

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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

Autumn Term



Spotlight

Welcome back everyone!
And a special welcome to our new starters.

Please remember to label all items of school uniform so that we can ensure these are brought home with the correct children. If you’d like to purchase some more we have some second hand available at both school sites for just £1 per item!

UPCOMING EVENTS

* PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS

- 14th September – Siblings to head to Barley for joint photos

* Y2 Meet the Teacher

- 16th September – 14.40 to 15.00 at Barley

* Pupil Flu Vaccinations

- 28th September – Reception to Y4

A message from our Headteacher

Welcome Back to a Wonderful New School Year!

It has been so lovely to welcome everyone back after the summer break and see our Federation come alive again. What a wonderful start to the new school year we have had! A very warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and their families. Our new children have settled incredibly well and are already exploring, playing and learning so happily. In Oak Class, we are delighted to welcome Grace, Hallie, Indigo, Albie, Robyn, Skylar, Austin, Arthur, Remy, Rosie and Ella, with Thanha joining us next week. Mrs Edwards, Mrs Bailey and Miss Horton are incredibly proud of all our EYFS children.

Our Value – Thankfulness

Our Federation value this half term is thankfulness. This week, we have been thinking about how thankfulness is not just about saying thank you, but about noticing and appreciating the good things in our lives. Even when we have difficult days, there are always little things we can notice and be thankful for. I have challenged the children to think of one thing they are thankful for each day. Why not try this together at home too? We would love to hear some of your ideas!

Our New Year 4 Role Models

It has been lovely to see our new Year 4 children taking their important seats in Collective Worship. As the oldest children in our Federation, they have an important role as role models for younger pupils. What brilliant role models our Sycamore Class children are already proving to be!

A Very Special Visitor at Barkway!

We had an exciting visitor at Barkway this week when Gabriel the beekeeper safely removed a colony of bees. The children were fascinated to see, touch and smell the honeycomb and learn about how bees make honeycomb and work together within their colony. A wonderful real-life learning experience!

A Reminder About Operation Encompass

Barley and Barkway Federation is an Operation Encompass Federation. This means that, when the police attend a domestic incident where a child has been present, we are confidentially informed the following day. This helps us understand a child’s circumstances and provide the right support when needed. Information is shared only with key staff and is always handled with care and confidentiality.

Meet the Teacher

Our Meet the Teacher meetings will take place over the next couple of weeks. These are a lovely opportunity to find out more about your child’s year group, their learning and expectations for the year ahead. Our ‘Who’s Who’ staff guide is also available on the Federation website for new and existing families.

Key Dates

Key dates can be found on our website under ‘News and Events’ and then on our Federation Calendar. They will also be shared in our weekly newsletters and updated throughout the year.

Forest School is Back!

We are excited for our first Forest School session of the year! Reception and Year 1 will be visiting Newsells on Thursday 17th September. Please see the separate email for further information.

A special thank you

A special thank you to Mr Marsh, who has joined us at Barley this week for a week of experience before he begins his PGCE at Homerton, Cambridge. Thank you so much for all of your help, enthusiasm and positivity throughout the week. A particular highlight was your fantastic ukulele performance and music lesson at Barley yesterday for Music Club, the children absolutely loved it! We wish you all the very best as you begin your PGCE. We know you will be fantastic, and you are always welcome back at Barley and Barkway Federation!

Goodbye and Thank You

Today we say a fond goodbye and thank you to Mrs White, who leaves our Federation today. Thank you for the care and support you have given our children at lunchtime and during after-school club. We wish you all the very best for the future!

What a Wonderful Start!

Thank you to all our children, families and staff for making the first week back such a happy and positive one. It has been wonderful to see our Federation full of laughter, learning, friendship and excitement once again. I am so excited for all that this year will bring and look forward to working together throughout the year ahead. Here’s to a fantastic year together, filled with faith, curiosity, wellbeing and confidence.

With very best wishes,
Miss Mière
Federation Headteacher

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This weeks activities

Oak Class

What a fantastic start to our EYFS journey!

Our Nursery and Reception children have been settling beautifully into school life, showing such wonderful confidence, curiosity and enthusiasm as they explore their new environment and get to know their friends and teachers.

We have been so proud to see the children beginning to develop their routines, joining in with songs and stories, exploring our indoor and outdoor provision, and learning how to play and learn together.

There have been lots of smiles, new friendships and exciting discoveries along the way! The children have already shown us what fantastic little learners they are, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Well done Oak class!



This weeks activities

Apple Class

Mrs Porter is so proud of all the children and the wonderful learning behaviours they have been showing.

It has been lovely to see everyone making new friends, playing happily together, taking turns and sharing our resources.



We have also been busy little mathematicians. In Maths, we explored repeating patterns by making our own patterns with counters. We then had a go at drawing our repeating patterns onto an image.

We are so proud of you, Apple Class. Keep being amazing!

This weeks activities

Hazel Class

We have had a lovely start to the Autumn term in Hazel class.

This week in Year 2 we really enjoyed being back at school and have been discussing what is special in our world. The children discussed what is important to us in the natural world and started to compare things that are man made to things that grow naturally.



This weeks activities

Beech Class

We have had a great start to our maths learning in Year 3. We are looking at place value and thinking about the value of each digit in a 3 digit number. There is lots of active learning going on as we use Base 10 to make the numbers before we write them.

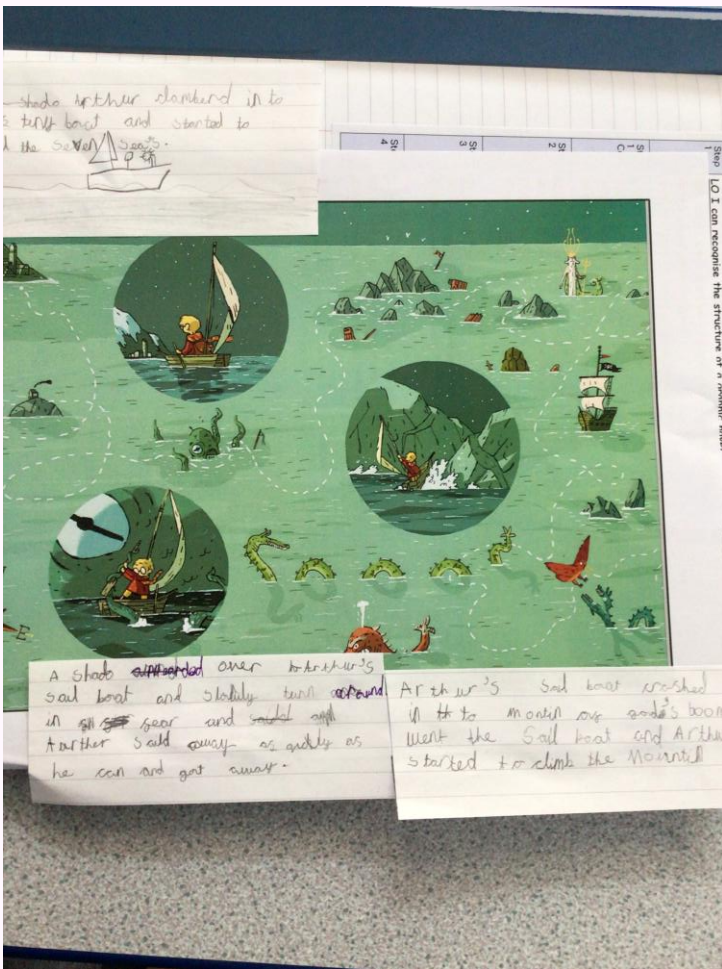
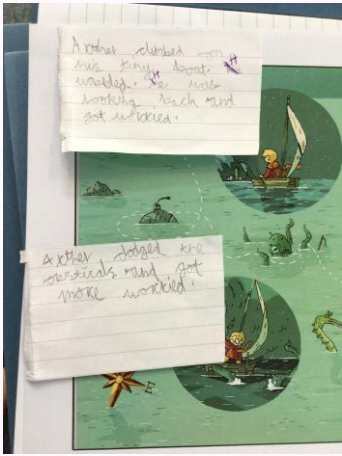
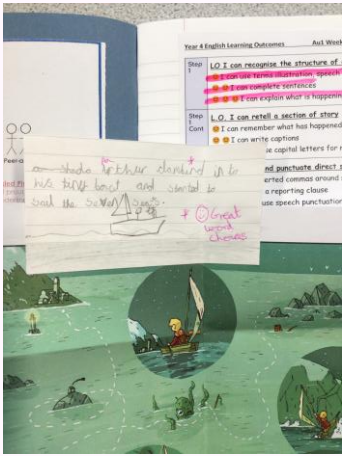
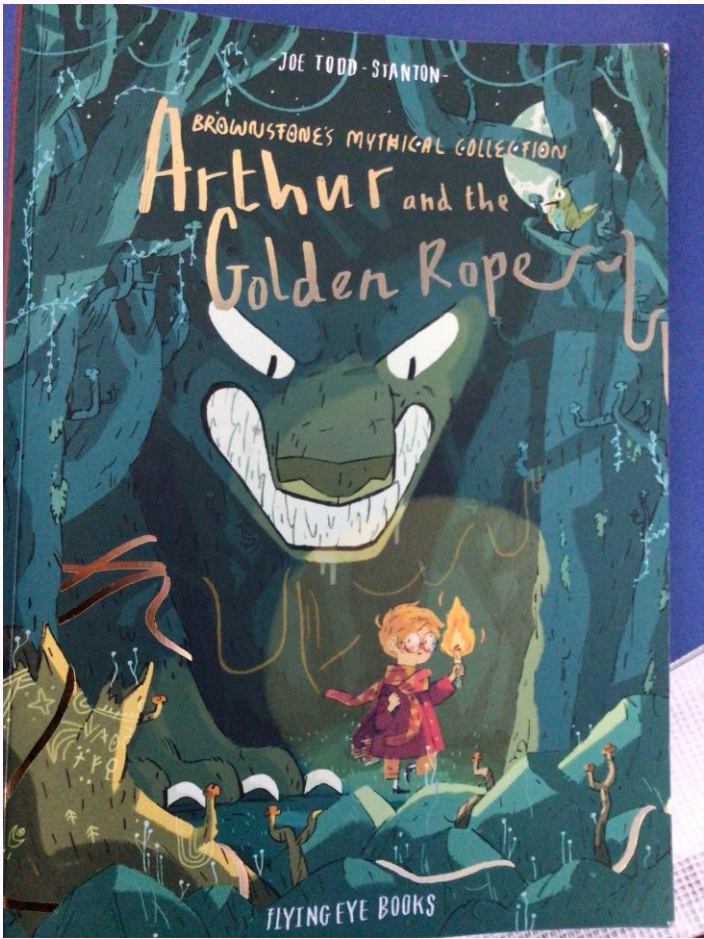


This weeks activities

Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class really enjoyed starting their first English unit for Year 4! They will be writing to entertain their parents and carers with a graphic novel, inspired by the brilliant book - Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton. The children started by exploring the illustrations, there were so many details to spot and sometimes we found out more from the pictures than the words themselves. They then focused on the part of the story that describes Arthur's adventures, setting sail on the sea that has only graphic panels and no captions. The children worked in small groups to retell the story using the clues from the pictures to understand what happened.

They then wrote captions to accompany each picture panel. Mrs Gould was very impressed by the interesting vocabulary the children used in their writing. Willow began her writing with 'Arthur dodged the obstacles....' and Jaxon wrote 'Arthur clambered in the tiny boat'. Eva wrote the wonderful expanded noun phrase, 'He looked ahead, wondering how long it would take.' Storm added in some lovely description - 'Arthur climbed into the tiny boat using the oars'. It was brilliant to see Jake use joining words in his writing - 'He was paddling with a wooden paddle but then he felt a bump on his boat...' We were very amused by Isaac's description of Arthur's sudden and rather dramatic end - 'He crashed on the rock. Chew Chew! The End.'



Forms Reminder

This is a reminder for those who haven't already sent us your completed BBF Pupil Allergy Management form:

On 16th June we sent out via email our new 'allergy management' form which would allow our trained staff members to administer Piriton (antihistamine medication) or an Adrenaline Auto-Injection (AAI / JEXT EpiPen) if there was a medical emergency regarding your child on our school site that required either of these medications.

After only receiving a few forms back via email across both school sites, we sent home hard copies to those we haven't heard from.

At Barley Barkway Federation school the health and safety of all our pupils is paramount, and anaphylactic reactions can be fatal which is why it's so important for us to know whether we may be able to medically assist your child using our medications that are stored on both school sites.

If you require another copy or have any questions regarding this form being sent home either via email or a hard copy please contact the school offices:

Barley – Mrs Piper: admin@barleybarkway.herts.sch.uk

Barkway – Miss Jordan: office@barleybarkway.herts.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

Miss Jordan
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