



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'



Dear Parents and Carers

Today, all children across school took part in the Big Lent Walk to raise funds for CAFOD. Each class was tasked with collectively walking 40km around the school playground. I'm pleased to say that every class achieved this goal, with some classes going way beyond this distance! A huge congratulations to all who took part and thank you to the Faith in Action group for organising the event. We thank you for your sponsorship and ask you to please pay all funds via ParentPay before Friday 24th March.

GIVE, ACT and PRAY during Lent

This week, Hannah S and Aila sold the first edition of their Comics, raising an incredible £65 for Martin House! Well done girls and thank you to everyone who purchased a comic.

Giannluca and friends have continued raising money for Water Aid- well done boys!

Today, we have Hannah W and Gracie selling 'squishies' after-school for a 50p or £1 donation, raising money for the NSPCC.

Coming up next week...

Lacey and Lexi are raising money for the RSPCA by selling Goody Bags containing items such as bubbles, bouncy balls and stickers for £2 each. They are also holding a 'guess the number of bones' competition where the winner will receive an RSPCA soft toy!

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan



Virtue Our Virtue for the second part of this half-term is 'Compassion'. ***"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).*** A general definition of compassion is sympathy and concern for the suffering of others and a desire to alleviate such suffering. God is compassionate. He is sympathetic to the suffering of His people. God's compassion is related to His mercy, kindness, patience, grace, forgiveness and love. God's compassion compels Him to take action, and we strive to be like Him, taking action, giving and praying for those in need, especially during Lent.

Weekly Mission To know that Jesus enables us to see opportunities to GIVE, ACT and PRAY during Lent.

Prayer of the Week **Hail Holy Queen** (part 1): Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn, then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **Yellow** team with an average of **12** points! **Class 2** achieved the highest team point total with a super **443** points collected this week! Well done to the Yellow team and Class 2!

Spring Dates Please see our school website calendar for all dates. www.barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk

Dates coming up next week:

Wednesday 22nd March- Health practitioner visiting for Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks

Wednesday 22nd March- 3.15-4pm- Open Classroom Event

Thursday 23rd March- Year 3 Reconciliation with Canon Tim

Friday 24th March- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (*Class 5 parents and carers invited*)

Monday 27th March- Pre-Easter lunch

Safeguarding Please see the attached leaflet for an update from the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Catholic Care Recruitment Catholic Care are recruiting for the following positions:

- Mental Health Support Worker
- Senior Mental Health Housing Support Worker
- Support Worker and Outreach
- School Social Worker
- Residential Childcare Worker
- Senior Residential Childcare Worker

Please see their website if you require any further information www.catholic-care.org.uk

Orienteering Yesterday, a group of our year 3/4 children had a fantastic time attending the Orienteering event at Drax. They worked brilliantly as a team and this was commented on by staff members. They shared their knowledge and skills with each other, developed their map skills and managed to follow the clues in order to unlock the secret codes! Well done team Barkston! Thank you to our parents and carers who provided transport for the event.



Helping Hands The Helping Hand Team are super excited to share with you the next event we have planned. On 28th April, during the school day, all the children can enjoy a falconry display, where there will be a number of birds of prey for the children to learn about as well as a flying demonstration. This is a free activity that we are sure the children will enjoy.

We'd also like to thank you for your support at Movie Night - the children really enjoyed the movies and we raised nearly £400! Thanks to our parent helpers, to Mr Hudson (Technical Wizz!), Mr Tuck and Mrs Vaughan for all their support on the night, and not forgetting Ms West for canvassing opinion for which films to watch.

Many thanks,
The Helping Hands Team

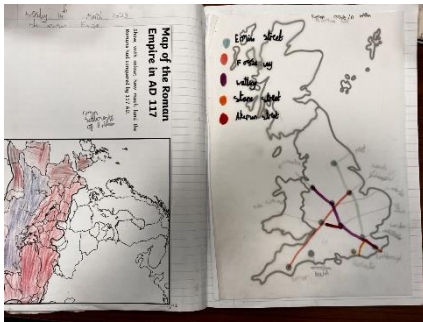
Newsletters, Wednesday Word, curriculum letters, other letters and forms are available on the school website.



Let's Celebrate!

In **Class 1**, the children enjoyed exploring their sense of smell. We identified the smell of lavender, garlic, lemon juice, coffee and vinegar. We did a class pictogram of our favourite smell. Our favourite smell was coffee!

In **Class 2** this week, we have been identifying the parts of a plant. We matched each part to their name and talked about their functions



In **Class 3** this week, we have begun our work on the Roman history of York. We looked at the Roman Empire and then the roads and settlements in Britain before looking closely at the city of Eboracum.

In **Class 4** we have been working on materials and changing states in science this half term. This week we experimented with some chocolate to find out at what temperature it begins to melt. We used a fair test and discovered it is between 35 and 40 degrees centigrade.



In **Class 5**, as we are learning about changing states of matter, we investigated reversible and irreversible changes. For reversible changes, we considered the processes involved in the water cycle and made our own little water-cycle-in-a-bag experiments. We could see condensation forming! For irreversible changes, we created our own organic plastic using the irreversible chemical change that happens when we add vinegar to milk.

🌀Thank you to Oliver and Will for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstars: Jonny & Pippa

Class 5 Superstar: Eva F

Class 2 Superstar: Izzy A

Headteacher award: Jemima G C3

Class 3 Superstar: Elliott

Lunchtime award: Jonny C1

Class 4 Superstar: Lacey

This week's Times Table Champions...

Elliott C3

Lacey C4

Hannah W C4