



Barford St. Peter's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

The sound of Christmas has been drifting through the school this week with Christmas play rehearsals well under way! Tickets for performances have been distributed this week so please keep a look out in your child's book bag.

Children have also been taking part in assessments this week and we have been very impressed with their ability to show us what they have learned so far this year.

Last week we were delighted to have the opportunity to watch the Second City Brass Ensemble who performed a range of songs to the whole school, including a repertoire of tunes from Disney films. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the brass instruments and had the opportunity to ask the musicians questions as well.

As the weather turns colder, please could we remind you to send children in to school with a coat, hat and gloves (with names!) to keep them warm at break and lunchtimes? Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Wishing you all a very peaceful weekend,

Mrs Mary Baker

Year 4 Cake Sale

Next Friday 1st December we will be hosting a cake sale for Children to buy a cake at break time. We would be very grateful if year 4 parents could provide cakes! If you would like your child to buy a cake, please send them in with £1 on Friday.



BBC Children in Need Appeal



Thank you all for your support with the BBC Children in Need Appeal. Your contributions raised a whopping £589! The school and the Rotary Club would like to thank you for your kind and generous support.

What we've been learning

Reception

We have enjoyed an exciting week in Reception, playing and learning around the traditional story of The Gingerbread Man. The children were keen to make puppets of the story characters this week and then we brought it all to life making real gingerbread men, including a big one. The big one helped us with our maths understanding of 'whole' and 'parts'. One whole gingerbread man was made up of several parts and we used this to explore other things in our classroom with multiple parts as part of 'one whole' such as toy cars, animals and even the pizzas in our café!

In forest school this week we looked at the variation in leaf shapes and made a leaf museum on the big logs, sorting them into the different shapes. We identified the leaves on a poster and learned the names of some of the trees around our school such as beech, oak, willow, fir and maple.

We have also started to rehearse singing and dancing for our Christmas play and with Miss Ruby's help it's starting to look great!



Year 1

This week we have been rehearsing for our Christmas play and practising our acting skills! In forest school we have been on a mini-beast hunt and talked about the importance of not moving creatures to different places when we find them! We also looked closely at them.

In English we have been retelling the story of 'Sparks in the Sky' which is about bonfire night and fireworks. We have been writing the story in our own words. In maths we have been learning how to subtract using equipment. In phonics we have been learning the split digraph u-e sound, for example tune. In PE we have been practicing our dances for the Christmas play.

Year 2

In year 2 we have been learning poems in English. We listened to the poem 'Look at the Train'. We have been practising our Christmas play and have been leaning our lines.

In guided reading we have been learning about the book 'The Antlered Ship' and answering lots of questions about it. In maths we have been doing our assessments to show Mrs Feldman what we have learned and last week we started adding two 2-digit numbers together using base ten!

In phonics we have been learning about 'es' and 'ing' endings. In Science we have been looking at local habitats and things that are living, dead, or never alive in them.

Year 3

In maths we have been revising our times tables and doing fun tests on the board where you have a specific time to do ten questions. We are doing different levels of questions; we started on bronze today and most of us moved up, hooray!

In RE we have been learning about Allah and developing our knowledge of Islam. We have also been practising the Christmas play and learning some dances for the songs. In P.E. we have continued with our fitness topic and have been learning to do stretches as part of a warm down at the end.

In English we have been watching the John Lewis Christmas advert about kindness. We talked about the different stories illustrating kind acts and then wrote our own stories based on one of the characters, the hedgehog.

Year 4

In English we have been learning about apostrophes. In maths we have been developing our understanding of column subtraction. In P.E we have continued to develop our fitness by doing circuits. We have also been practising our Christmas play by learning the songs.

In our Egyptian projects we have been making our sculptures and we are looking forward to bringing them in next week for an exhibition!

In art we have been learning to make clay canopic jars which is linked to our Egyptians topic.

Year 5

In year 5 we have started our chocolate topic and we are now designing our own chocolate bars!

In maths we have been developing our learning of multiplication. In guided reading we have been answering questions about Charlie and the chocolate factory.

On Wednesday we went to Cadbury's world and we had loads of fun. We took part in a workshop which taught us all about how to design a new chocolate bar and the importance of having a unique selling point.

In English we have been writing our own stories about the hedgehog from the John Lewis advert, thinking about his feelings. In PE we have been doing high intensity training circuits. In art we have been creating portraits of ourselves in the style of Pablo Picasso.

Year 6

This week we have started our new class book 'Treason'. In English we have also been writing letters to Anne Boleyn from King Henry VIII. Also, we have been learning the subjective form/ mood. In maths we have been learning about BIDMAS (brackets, indices, division, multiplication, addition, subtraction) fractions and long division.

In P.E. we have been playing hockey - passing and dribbling. In PHSE, we have been learning about respect and what it means. In history we have been learning about king Edward the VI and whether he was a puppet king or not. Also, we have been debating about whether King Henry VIII is a good king or a bad king.

Practical Presents

This year we would like to invite families to take part in the Warwickshire and Solihull blood bikes 'practical presents'. This initiative is designed to help children and teenagers who may be in hygiene poverty. If you are able to donate toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant or sanitary products, please bring them to the office no later than Friday 15th December. Thank you.



This Week's Prayer

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." - **Isaiah 7:14**

Almighty God,



As we approach the season of Advent and all the excitement it brings, prepare our minds to keep the true Christmas story in our hearts. Help us to reflect each day on the true wonder of the birth of Jesus and what this has meant for all of your children yesterday, today and forever.

Amen

FABs

The new FABs team would love some feedback from parents including which events you would like to see and what you would like the money raised by FABs to be spent on. If you are able to complete the short questionnaire by clicking the link below we would be very grateful! Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/eGZ3nzuKkG>



New EYFS Outdoor Area!

You may have noticed that the pre-school and Reception play area has been renovated over the half term holidays, with new safer surfacing installed. We would like to extend our huge thanks to the FABs committee for funding this much needed project.



Job Opportunity – Warwickshire Schools Cook for Educaterers

Educaterers are looking to recruit a new member of staff on a 0 hours contract, with a rate of pay of £10.52. If you are interested please contact:

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Autumn Term Dates 2023

Date & Time	Event
Friday 1 st December	Year 4 Cake Sale
Thursday 7 th December 2pm	Christingle Service @ St. Peter's Church
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 th December 2pm	KS1 & Reception Christmas Show
Tuesday 12 th December 5pm	KS1 & Reception Christmas Show
Wednesday 13 th December 10am	Whole school visit to 'Nativity'
Thursday 14 th December 5pm	KS2 Christmas Performance (Years 3/4/5)
Friday 15 th December 2pm	KS2 Christmas Performance (Years 3/4/5)
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 st December 1.30pm	Christmas Carol Service @St. Peter's Church
Friday 22 nd December	INSET DAY