



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'



Dear Parents and Carers

I am starting this week's newsletter with a plea for our football-loving KS2 pupils! We are still looking for two coaches who could coach our girls and boys football teams during the summer term. We would like these teams to play competitively against other schools, where the majority of fixtures take place outside of the school day.

If you are interested in helping us or have any ideas about anyone who could support locally, then please get in touch. The commitment would be running an after-school club each week and supporting after-school fixtures.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer and have a relevant FA qualification and would be happy to have a DBS check, please let the school office know as soon as possible via admin@barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend

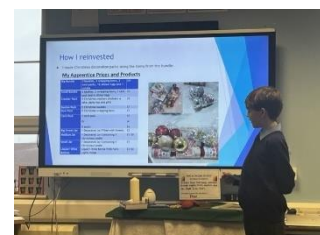
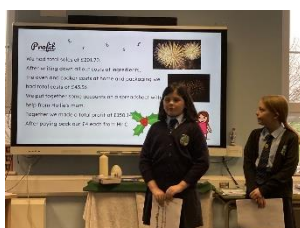
Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our Virtue for the start of this term is 'Friendship'. Scripture offers valuable guidance when it comes to choosing friends. God knows our desire to be known and to be loved! He made us for companionship. Bible verses about friendship tell us how our true friends can be the greatest source of love, healing, joy, and encouragement. It is also important that we learn how to forgive others when we are hurt and learn how to handle difficult situations within our friendships.

'Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.' 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Weekly Mission To recognise that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

Young Apprentice On Tuesday this week, the children in Class 5 presented their Apprentice businesses in the board-room to Lord Sir Alan Craigen, Claude Vaughantner and Karren West. As always, we were very impressed with the confidence and quality of the presentations, as well as the hard work and effort that has gone into their businesses. It is a privilege to be able to share this unique learning opportunity with the children. Thank you once again to everyone who has supported the children with their businesses, especially parents and carers - we all value your help and encouragement. Next week, we will be announcing the winning business and the runners up, so watch this space!



Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **yellow** team with an average of **13.2** points! **Class 4** achieved the highest team point total with an amazing **560** collected this week! Well done to yellow team and class 4!

Spring Dates Please see our school website calendar for all dates.

Dates coming up next week:

Friday 20th January- Celebration Assembly (class 2 parents and carers invited)

Tins on Tuesday A huge congratulations to class 2 who managed to donate so many items this week that the box was totally overflowing! A well-deserved extra 10 minutes playtime has been awarded to class 2 😊



Year 6 SATs Information Evening On Monday 23rd January at 5.30pm we are hosting a SATs information evening for the parents and carers of year 6 children who would like to find out more about the statutory assessments that the children will take in May 2023. The presentation from the event will be shared on the class 5 page on the school website for any parents and carers who are unable to attend the meeting.

Basketball Tournament A group of our year 5/6 children attended a basketball competition at Drax yesterday. They took part in practise and improvement rounds before competing in the 5-a-side tournament, finishing in a super second place! Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Mrs Wilson and Mrs da Cruz Silva for accompanying the children on the visit. Also a huge thank you to parents and carers who provided transport.

Over 60% of our Y1-6 children have attended an inter-school sports competition since September so we are well on our way to achieving our target of 100% participation by the end of the school year!



Helping Hands Thank you to those that joined us for our meeting on Wednesday night and to Elmet Kitchen who provided the venue and were very accommodating. The main focus of the meeting was on putting a calendar of events together for the rest of the academic year. We are looking forward to having a Movie Night, Sponsored Bounce, Break the Rules Day and our annual Summer BBQ! Watch this space...

It was fantastic to be able to purchase the t-shirt packs for our school choir for the recent Young Voices event at Sheffield Arena. The children looked fabulous in their t-shirts and really enjoyed shining their torches when the lights went down.

We are always in need of volunteers to help organise and run these events and we really would appreciate any time anyone is able to give. Feel free to contact us to let us know any ideas or suggestions you may have or if you have the opportunity to help out. Our email is helpinghandspfa@gmail.com.

Thanks for your continued support!
The Helping Hands Team

Newsletters, Wednesday Word, curriculum letters, other letters and forms are available on the school website.

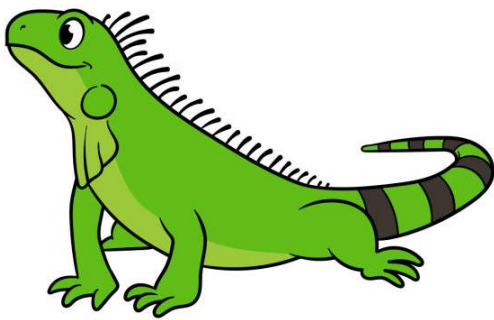


Let's Celebrate!



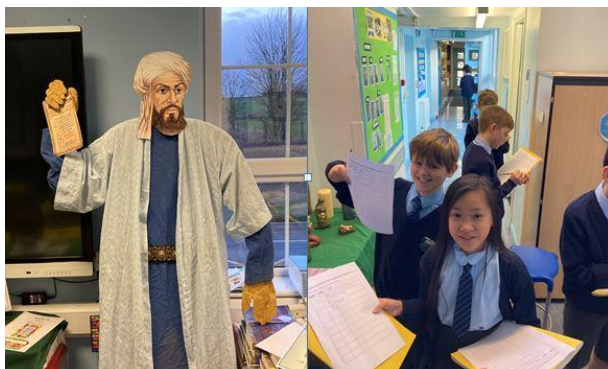
In **class 1**, we learnt about Matisse. We made our own Matisse snail in the outdoor area!

In **class 2** this week in dance, we enjoyed playing a game to develop movement. When the music stopped, we had to move like an animal to one of the four zones.



In **Class 3** this week, we have been learning the poem 'Walking with my Iguana' as part of our performance poetry topic. We have been watching videos of poetry performances and reviewing these and discussing what made the performance memorable and why we enjoyed them. We have applied these to our own readings of Brian Moses' poem.

In **class 4** in PE this week, we have been working on balances in Gymnastics. We were balancing in lots of ways using different parts of our bodies as balance points.



This week, we had a visitor in **class 5**: Muhammad ibn Musa Al-Khwarizmi! He introduced our new topic - the Golden Age of the Islamic Empire. Then, we searched through the corridors of school (our own House of Wisdom) to find some key facts, which we then sorted into a timeline and learned more about them.

🌀 Thank you to Evan and James B for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

A huge well done to this week's award winners...

Class 1 Superstar: Angus

Class 5 Superstar: Eden

Class 2 Superstar: Jacob J

Headteacher award: Dotty C1

Class 3 Superstar: Sam T

Lunchtime award: Henry C1

Class 4 Superstar: Freddie C

Times Table
Champions coming
soon...

*Keep practising your
Times Table skills on
TTRS!*