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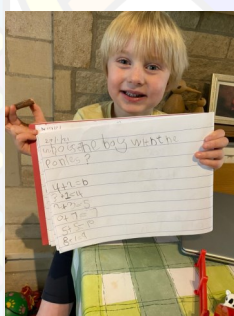
29th January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

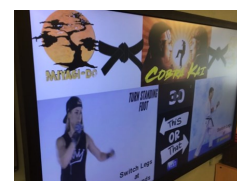
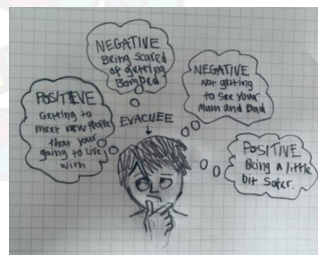
Another 2 weeks has flown past and the children at home and school have been very busy. The snow has been a highlight for many; snowman building, snow angels, tobogganing and snowball fights have been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Read on to discover what everyone has been up to!

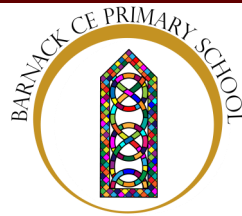
News From The Classrooms:

Reception were very excited with all the snow that we have had at the start of the week. We had great discussions around the weather, how snow melts and all the fun activities we can do in the snow! Last week we learnt all about plastic and this week we are learning how paper is made - this all ties into our topic of recycling. The children have been re-using materials in their homes and school to create some fantastic junk modelling. Everyone has been so engaged in this topic and it's been great to see the steps the children are wanting to take to protect our world. In maths we have been adding to our addition knowledge, using different resources to aid our learning. Overall a very busy couple of weeks, well done Reception!



This week in Year 6 we have been learning how to find the perimeter and area of compound shapes and developed our comprehension skills using our class read "Refugee boy". In history we have looked at primary sources to get an idea of how life must have been like for evacuees during the 2nd world war. We looked at what was positive and negative for these evacuees and recorded our findings creatively. I received posters, animations, PowerPoints and even pupils filming themselves as refugees giving their opinions. We also had lots of fun doing a Karate Kid fitness circuit in PE where we managed to acquire our black belts. Hiii ya!





Well done to everyone in Year 4 for their engagement in learning whether in school or at home.

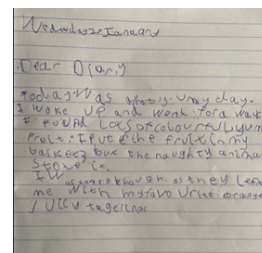
We had an interesting week learning about Judaism. Many of the children (and adults too) thought they would struggle to follow the rules for Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest. Well done to those who had a go at making Challah bread at home. It looks delicious!



A new highlight of our week has been table tennis in our PE lesson. It has been great fun and we are already seeing an improvement in the accuracy of our 'serve' and 'return'.



This week Year 1 have been focusing on their number bonds to 20 and 100, they have done so well at using their understanding of number bonds to answer problem-solving and reasoning questions. We have written our diary entries, as if we are Handa, to explain her day! In the wider curriculum, we have investigated how animal poo can help us identify whether they are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. We have focused this week on kindness and anti-bullying, creating friendship bracelets, with a kind note for our friends.



Over the past two weeks Year 5 have been tackling written methods of multiplication, both long and short. We have been consolidating this knowledge with lots of practice and perseverance. In reading we have looked at the power of inference and we made our own stories that can be understood without any words. In writing, we have begun looking at poetry, limericks and acrostics in particular. We have listened to some silly ones as well as having a go at writing some of our own.

On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have a writer's workshop in which some of us produced fantastic pieces of creative writing.





Year 3 have had a busy couple of weeks. We have enjoyed online music sessions, using scratch to produce a short tune and animation. Maths has seen the children analyse data in bar charts and pictograms as well as converting metric units of measurement. After reading the Iron Man by Ted Hughes, the children have written letters in role as one of the characters. The snow day gave everyone a chance to blow off some steam in the morning and write some awesome Winter Haikus in the afternoon.



The last 2 weeks have flown by in year 2! We have been busy bees (living up to our class name!) learning all about the Great Fire of London, and have even re-designed London after the Great Fire. We had a fabulous time at our music events last week, the children loved creating rhythms using art online and also made up dances to accompany their music. All of year 2 had a great time in the snow this week and I have been sent some fabulous pictures!





A big thank you!



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Dear all

I wanted to write to you following your application for funding from the BGL45schools campaign.

We received an incredible 190 applications and although our fund was sufficient to provide £2,500 for 112 schools, we didn't want to turn anybody down.

It was a difficult decision, but we've decided to spread the fund evenly between all schools, which means you will receive £1,500.

I am sure you will appreciate our desire to help as many schools as possible, and I hope this goes some way to supporting your home schooling efforts.

We know that an element of home schooling, as much as home working, will now become a standard part of life (My partner and I have six children between us and we are already well versed with the likes of Spelling Shed and - as much as I try to avoid it - Times Tables Rock Stars).

With this in mind, the digital capability of our children is something we at BGL will continue to support. I am sure we will work together again in the coming months and years on this subject.

In the meantime, I do hope our support helps you with remote learning and thank you, on behalf of BGL, to everyone involved in teaching throughout lockdown.

Kind regards

Caroline Raines
Group Communications Director

Thank you to the parents who nominated Barnack School for this money.

The school will purchase 7 more Chromebooks to support all of our learners.

We are absolutely delighted!

Special thanks

A very special thanks to Barnack and Ufford Parish Councils who have provided the funding for the school to purchase **30** more Chromebooks! We are absolutely overwhelmed by their generosity and support in delivering the best education to our children and school and home.



Here are the Year 3 children who are super-excited about the arrival of the new class Chromebooks and are looking forward to using them to support their learning.

Thank you for all your continued support, at school and at home. It is wonderful to see the engagement of all our families with learning in and out of the classroom.

Warmest regards,

The Barnack Team

