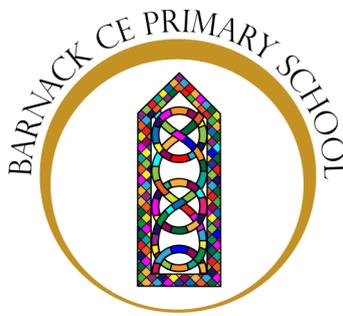


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14th September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school, including to our new families and the Reception children joining our Barnack family. It has been wonderful to see the children running into school eager to be back and eager to learn. There has been a real buzz around school as children and staff embrace the new routines, ensuring that we stay safe, and engaging in fantastic learning opportunities that has brought laughter, gasps and excitement back into the school building—truly wonderful!

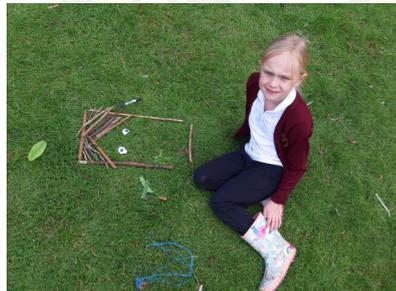
News From The Classrooms:

Year 3 have had a fabulous return to school!

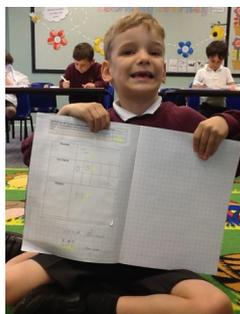
As a class we have all shared our summer projects and have spent time getting to know each other, our likes / dislikes and the things we hold near and dear to us.

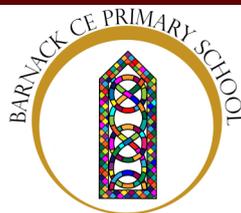
We have had lots of fun in forest school making self-portraits out of woodland material.

We have also started talking about this term's project: The stone age and begun to think about what we might want to learn.



Year 1 have had an amazing first week back! We have spent the week learning about ourselves and each other. They were able to discuss their likes and dislikes and write these in sentences. We have worked collaboratively throughout the week on a variety of tasks; including building monsters and making the tallest ladder. Miss Langan is extremely impressed with how they have been completing their work on their own desk space- Well done Year 1!





Reception have had a fantastic first week at school! We have spent time getting to know one another, exploring our indoor and outdoor areas. The children have loved preparing our mud kitchen and selling mud pies. We have also enjoyed acting out 'We are going on a bear hunt'. Miss Brass is so impressed with how well Reception have settled into school and they can already remember their carpet spaces, where their pegs and trays are and they can line up beautifully.



What a great first week back in year 6, it has been fantastic to see so many smiling faces enjoying each other's company. It has been so long since we all have had the opportunity and privilege of spending time together as a class, I am sure we will not take for granted ever again. This week, we have enjoyed participating in lots of tasks where we have had to be reflective and really think deeply about how we managed to overcome a challenge. It has been refreshing seeing pupils not only learn but also actually understand what processes of learning, they have engaged with to be successful. In geography, we have used our knowledge of longitude and latitude to find counties when given a coordinate and discovered how this relates to the world having different time zones. While in history, we have refreshed our knowledge of ancient Greece. The pupils loved forest school this week where they were given the freedom to explore their surroundings and learnt to use tools safely.

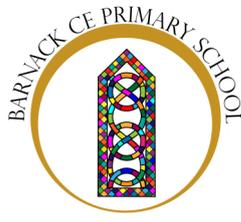


Virtual Collective Worship:

Throughout 'lockdown' the staff at Barnack school provided daily, recorded worship via the website. However, we are now delivering 'live' Collective Worship every day! Each morning at 9.15 assembly is live in each classroom using Google Hangout. Mrs Jones, Miss Dobson, Miss Walton and Mr Mills all took on the challenge this week and it was amazing! Stories, celebrations, certificates, prayer and reflection and even children acting. A particular thanks to Mr Mills for his Thursday worship; a few technical hitches did not deter him and he will be back every Thursday.

Mr Mills has sent the following message:





Thank you for the chance last Thursday to join the school for the Assembly, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I would like to thank, in particular, the three pupils who helped me with the story of Gary's New Friend. "Friendship" is an extremely important value, and St Thomas Aquinas once said that "There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship". Next Thursday, at School Assembly, we will be thinking about the value of wisdom. Wisdom is another really important value, and we are told in the Bible that "True wisdom and real power belong to God; from him we learn how to live, and also what to live for" (Job 12:13). Wisdom and knowledge are, of course, different. You may remember the joke about tomatoes: a clever person knows that a tomato is a fruit and not a vegetable, but a wise person knows that it's best not to put a tomato into a fruit salad! Anyway, we'll look more at wisdom and its characteristics on Thursday!

Thank you Mr Mills, we are all looking forward to your Thursday Worship.

Forest Schools:

Children from every year group enjoyed their first Forest Schools session this week with Mrs Muirhead, and they loved it! Sawing, drilling, exploring and making using the wonderful grounds of our school.

Over the past few weekends, Mrs Muirhead and a group of eager parents have been busy clearing the pond area at the back of the school. A huge thanks to everyone involved and for your effort and hard work!



It's an absolutely fantastic area with space for den building and a permanent fire pit. The team spent two days clearing away the brambles, which had overtaken the area, and another day getting rid of all the green waste. *Wildlife Photography Hides* have offered to reinstate the pond as a 'wildlife pond' and provide us with logs for seating around the fire pit but we need a new pond liner! Can you help?! Please contact the office if you can support Forest Schools with a new liner. The children will be involved with the clearing of the area, finding what wildlife we have there and for creating further habitats for those animals as well as enjoying the space for den building, fire cooking etc.

Messages From The Office:

A little reminder from Ms Bruce and Mrs Wilson to use the absence@barnack.peterborough.sch.uk email address if you are informing us that your child is unwell or unable to attend school, thank you.

We can't believe how much has happened in 1 week at school and we are already looking forward to sharing the next newsletter!

From the Barnack Team

