



The Borders Partnership of Primary Schools
Barnby & North Cove Primary School
Weekly Newsletter



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Message from Mr Huxtable

Dear families of Barnby and North Cove,

I hope this message finds you well and that you've had a fantastic week. As we near the end of November, it's a pleasure to reflect on the many achievements and exciting activities that have taken place in our school.

Attendance:

This week, we will be reviewing whole school attendance. Parents should ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually and therefore where there are concerns regarding attendance, parents are always informed.

Where a child's attendance record does not improve over a period the following process will take place:

- 95% letter to inform parents of attendance
- 92% if no improvement following the 95% letter
- Parents to attend meetings to discuss attendance and actions agreed.
- Fixed Penalty Notices
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We have an understanding of individual pupils' absences and record reasons as to why attendance might be an issue; however, it is the school's obligation to communicate with parents when attendance reaches certain levels to ensure next steps are in place.

Student Success:

Our pupils continue to impress us with their enthusiasm for learning. This week, we had some fantastic achievements in Willow Class with their wonderful Science investigations around sound. Oak Class were experts about telling me how to make friends whilst Chestnut investigated animals living in the rainforest with great confidence and knowledge.

It really has been an exciting week of varied learning. We are looking forward to celebrating further achievements of our pupils outside of school in upcoming celebration assemblies. If your child has done something outside of school that they would like to celebrate, please email your class teacher or send your child into school with things such as pictures, medals and certificates. We would really love to celebrate these achievements as a whole school community.

Important Reminders for the Coming Weeks:

- Winter Clothing: As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. This includes a warm coat, hat, and gloves to keep them comfortable during outdoor play.
- Change of shoes: From Monday, children will need a change of shoes if they want to play on the field. If children do not bring a change of shoes, they will be welcomed onto the playground.

Warm regards,
Mr Huxtable



Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class



We have discovered this week that our love for the Numberblocks is still as strong as it was in Acorn Class. We have made our own staircases of cubes to develop our ordinality (sequencing numbers) and cardinology (how many). These basic skills are part of our learning around mastering number and are supporting our confidence in addition and subtraction where we partition numbers to quickly find the answer. Our presentation in our maths books is improving too. Here are some examples of the different ways we present our understanding.

We have been exploring how living things are dependent on other living things to survive in science. We spent time considering how a squirrel, oak tree and fox all need each other. We had a great debate about what might happen if one or all of the living things were not part of the microhabitat. Without the squirrel the fox is hungry. Without the fox the squirrels will take over the oak tree and eat all of the acorns so there can be no new oak trees and without the oak tree the squirrel has nothing to eat or a safe place to live. This knowledge will be important when we go on to learn about food chains.

Our rehearsals for Hey Ewe are coming along brilliantly with lots of beautiful singing voices being heard. We can't wait to start putting our acting skills together with our singing and dancing for our wonderful show! If your child has words to learn (they have a script if they do) your help at home to practise would be helpful for next week. Thank you for your help.

Have a great weekend.



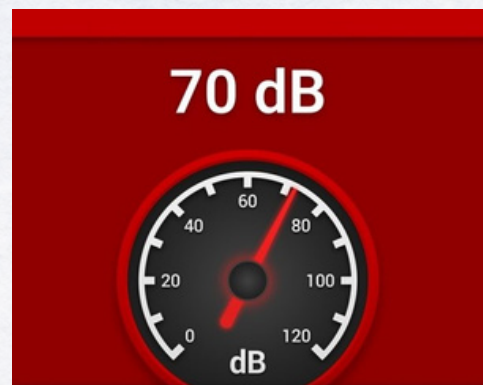
Message from Mrs Hall - Willow Class



Well this week was a lovely special week because it was my birthday! Yey!
Thank you Willow class for celebrating the day with me and for the lovely cards that were specially made for me. I love them all.

Now to this week's learning.

As scientists, we investigated sound insulation. Using a special app, we were able to measure in decibels, how loud Chestnut class were, how loud we were, and how quiet we could be! We worked out that our dividing wall between our class and Chestnut class reduced the noise by 30 decibels. Therefore, our challenge was to work out the best materials for blocking out more of the noise. We investigated the effectiveness, of: cotton wool, foil, felt, shredded cardboard, tissue paper and bubble wrap. Perhaps the children can advise you on how to sound proof their bedrooms so you can have a bit of peace and quiet.



In history, we met some philosophers. We discovered that ancient Greeks were very intelligent people and discovered or invented many things that we find important today. We were also surprised to find a few female philosophers despite only males being entitled to education. Did you know, you wouldn't have clothes today if it wasn't for Pamphile's distaff? This wooden stick twirls to create thread. She also invented weaving so the thread could become cloth. The children were rather amused by Archimedes' discovery while he was in the bath. He realized he could measure the volume of something by seeing how much water was displaced. So many clever discoveries and inventions. All of this came from a lesson involving questions. Well guess what, that idea came for an ancient Greek too; Socrates is responsible for the idea of learning through questioning. There were plenty more philosophers to discover and we didn't learn about all of them!



In R.E, we became detectives on a special case. We had to find the answer to this very tricky question: Is God real? Looking for clues, finding evidence, we got out thinking caps on and found our inner Sherlock Holmes. I do think this will continue to be an open case for quite a while!

Please don't forget regular reading and fill in those reading diaries. Who will be reading champion this week?

Practice those spellings and if you can get onto TTRS then please practice your times tables. It really will help you during our multiplication and division module.

Don't forget that this weekend sees the Christmas Lights Switch on in Beccles and the Christmas Tree Festival in Hungate Church. Why not visit our tree, enjoy the stalls and watch the lights?



**CHRISTMAS
TREE
FESTIVAL**

**HUNGATE CHURCH
BECCLES**

NOV. 24th – 26th

FRIDAY 10.00 am – 12 noon
4.00 pm – 9.00 pm

SATURDAY 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

SUNDAY 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm

ENTRANCE £2

Free for accompanied children
Refreshments in The Stable Cafe

Message from Pupil Parliament & JRSO

Thank you to you all for your support last Friday on our Brightness and Children in Need day. Today, our Pupil Parliament and Junior Road Safety Officers have counted your donations. We are delighted to tell you that we have raised £100.27!

