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17th December 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2020, it's full of news and photographs from across the school!

News From The Classrooms:

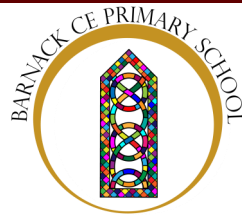
Reception have had a very busy final few weeks. We are delighted to have recorded our Nativity, which is now available to view on the website. The children did a wonderful job learning their lines and remembering all the songs. We had a lot of fun filming it and hope that it will bring some festive cheer into your homes, as you watch it. We had a great final forest school session this week, cooking s'mores on the fire and making Christmas decorations. There has been lots of craft activities happening in Reception this week, where we have been applying our phonics and maths knowledge. We are very excited for Christmas and have enjoyed having Buddy the elf with us for the last few weeks.



In year 6 we had a music day where we were tasked with unpicking the song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams. We looked how the song was put together, how it was influenced and then had the opportunity to sing and play the song using Glockenspiels, guitars and keyboards. William and Lauren did a fantastic job with their solos and Zac M, Louis and Theo gave their all as backing singers. Toby and Harry organised our instrumentalists. It was lovely for them to see the hard work they have put in with their music club, which they run at lunch times for the pupils, really paying off. Everybody contributed to a truly wonderful experience.

On the subject of Toby and Harry's music club, this week saw a large number of pupils completing the first term able to play Jingle Bells on guitars and Keyboards. Due to this achievement, the 2 boys made everybody a certificate and gave out prizes to all participants. It has been wonderful to see pupils passing on and sharing their knowledge and how appreciative the pupils have been towards each other. Thank you Toby and Harry you have done an amazing job.





Year 3 are looking forward to a well earned rest. We have just finished our second R.E. day of the year, focusing on the Carnations of Christ and God.

We are putting the finishing touches to our Class documentary, showcasing all the learning we have enjoyed this term. You can enjoy the finished product on the website. We have also had an entertaining afternoon with the clay, as we tried our hand at creating a pot using the same techniques as Stone Age man.

Year 3 would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year



Year 5 have organised and participated in a charity car wash this week. The idea came from a mental health and wellbeing workshop the class had. They were challenged to carry out 100 random acts of kindness to family, friends and the community. The children wanted to make people smile at the same time as raising money for charity so the idea of a car wash was generated. The class decided that they wanted all proceeds to go to the Amazon Children's ward at Peterborough City hospital to thank them for all the amazing work they do.

To date we have washed approximately 30 cars and raised a massive £225! We want to thank all staff and parents who have been brave enough to have their car washed by us and for their generosity. We are overjoyed with the amount of money raised.



Year 4 have been busy completing art work inspired by our Viking topic. The children have painted the sky, collaged the sea and finally drawn Viking longboats. The children have been thinking about the impact the Vikings have had on us through our Big Question 'What Makes Us Who We Are?'

This week we also completed an RE day, developing our knowledge of the Trinity.

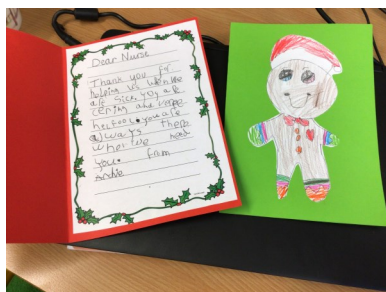




Year 2 have had a brilliant but busy few weeks! We have prepared our documentary that answers the question; "What makes us who we are?". We reflected on all of our learning from this term and the children worked really hard to write, produce, film and edit their documentary about Jamaica, Usain Bolt, the Elizabethan era and Sir Walter Raleigh – the end result is fantastic and we look forward to sharing this with you soon. We have got well and truly into the Christmas spirit too and have enjoyed the adventures of Elvis, our elf over the last few weeks!



Year 1 have really enjoyed their topic this term, they have been learning all about India; the climate, animals and the land. We have constructed the Taj Mahal out of lollipop sticks, tried some yummy Indian food and created some beautiful Rangoli patterns. For our authentic outcome this term, the children have immersed themselves in the community, they have researched and written about people that help us and we created a beautiful Christmas card to send. In Maths, the children have participated in numerous interactive lessons, learning about 2D and 3D shapes and finding these around the School! This week we have made a graph to compare the type of chocolates in our Celebration box- unfortunately for them, Bounty had the most!



Christmas Dinner 2020

Mrs Anthony and Mrs Smith were in school at the crack of dawn to ensure that Christmas dinner was cooked and ready for children and staff of our wonderful school. Turkey, sausages, stuffing and roast potatoes were cooked to perfection and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! It was delicious!





A message from Mrs Jones

As always we have been researching, thinking about and developing how we teach reading in our school. We have been crafting a new curriculum over the last year and weaving in our teaching of reading has been a priority for us. We know that reading and curriculum knowledge have a reciprocal relationship, strengthening each other with the other. Ready for next term, we have invested in the Power of Reading resources to enrich our teaching or reading in discrete lessons as well as embedding in our curriculum. In addition, we have composed a 'reading spine' which is made up of the books we want all of our children to have heard throughout their time at Barnack- this will provide a bountiful legacy for our children as they move onto the next stages in their education.

Next term, in our curriculum lessons, we will be using Quizlet to allow the children to revise, retrieve and quiz themselves on the new knowledge they are gaining in their subject specific lessons. This knowledge will build over the term culminating in an end of term quiz to answer our spring curriculum question- 'In an ever-changing world, how do the choices we make have an impact?'. If you are interested in the knowledge being covered, it can be found on the knowledge organisers on each year group's pages

Christmas Hamper, Tea towels & Cards and Gifts

The BSA and a brilliant team of parents have been working incredibly hard organising fund raising events for the school. They have raised approximately £1000 . Special thanks to Sarah Sidebotham for organising the Christmas cards and gifts, Sian Crosby for tea towel sales and Emma Thorp, Rachael Thornton and Vicki Shaw for putting together the Christmas hampers.



It has been an amazing term and the children and staff have worked incredibly hard. Thank you for all your continued support. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you on the 4th January.

A reminder to email absence@barnack.peterborough.sch.uk for any positive COVID cases—please refer to the letter sent out last week for further information.

Warmest regards,

The Barnack Team

