

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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

Spring Term 2



Spotlight

To those who haven't already: please remember to fill in and return our new anaphylaxis consent form.

It is incredibly important information for us to have in an medical incident.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Sports Day**
3rd July from 12.00pm
- * Nursery & Reception Stay & Play dates:**
 - 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**

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of an exceptionally warm week, I would like to begin by thanking all of our parents and carers for your support in helping your children attend school each day during the heatwave. Your partnership and understanding have been greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you must also go to our wonderful BBF staff team for all of their hard work in supporting our children throughout the week, ensuring they remained safe, cool and as comfortable as possible. From adapting routines and learning activities to providing plenty of opportunities for rest, shade and hydration, our staff have gone above and beyond. Lots of refreshing ice pops were enjoyed too! We have been incredibly grateful for the creativity and flexibility shown by staff in adapting learning opportunities. Children enjoyed spending time in the shade of our Forest School area at Barley, taking lessons outdoors on the field where possible, and making the most of cooler spaces throughout the day.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Whitaker for organising the fantastic water sports adaptation for PE lessons this week. The children absolutely loved it and could not stop talking about it all week! It brought lots of smiles, laughter and much-needed fun in the sunshine.

I would also like to say a huge well done to all of our children. They have shown remarkable resilience and maintained such positive attitudes despite the extreme temperatures. We are incredibly proud of them.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome many of our new Nursery and Reception children and their families to our first Stay and Play session in Barkway. It was a very successful morning, filled with fun water play, creative masterpieces in the creative area and finished off with a lovely story together. It was wonderful to see so many new faces enjoying their first experiences of school life.

We are looking forward to welcoming families back for our upcoming Stay and Play sessions:

Wednesday 1st July, 9.30am–10.30am
Friday 3rd July, 10.45am–11.45am

We hope to see all of our new children and their parents and carers there.

Finally, we hope that all of our dads, grandads, uncles and other special male role models enjoyed spending time with us at our Father's Day Breakfast. It was lovely to celebrate together and create such special memories. Wishing everyone a cooler and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Mière

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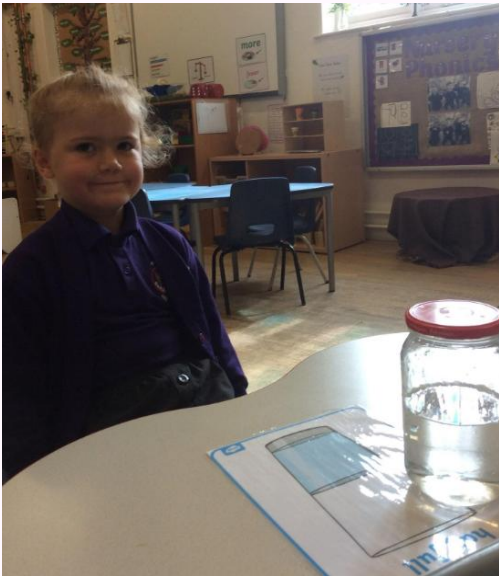
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Stars of the Week

Nursery

This week Hallie is our shining star in Nursery. In our learning about capacity she was able to use the terms, nearly empty and nearly full to describe some containers filled with water.



Then she was able to represent full, empty, nearly full and nearly empty pouring carefully into her own container. She even managed not to spill much of her water!

Well done, Hallie!

Reception

This week's Star of the Week goes to Isabel. Isabel has been showing brilliant effort and growing confidence across both maths and writing. She has worked really hard using rekenreks to represent numbers, showing numbers using the beads with increasing accuracy.



In writing, she has shown excellent independence and care with her work. She has been using purple polishing pens to edit and improve her work, she carefully rereads her sentences and corrects when needed. Keep up the hard work!



Year 1

This week our shining star is Leo for setting an amazing example for how to work well with others. Leo never fusses about who he is partnered with for collaborative learning and always makes the teamwork an enjoyable and positive experience for him and his partner/s!

Mrs Gould also overheard Leo giving some fantastic advice and encouragement to a classmate who was finding it hard to think of ideas for writing.

Well done, Leo, you are a super star!

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Stars of the Week

Year 2

This week, the star of the week in Year 2 is Ophelia for her fantastic work in science when learning about Life Cycles.

She worked hard to learn the facts about the animals development from egg to adult when talking about butterflies and amphibians. She asked interesting questions about the differences between animal eggs!

Well done, Ophelia!



Year 3

This week in Beech Class, Storm is our shining star!

During our D&T sewing project, Storm was a fantastic role model, offering encouragement and support to her friends when they found sewing challenging.

She showed great patience and perseverance, taking her time to produce neat, careful stitches and never giving up.

Well done, Storm.



Year 4

This week, our star of the week is Cali. We were writing a postcard as if we were in the Amazon and I was so pleased with Cali as she

completed the task completely independently. She also remembered where you write on a postcard and was able to put the address on the correct side.

Well done, Cali!



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Sports Star

This week Leo is the star of the week. However, Leo could be the star every week. He listens to all the technicals he is taught and can put them into a game situation. He will partner up with anyone in his class happily and adapt his play to help his classmates.

He is simply a joy to teacher!

Thank you for being a star Leo!



Science Star

This week, Isaac is our Science Star!

During our friction investigation, Isaac worked brilliantly with his partner to test whether different materials affected the amount of friction and how far an object travelled.

He carefully used both his scientific enquiry and mathematical skills to measure and compare his results. Isaac explained his findings using precise scientific vocabulary.

Well done, Isaac.



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Happy Birthday

A big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Rowan and Mabel who are celebrating their Birthdays this week!

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



This weeks activities

Oak Class

Our EYFS “Under the Sea” provision has been a huge success, capturing the children’s imagination and supporting learning through play across all areas of development.

The children have enjoyed exploring sea creatures in small world play, creating their own ocean scenes through painting and collage, and developing early maths skills by counting, sorting, and representing numbers using sea-themed resources.

In literacy, they have been labelling sea animals, sharing ideas, and retelling underwater stories using new vocabulary such as “captured,” “glimmered,” and “hauled”.

Outdoor learning has extended their experiences further with water play, bubbles, and imaginative role play as deep-sea explorers.



This weeks activities

Apple Class

The children in Apple class have enjoyed a new measuring unit in maths this week. They have explored mass, capacity and volume.

Louis remembered the mathematical word 'mass' for measuring the weight of something. All the children could say if an object was heavier or lighter than another and Hunter impressed Mrs Gould by telling her when the objects were 'equal' in mass.

Their favourite part of the learning was exploring capacity and volume! Apple class understood that capacity is how much a container can hold. Vincent was able to say that the bowl had the greatest capacity and Finley knew which containers the same size held the greatest volume.

We all had fun seeing just how big the capacity of the bowl was and used other containers to fill it up. The children used the words 'empty', 'nearly empty' and 'full'. They were then able to use 'half full' and even 'three quarters full' for Mrs Gould's drinking bottle which linked back to their brilliant learning on fractions last week. Well done Apple class for being curious and reflective in your maths learning!



This weeks activities

Beech Class

Year 3 had a fantastic Design and Technology morning, where they learned valuable sewing skills, including how to sew on buttons and use a running stitch to join materials.

They showed great focus and determination while creating their very own pencil cases using carefully chosen materials. The finished products were absolutely fantastic, and everyone should feel very proud of their work.

Well done, Beech Class!



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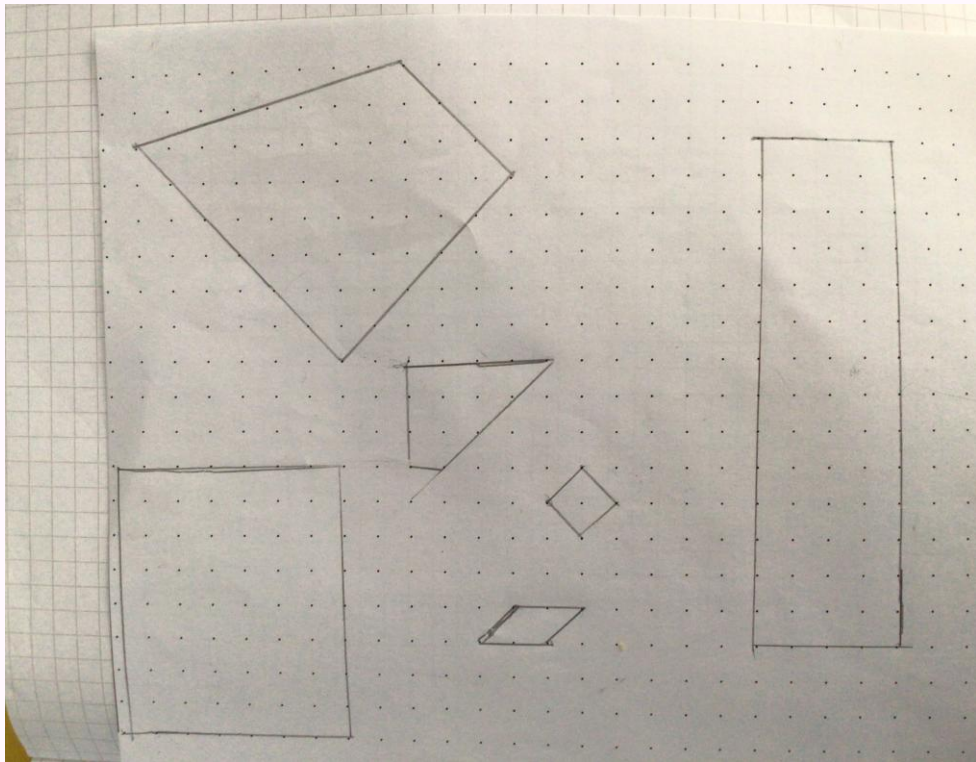
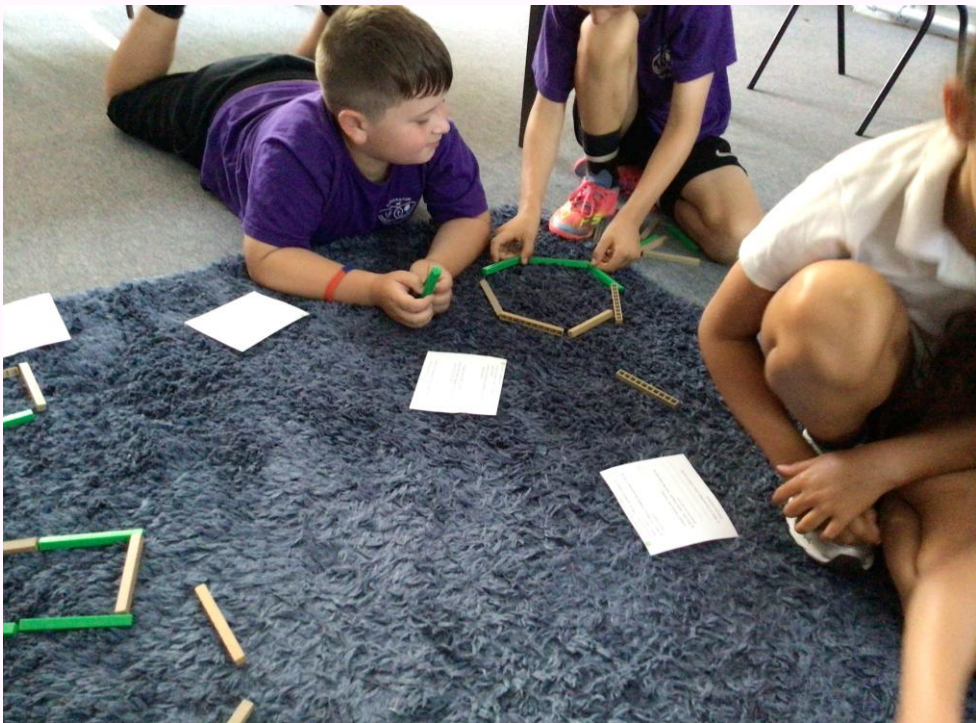
Sycamore Class

We have been learning about shapes this week in Year 4.

They were shocked to find out that triangles can't be upside down, it's just that we are used to seeing them in one orientation.

An even bigger surprise was to learn that a square is a special type of rectangle!

We used the Base 10 to create our own shapes on the carpet as well as drawing them on dotted paper.





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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