

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term 2



Spotlight

2 weeks to go until Sports day! We hope to see parents and carers coming along on the 3rd July to support their child/ren starting from 12pm with a picnic lunch. FOBBs will be providing refreshments and treats all afternoon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Forest School**
Reception & Y1
• 25th June
- * **Nursery & Reception Stay & Play dates:**
 - 23rd 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 it’s fullness” – John 10

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and busy week we have had at Barley and Barkway Federation!

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our World Cup celebration by wearing their favourite football shirts and sports gear. Everyone looked brilliant and really embraced the spirit of the week. The penalty shoot-outs were a particular highlight and brought lots of excitement and laughter. A special shout-out goes to Mrs Bagnall and Mrs Grint for their enthusiasm and energy during the penalty shoot-outs. They threw themselves into the fun and definitely showed off some of their best footballing skills!

Year 2 enjoyed their first tennis lesson on the Barley tennis courts this week. It was fantastic to see the children putting their learning into practice on real tennis courts and making the most of such a wonderful opportunity. Thank you to Mrs Whitaker for providing our children with these memorable experiences.

Year 3 and 4 had a lovely visit to Margaret House, where they took part in an art session and enjoyed a picnic lunch. Their beautiful painted stones were absolutely stunning and showcased both their creativity and artistic talents.

We were also delighted to welcome the Barkway Preschool children for their first PE lesson at Barkway School alongside Oak Class and Mrs Whitaker. There were smiles, laughter and plenty of fun throughout the session. We are looking forward to welcoming our Preschool buddies back again next week. This is such a valuable transition activity, helping the children become familiar with our routines, activities and learning environment before they begin their journey with us in Early Years.

It was a real pleasure to visit Apple Class this week and see their fantastic drawing and writing inspired by The Gingerbread Man. I was also delighted to hear the super reading taking place in Oak Class. I was particularly impressed by the wonderful story writing produced by Year 2, who used a beautiful wordless book as inspiration to create their own imaginative stories. Their creativity and use of language were exceptional.

We are very excited to meet all of our new Nursery and Reception children and their parents and carers on Tuesday 23rd June at Barkway. This is such a special milestone for our youngest children and, for many, their very first experience of 'big school'. We look forward to welcoming them and hope they have the most wonderful time with us.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Miss Mière
Federation Headteacher



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Stars of the Week

Nursery

This week, Grace is our shining star. This week, our Star of the Week has been a fantastic learner during our Dinosaur topic. She showed great interest in learning about fossils and enjoyed exploring how dinosaur bones and footprints can help us learn about the past. She joined in with discussions, took part enthusiastically in activities, and shared her ideas confidently with others whilst playing.



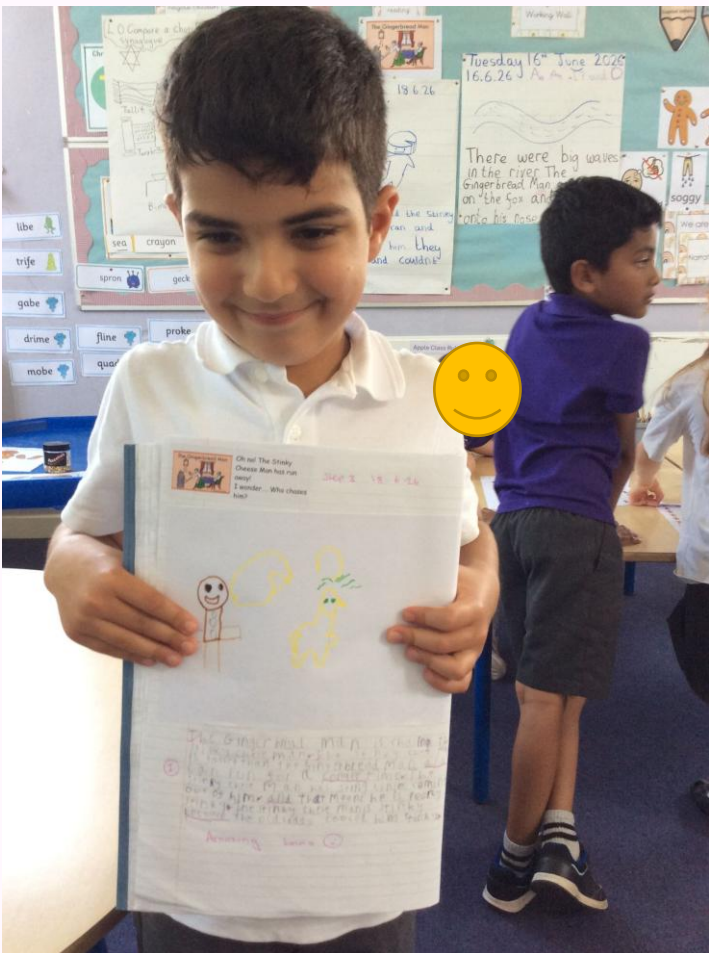
Well done!

Reception

This week's Star of the Week goes to Edward. Our Star of the Week has worked incredibly hard during our Dinosaur topic. He showed great enthusiasm when reading simple phrases and matching them to the correct pictures in our phonics review session. Edward listened carefully, joined in with discussions, and tried his best in all of our dinosaur activities. We are very proud of his positive attitude, excellent effort, and growing confidence.



Keep up the fantastic work!



Year 1

This week our shining star is Louis. I was really impressed with Louis' writing in drawing club this week. Louis has been working on adding conjunctions into his writing and this week he use both 'and' and 'because' independently. Louis wrote some fantastic sentences that could easily be read by others!

Well done Louis!

Children are chosen by their teacher to be Star of the Week and are proud to receive this recognition which we celebrate in out Sharing assembly. Stars are chosen for good behaviour, excellent work and demonstrating school values.

Stars of the Week

Year 2

This week, the star of the week in Year 2 is Ellie-May for her super learning on the computer. We have been learning how to use the laptops and she has really quickly learned how to log on, get onto purple mash and find the activity we are doing without any support! She made a fantastic pictogram this week and worked hard to think about how she could present her results nicely for the person reading them. Well done Ellie!



Year 3

Isaac is our Star of the Week because he is so kind and caring. At Margaret House this week, he asked if he could feed the fish and showed how responsible and thoughtful he is.



He had a fabulous time creating a sculpture with his reading buddy. It was a joy to see him chatting away to his buddy during the activity.

Year 4

This week, our star of the week is Aria. Aria has had an excellent week in all subjects. She was able to understand and order angles in maths and was able to help her friends by explaining her reasoning. She also did an excellent piece of publishing in English, using all the edits that she had made. Well done Aria!



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Happy Birthday

A big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to
Jake M who is celebrating his
Birthday this week!

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



This weeks activities

Oak Class

As part of our learning about special places, the children enjoyed a visit to our local church.

They explored the church building and learned why it is a special place for many people. The children listened carefully as they discovered different features of the church, including the altar and font. They asked thoughtful questions and enjoyed sharing their own ideas about places that are special to them.

The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to develop their understanding of the world around them and learn about the importance of respecting different beliefs and traditions. A special thank you to Reverend Mark for showing us around and planning some fun activities to help our learning.



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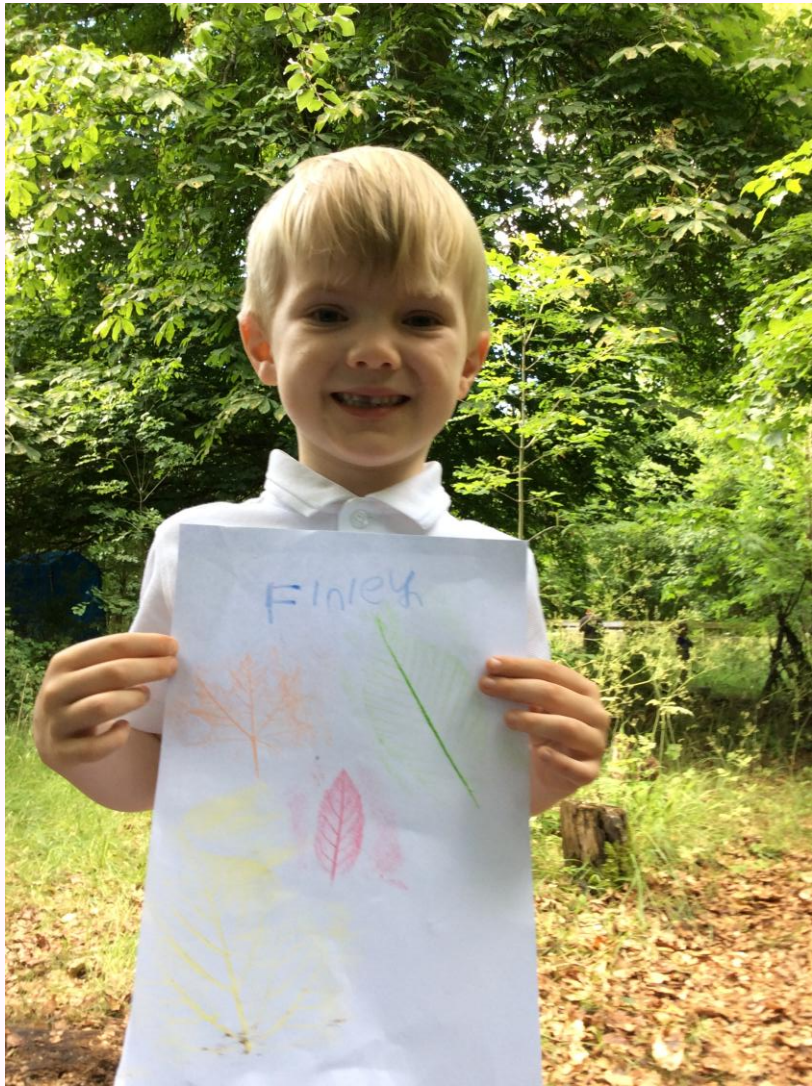
Apple Class

We had another lovely sunny afternoon at Forest School.

This week the children had the opportunity to make potions using natural materials. They mixed up things like leaves, sticks and rose petals to make potions and choose what they wanted their spell to do. Some children used their potion to turn people into fairies and other children decided to turn everyone into footballers.

The children were happy to see that the den they built the week before was still there and had lots of fun continuing to add to it!

Year 1 have been learning about deciduous trees and enjoyed doing some colourful leaf rubbings. They had a go at identifying different leaves by matching them to a chart. I look forward to the next Forest School session!



This weeks activities

Hazel Class

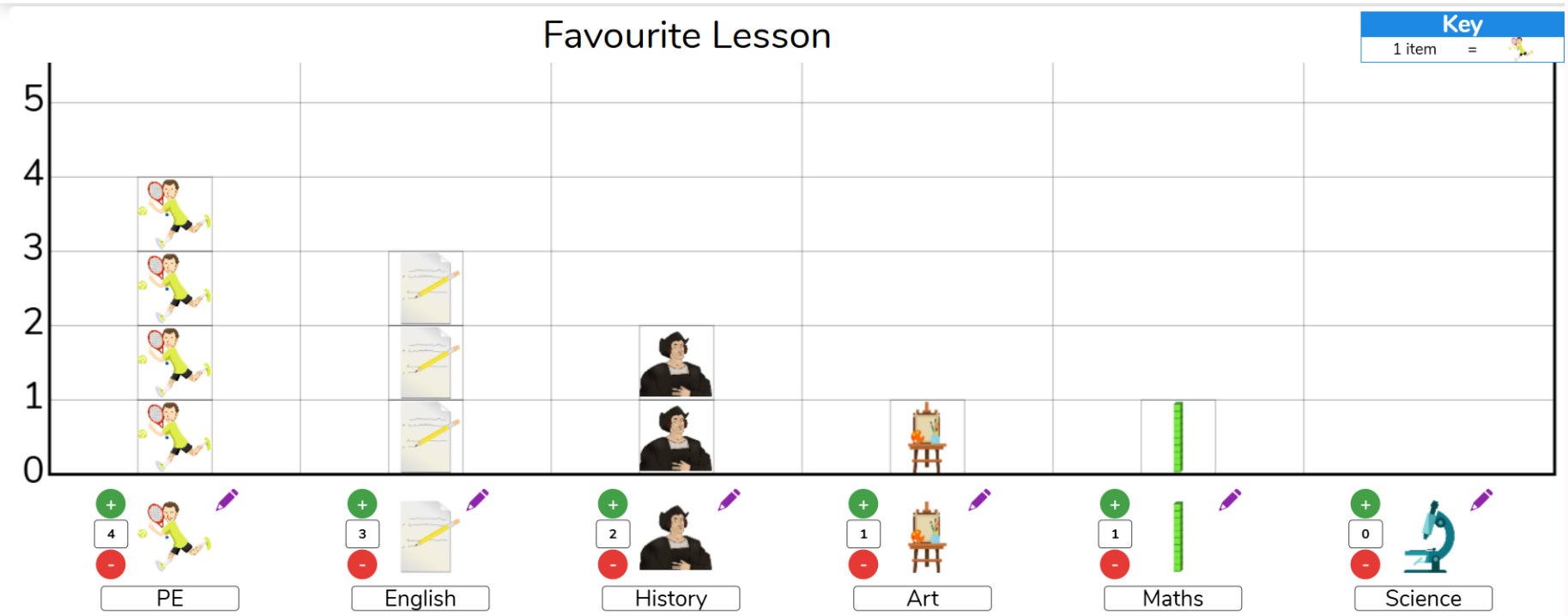
This week, Year 2 have been learning all about statistics. We had a fantastic lesson using our laptops to create pictograms.

To begin with, the children created their own pictograms on a topic of their choice; they chose favourite sports teams, favourite colours and favourite animals!

Next, they visited year 3 & 4 to conduct a survey. They interviewed children and asked them about their favourite school lesson where they recorded the results into a tally chart. The overall winner was PE being selected as the most popular lesson across the school!

The children then used their tally charts to create colourful pictograms on their laptops. They personalised their charts by adding their own pictures to represent each subject, making their work both informative and visually appealing.

I was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm, teamwork and growing confidence in using statistics to collect, organise and present data.



This weeks activities

Beech Class

This week, Year 3 began planning the materials they would like to use for their textiles project in Design and Technology. As part of this unit, the children will be developing their sewing skills to design and make a pencil case.

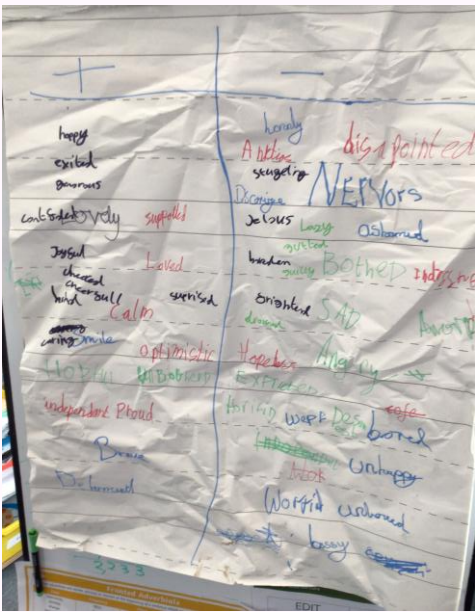


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Beech & Sycamore Class

Year 3 and Year 4 had a fun morning on Tuesday at Margaret House. They completed an art activity with the residents, using stones to make a sculpture. We were then treated to a delicious picnic lunch by John.

In Year 4, we have been working hard all year on increasing our emotional vocabulary. I challenged them to write as many emotion words as they could on the board and they did an absolutely fantastic job. Mrs Gould, who is our Well being lead, was really impressed by their knowledge and ability to recognise different emotions



This weeks activities

Eco Council

Mrs Gould had a very positive meeting with the Eco Council this week.

They discussed our Nature Conservation and Science Learning Project. The school was kindly gifted an amount of money from Mark Wilkinson of Friends of Rib and Quin (charity protecting chalk streams and other natural environments) to spend on supporting nature conservation and to enrich the children's Science curriculums.

The councillors will collect pupil voice from their classes and we will then finalise a list for what to spend our funding on!

Mrs Gould collected ideas from the Eco councillors themselves and was impressed by the range of their ideas:

George – bird feeder

Isaac – adding more trees to the field so it is more like a forest

Ophelia – Planting flowers for the bees

Tommy and Ophelia - Get a school pet like a pet fish (there is fish holiday food you can leave it in there during school holidays)

All – Small pond area, bridge across it, fence around it – could look at tadpoles, frogs, newts,

Aria – Could get a new bug hotel, plant food we can eat like raspberries

Storm - Good quality picture science books with science photographs in

Mrs Gould - Sets of animal teeth to support science learning (idea based on what Aria had feedback on her learning)



Barley and Barkway First Schools Federation

ECO COUNCIL

Nature Conservation and Science Project

What is this project about?



We are very lucky that Mark Wilkinson and the Friends of Rivers Rib and Quin have kindly gifted our school some money.

What is the money for?

It is up to us how we use the money, but it should only be spent on things that will help conserve nature and support our natural science learning.



Help your Eco Council know what you want!



What would you like to spend the money on?

Ideas:

Bird boxes to help provide a safe shelter for our feathery friends.

Microscopes to help explore our natural findings close up!

Help develop the Barley Wild area into a Forest school site.

Plant plants that support birds and insects.





STAY & PLAY

For new Federation Pupils

Parents/Carers to attend

Tuesday 23rd June - 9.30am until 10.30am
Wednesday 1st July - 9.30am until 10.30am
Friday 3rd July - Nursery only - 10.45am until 11.45am

Children Only

Thursday 9th July - 9.00am until 12.00pm

Email us or give us a call to confirm your attendance:
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