



The Borders Partnership of Primary Schools

Barnby & North Cove Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Pupil Parliament

Our annual Pupil Parliament election was held last week. Each year 6 candidate read out their wonderful mission statements to our pupils in assembly. During that afternoon our pupils voted by placing their X on the voting slip and posting it into the ballot box. The votes were counted and congratulations go to Reuben, Zak, Alice, Autumn, Willow and Lily.

We had our very first meeting on Tuesday and have been very proactive already.

Today they took part in assembly, sharing their request to organise a food collection for those who are in need, building links with it being the time of year that we celebrate Harvest Festival. They have asked for donations of non-perishable food. They held up examples of food which could be brought in. Thank you to Delilah who stood in for Alice today. Pupils can either hand their donations to a member of staff or take them along to Chestnut Class. We are hoping to donate the food to a local food bank on 20th October. It would be great if we could collect as much or even more than last year. We hope you can help us achieve this.



Message from Miss Danks—Acorn Class

This week in Acorn class We have been learning to compare different amounts. We have been using the mathematical vocabulary more than, most, fewer, less, equal to and unequal to when explaining our thinking as a group. We have now begun learning about people who help us in the community and we have all had a great time role playing these different roles. Thank you to those who sent a picture and description of their jobs to me, it is a fantastic way of promoting communication and literacy and the children love talking about their families. If anyone else hasn't emailed and would still like to we can share these next week! Show and tell is next week so if anyone has any costumes, characters or vehicles of 'people who help us' them bring them in on Wednesday!

Please note... The writing sheets that get sent home in their bookbags are to be completed with an adult. It is unhelpful to their learning for them to practice alone as they could be writing the wrong formation and will then form bad habits which are hard to undo.

Have a lovely weekend... One more fantastic week of learning to go!



Message from Mrs Bramwell—Oak Class

Are you a Town Mouse or a Country Mouse?

In geography we have been finding out about our local area - the area around our school. We have drawn maps with keys to identify important places and now we are looking at the wider area.

We have been considering if we live in a rural or an urban location. We began by exploring the features of a rural area with fields and farms, woods and rivers and then we considered an urban area with traffic jams and tower blocks, high streets and lots of people.

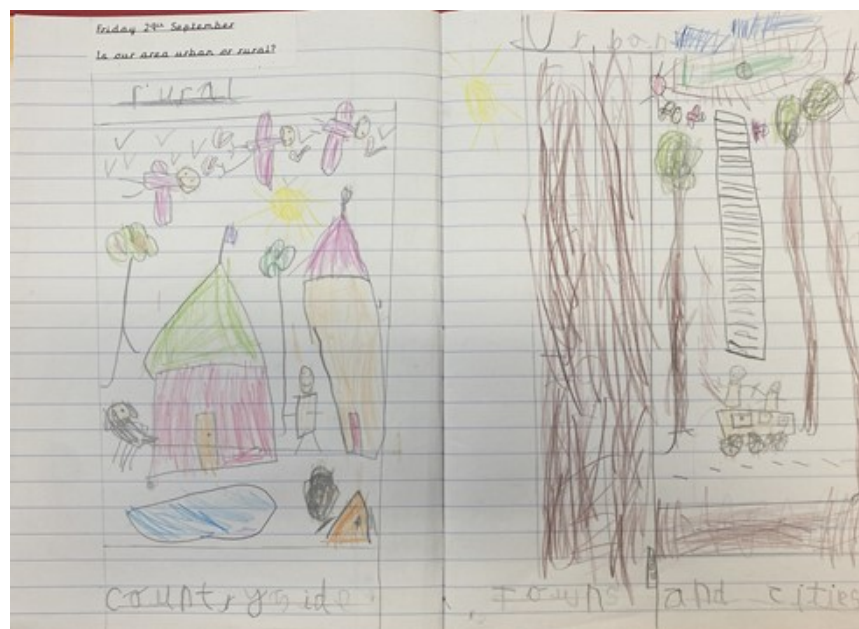
We illustrated and labelled our drawings comparing the two places. We are now ready to discover where we live rather than where the school is. We have decided the school is in a rural area but what about where we live with our family?

This weekend draw a picture or take a photograph of the view from your bedroom window. What can you see? From what you know about the features of rural and urban areas which do you think you live in? Email Mrs Bramwell or bring your pictures into school so we can compare where our individual homes are.

Wellies and warm clothes -

It would appear that autumn is on the way at last!. Please could you ensure children have coats and outdoor shoes in school (wellies?) so we can keep our carpet area as mud free as possible and avoid any soggy sock situations. We will enjoy the outdoors whatever the weather so please ensure your child has a coat to keep warm and dry. Thank you.

Have a fabulous weekend!



Message from Mrs Hall—Willow Class

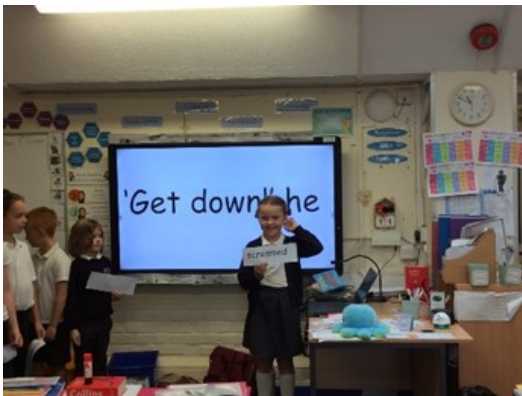
What has happened to the weather? One minute we are enjoying hot sun the next we are all putting our wellies and coats on!

This week in Willow, we have begun planning our big projects in Geography and Science. We have been re-searching our topic using fact files, search engines and books. Next week we will use our research to create a persuasive poster.

In English, we have continued working on our poetry topic. Our new class book is *Cloud Busting* by Malorie Blackman. We began by looking closely at the cover and blurb and making some predictions and inferences. We then delved into the first chapter and had some good conversations about where we think the story is going and what it may be about. We also looked at the unusual structure of the text. Did you know poetry doesn't always rhyme and sometimes it sounds like a story?

We thought carefully about the verbs we can use in dialogue. Our favourite phrase right now is 'SAID IS DEAD!'

One of our activities was to decide how many different verbs we could use in a dialogue sentence.



In maths, we have continued looking at adding and subtracting across 10 and 100 using various methods. We have thought about the maths skills previously learnt such as number bonds and how they can help us. For example: we can add or subtract to get to the nearest 10 or 100, and then use our number bonds to work out the rest of the journey to the answer. We discussed how many people will use different methods to work things out so it's good to learn as many as possible and then decide on our favourite; whatever works best for you.

Some exciting news for you. Next half term I will be starting a new after school club. This will be a science club, focusing on experimenting and investigating. It will be a very hands on experience and I am sure we will have a lot of fun. So if you have a love of science but would rather spend more time using materials and tools and less time writing then this is the club for you. I look forward to seeing you there.

Message from Mr Euinton – Chestnut Class

And so the curtain draws on the penultimate week of the half-term... It seems scarcely possible but here we are! And what a creative week it's been... Not least in outdoor learning lessons on Tuesday when the children sculpted snakes using modelling clay and natural materials they found on the grounds. I've attached photos of a couple of them to show you all, but I was incredibly impressed with everyone's efforts, not just those shown here.

We also started drafting our free-verse poem in response to Valerie Bloom's *Two Seasons* and I was blown away by the efforts of the class. I genuinely think that writing good poetry is one of the hardest things to do and they've given it a red-hot go and achieved some excellent results.

In mathematics, we have finished looking at addition and subtraction and I'm happy with the general levels of confidence throughout the class. We now move on to the next two of the basic operations - multiplication and division. After completion of this unit after half-term, we will have looked at place value and each of the four basic operations so will be well set to move onto fractions and the like.

Have a great weekend everyone and I look forward to catching up next week at parents' evening.

