what they recalled from the lesson:

Henry: They lived in castles and rode on horses

Louis: The kings and queens were famous

Saffron: The child king wore a crown

Leo: Some kings made castles

Lexi: Their children were princes and princesses

Eleanor: They were called His Majesty and Her Majesty because they were so posh and important

Benito: The kings and queens got married



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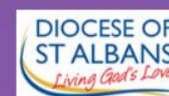
Beech & Sycamore Class

Year 3 and 4 have started their last RE topic of the year and are looking at how Muslims worship. They started off by finding out about the name that Muslims have for God which is Allah and found out that Allah has 99 different names! These included The Just, Most merciful, The Cherisher, The Sustainer and The Procrastinator!





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