

# The Borders Partnership of Primary Schools Barnby & North Cove Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

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#### **Reading Champions**

Here are our Reading Champions this week!

As well as receiving a certificate, the champions will be part of a 'Lucky Draw' to be awarded a book to two pupils per week - one from Willow / Chestnut and one from Acorn / Oak!

This week our Reading Champions are:

Acorn Class - Jax, Archie, Ben

Oak Class - Huxley and Jax

Willow Class - Sophia

Chestnut Class - Alice

Well done to all Have a great week and remember 'Keep Reading!'

#### Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

Wow what another fantastic week. Everyone has worked so hard, persevering in their learning and doing their absolute best. We are so close to finishing our talk for writing story and are super excited to perform it for you next week so watch out on the facebook page to see all our dedication love of learning pay off! We have been learning all about patterns this week and have done this using sound, movement, pictures, music, words and a range of different resources in our classroom. We have love pattern stories and poems too!













#### Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class Continued...

We also have lots of congratualtions to give this week! Well done to Grace and Esmae who have won the citizen and star of the week this week and a big congratulations to the whole of Acorn Class for working hard as a team to fill their class pom pom jar. When the pom pom jar is full we pick a treat for the class to enjoy together as a class family. We have voted and put our ideas into a bar chart to look at the results and the majority of the votes went to a cosy hot chocolate and story snuggled up by the fire pit. This will be happening on Friday morning next week and the children are welcome to bring in a blanket and a teddy for this time. Well done team!













#### Message from Mrs Bramwell – Oak Class

We have decided to change our career in Oak Class. Having been authors we have now decided to become poets. During our English lessons this week we attended 'poet school'. First we needed to use adjectives to describe the colourful objects that were left in our classroom. This is because all good poets need to be able to paint a picture with words and having a good collection of adjectives will mean we will be able to do this in our new career choice. We have also been investigating the importance of rhyme in poems. We started by matching words that rhyme and then extended our ideas to writing rhyming sentences inspired by pictures. We returned to a collection of old favourites in our class library to inspire our rhyming skills by rereading Oi Aardvark! There were so many examples of rhyme we had forgotten. Still to come, before we can begin to write our own poetry successfully we are going to find out about similes and alliteration.







#### Message from Mr Huxtable - Willow Class

Willow Class have been remarkable this week. We have enjoyed some fantastic maths this week. We learned a fantastic strategy to help us subtract by only using addition! We recognised that subtraction is not only taking away an amount but also showing us the difference between two numbers. I wonder if your child can show you this magic by using a number line at home!

I have been really impressed by the reading in class as well and all the children deserve a huge well done. I really hope this continues as it has been a fantastic boost to their learning, especially in our whole class reading sessions.

Yesterday, we were lucky enough to be invited to a talk by a representative from Greenpeace. The children demonstrated fantastic listening skills and asked some amazing questions that really demonstrated their considerations of their future and others. We will be turning this fantastic talk into some inspirational poetry next week.

Finally, as the weather starts to worsen, it is vital that the children bring a change of shoes with them to school. They must be in a drawstring bag or carrier bag and taken home each night. This is to stop the classroom smelling of damp shoes for when the children return in the morning which, as you can imagine, doesn't create a pleasant learning environment.

## GREENPEACE

#### Message from Mr Lea – Chestnut Class

This has been a very busy week for Chestnut class.

We have continued our Science work on 'Earth and Space' and focused on how the sun can help us tell the time. We created SunDials and went out every hour to mark the position of the shadow - now we can tell the time without the aid of a clock or mobile phone!





In English we introduced the Poetry step - where children can showcase lines of poetry that they have written. This meant that everyone really thought carefully about their vocabulary choices before they announced their work to the class! This became very popular with queues forming in lessons - Well done to everyone - you have been amazing poets this week!

### Message from Mr Lea – Chestnut Class Continued

We were also very lucky to have a visiting speaker this week from Greenpeace to talk to us about Sustainable Transport - we all learnt a great deal and made us think deeply about choices we will have to make in our future lives. He commented on the fantastic questions that were posed! We look forward to using our new found knowledge to create poems that can be entered in the Greenpeace Poetry competition!





Thanks to all those family members who continue to read with the pupils - you are making a big difference to their confidence in Whole Class Reading sessions!