



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

Together we love; together we learn

Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

October marks the beginning of Black History Month, and this week we have been learning all about Stevie Wonder in our collective worship. Certainly an inspirational man who campaigned tirelessly for civil rights as well as overcoming challenges to become an exceptional musician. It would be wonderful if you could play your child some of his songs at home; in school we listened to 'Isn't she lovely' and 'Sir Duke'. We also looked at the career of Rugby Union star Maggie Alphonsi and how Rosa Parks peacefully changed laws on segregation.

This week I have thoroughly enjoyed baking with years 2 and 5. It was wonderful to harvest the beetroot and some thyme from the kitchen garden to make beetroot and feta tart with year 5, who have certainly mastered the bridge and claw chopping technique and even did some cross hatching on the pastry. Super skills year 5!

Year 2 collected eggs from our hens to use in our bread rolls. We learned all about yeast and had a good try at kneading dough – they did a great job!

The highlight of the week has of course been the Harvest Festival; we are so proud of all the children for their confident performances. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Mary Baker

Year 5 Cake Sale



Next Friday 13th October year 5 will be holding a cake sale. **This time we are going to ask children to bring in £1 if they would like to buy a cake instead of using parent pay.** If children bring in £1 they will be collected from class and have the opportunity to buy a cake. **Only the children who have £1 to buy a cake will be taken to the hall to**

buy one. Thank you. If you donated previously for all cake sales on Parent Pay, thank you, and please confirm with the school office.

Family Quiz Night!

Please do come along and join us for the family quiz night on Friday 20th October from 5pm to 7pm. To book tickets please use the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/jAJueP5S3B>

FABs Needs You!

FABS is appealing for parents, carers or teachers to join the committee so that it can continue to raise funds for school. **We are in urgent need of new members to continue running the PTA.**

The FABS AGM will be held on **Wednesday 18th October at 2pm.** All are welcome to attend and if you would like to join us at the meeting, please email fabs.treasury@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your support. Please contact the school office if you would like anymore information.

Jewellery

Just a reminder that children should not be wearing bracelets in school as these are not part of the school uniform policy. Children are allowed to wear a simple watch and plain, stud earrings only. If your child is wearing a bracelet for **religious reasons**, please could you email the school office or Mrs Baker to let us know. Children will be asked to remove any bracelets or other jewellery which is not part of the uniform. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Harvest Festival

This year we are asking for donations to the Red Cross Emergency Appeal as we consider all those in need

around the world following recent disasters such as the floods in Libya and earthquake in Morocco. If you would like to donate the link is here:

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/donate>

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our coffee morning to help us raise money for Macmillan. We raised £306 due to your generosity, thank you!



What we've been learning

Reception

We have been following the themes of 'understanding our emotions' and 'kindness' over the last two weeks, using the stories of 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas and 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister to support our learning. We have been so impressed with the children's compassion towards others and thoughtful contributions towards our class discussions.

In maths we had fun this week rearranging the Rainbow Fish's scales so we could count how many there were of each colour by lining them up.

In phonics we learned our first tricky word, 'is', and used it to make up sentences about how we are feeling. The children did some great acting to display different feelings for us all to work out. We have had lots of fun making story character puppets and story telling using pictures to help us sequence known stories.

In art we have been exploring different ways of printing and some of the children chose to make their own beautiful fish pictures using a range of materials and mark makers.

In PE we had lots of fun using our wheeled vehicles and improving our hand eye co-ordination with balls and bean bags.



Year 1

This week in year one we have been writing about 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes and we made predictions about what might happen in the story.

In maths we have been using the symbols greater than, less than and equal to, to compare numbers. In art we have been learning to use different printing techniques to make collages. In history we have been learning about toys from the 90s and comparing them to modern day toys.

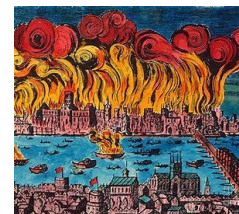
We linked our Forest School learning with our science and used the school grounds to investigate all the different types of trees, looking at the different shapes of leaves. **By Henry T**



Year 2

In maths we have been learning about number lines and how to count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, and 10s. In P.E. we have been learning some more ball skills such as how to dribble the ball at speed. In topic we have looked at Samuel Pepys' diary and have mapped out how far the fire travelled over four days.

In R.E. we looked at how Shabbat is honoured in Jewish houses. In Science, we carried out an experiment with ice. In English, we wrote our own version of The Great Fire of London trying to use really amazing vocabulary. We have also been using charcoal and practising our sketching skills in art. On top of all of this learning, we have been singing our song and reading our poem for the Harvest Festival. **By Artur and George.**

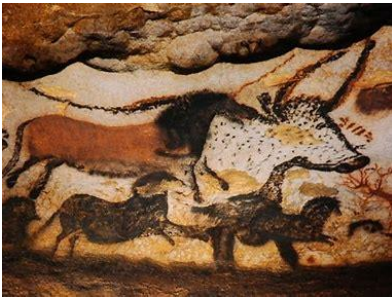


Year 3

In maths we have been developing our problem solving and reasoning skills by using tricky missing number lines and identifying and explaining where the errors were. We also did a test to practise our number bonds to 100.

In music we learned how to sing 'My dog is a good dog' with actions. In our tables we did a performance, deciding who would be saying and clapping slug, spider, caterpillar, butterfly, grasshopper and a mystery rhythm for pups it was penguin for puppies and it was ladybug for piglets.

In English we have been writing newspaper reports about the Lascaux Paintings. These paintings were discovered by 4 boys who had lost their dog!



We have also been learning our song for Harvest Festival. In R.E. we have been exploring how different people see God and in PHSE we have revisited our early warning signs.
By Matilda and Elise W

Year 4

In Spanish with Mrs Del Rio we have been learning numbers up to 30 and our greetings. In maths we have been learning about rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000. In R.E. we have been finding out about different charities which provide food to people across the world, and writing prayers about them for the harvest service. In our music lessons, we are starting to learn how to play brass instruments, and we now have our own mouthpieces so we can practise making a noise with them!

Our history lessons this week have been about Ancient Egypt and the Afterlife and we have been finding out what they thought happened to someone after they had died. At the end, they had to have their heart weighed against a feather to see if they had been a good person!
By Niahlaasya & Mia

Year 5

This week in maths we have been learning about number pyramids. In English our new book is called 'The Rain Player' and we are also reading 'The boy at the back of the class'. We have also been using VIPERS questions in guided reading.

We have also been exploring the features of the diary entries, in preparation for when we write our own. We also had a special English lesson on Thursday when we wrote poems about 'what makes me, me', we wrote our poems in the style of a recipe and included things like; 'a sprinkle of smiles', 'a litre of laughter' and 'a dash of sportiness'. We are submitting our poems to the Young Writers 'This is Me' poetry competition, which is really exciting!

In Geography, we explored the Maya City States and what features they always included, we then used our history skills to compare the Ancient Egyptian pyramids to the Temple Pyramids that featured in Maya Citites. In art we did Pablo Picasso paintings which look amazing!
By Liz and Sybil



Year 6

This week we have been reciting a poem for the Harvest Service. We have been writing adaptations from the hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. In maths we have been finding common factors and problem solving.

With Mrs Del Rio in Spanish we have been celebrating 'European day of Languages' by drawing self-portraits inspired by Pablo Picasso. In music we have been learning about pitch. And in R.E we have been learning about the soul and talking about what it means to us. In PE we have been practising some passes in basketball and netball. And in English we have been writing up a disgusting recipe as the three witches in Macbeth.

By Harry J, Imogen and Charlotte.

This Week's Prayer



Almighty God,

As we think about the time of harvest, we thank you that we are lucky enough to have plenty of food all year round in our country. Bless all the farmers as they work to provide us with that food, despite facing incredible challenges every day. Please support them in their invaluable work so we may continue to have many generations of dedicated farmers throughout our future.

Amen

Mrs Harris

We received the very sad news this week that Mrs Jan Harris passed away last Friday. Mrs Harris was a dedicated and professional member of the office team for many years. She was the kindest lady and was very much loved and respected by all who worked with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this time.

Road Safety

It has been brought to our attention that several children are riding their bicycles and scooters unsafely to and from school, including not wearing helmets, riding without hands on the handlebars, and in the middle of the road. We will be discussing this in school next week, and would appreciate it if you could talk to your children about riding bicycles and scooters safely. Thank you.

<https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/bike-safety.html>

Is my child too ill for school?

In line with our admissions policy and helping the children to achieve their full potential through regular school attendance here is a useful link on illness and school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Bumped Head Arrangements

If your child has a head bump at school, no matter how minor it seems, we will send an accident slip home in book bags **and** send an email. If the head injury is in any way more serious or we have any concerns we will call parents/carers to discuss the injury and further steps.

Autumn Term Dates 2023

Date & Time	Event
Friday 13 th October	Year 5 cake sale
Sunday 15 th October	Family Service @ St. Peter's
Friday 20 th October 5pm	Family Quiz Night
Wednesday 25 th October 1pm to 5pm	Parents' Meetings (via zoom)
Thursday 26 th October 3.30pm to 7pm	Parents' Meetings (via zoom)
Friday 27 th October	INSET day
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
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