



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'



Dear Parents and Carers

This week, I had the privilege of being invited by class 1 to 'officially' open their own Prayer Garden. It was lovely to see the children working together to plant flowers, create decorations and tidy the area in preparation for the grand opening! The Easter gardens that the children have created at home are also fantastic- thank you for your support with this.

It has also been lovely to see KS2 children leading our meditation and singing liturgy sessions with such confidence and understanding. A huge thank you to those children for preparing in their own time and bringing such enthusiasm to our Collective Worship!

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan



Virtue Our Virtue for the first part of this half-term is 'Confidence'. ***"Let us be confident, then, and say: "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6).*** Confidence brings a promise of being able to do things without fear or doubt stopping you. When you are confident in someone, you can trust and rely on them. If you trust in God, you have confidence that God loves you and watches over you. Confidence brings peace of mind. Confidence is being certain and feeling assurance.

Weekly Mission To understand the term 'vocation' and live a life full of love.

Prayer of the Week **The Angel of God:** Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Upcoming Bank Holidays May we remind you that school will be closed on Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May due to national Bank Holidays.

Birds of Prey Experience The children (and staff!) had an absolutely fantastic time this afternoon finding out about Birds of Prey and watching them fly around our school playground! We would all like to say a huge thank you to Helping Hands for organising this amazing experience for our school and also to Northern Sky Falconry for sharing their beautiful birds with us.



Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **Green** team with an average of **17.2** points! **Class 1** achieved the highest team point total with a fab **548** points collected this week! Well done to the Green team and Class 1!

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

Dates coming up next week:

Monday 1st May- School closed- May Day Bank Holiday

Wednesday 3rd May- Girls' Shine Cricket Sessions in school

Thursday 4th May- 10.45am- Mass in school to celebrate the Feast Days of St. Joseph the Worker and St. John of Beverley (parents, carers and parishioners invited to attend)

Friday 5th May- Coronation Celebration! Children are invited to attend school dressed as a King or Queen, or to wear red, white and/or blue clothing.

Friday 5th May- 2.45pm- Celebration Liturgy (Class 2 parents and carers invited to attend)

Dates for the diary- SATs weeks:

Year 6 SATs will take place between Tuesday 9th May and Friday 12th May.

Year 2 SATs will take place between Monday 22nd May and Thursday 25th May.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries or concerns about this.

Tri-Golf Tournament Yesterday, ten of our superstar KS1 children attended an inter-school tri-golf tournament at Drax. The children had lots of fun competing in mini events against children from other schools!



Cricket Session for Girls On Wednesday, the Shine group from Yorkshire Cricket Club are visiting school to hold some additional cricket sessions for all girls across school with a view to encouraging participation in competitive sports. Could we ask that all girls wear their PE kits for school on Wednesday please? Thank you.

Planned NEU strike action Tuesday 2nd May is the next planned days of teacher strike action by members of the NEU. We expect all classes will be open on these dates therefore all children should attend school as usual.

Helping Hands Update Many thanks to everyone who attended the Helping Hands AGM on Wednesday evening. We are pleased to confirm that the trustee roles for the forthcoming year are as follows:

Chair - Sarah Chester

Secretary - Vicki Grier

Treasurer - Nicola Taylor

Many thanks to Sarah, Vicki and Nic for taking on these roles, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated by our school community! A big thank you to the outgoing trustees Kate Murray and Lindsay Watson for all they have done over the past few years.

Our next event is the Sponsored Bounce which will take place in school on the morning of the 17th May. Please see the attached poster and sponsorship form.

As ever, the support of everyone for the fundraising work that Helping Hands does is vital for its success and is greatly appreciated.

The Helping Hands Team

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

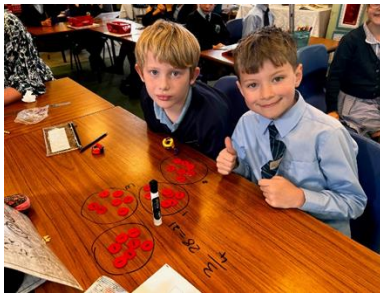


Let's Celebrate!



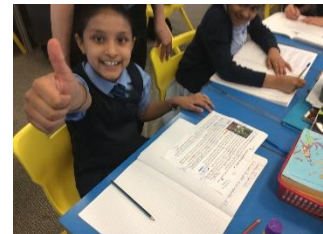
In **Class 1**, we have been working hard to create a prayer garden in our outdoor area.

In **Class 2** this week, we have been learning to double numbers.



In **Class 3** this week, we have been learning to calculate fractions of amounts. We used concrete resources to share into separate groups and then counted the total using the numerator to tell us how many groups we needed to look at.

In **Class 4** this week we have been find the features of explanatory texts. We looked at a text that explains how chocolate is made from cacao seeds.



In **Class 5**, in science this week, we had an unfortunate mess to try and unscramble! Somehow, the sand, rice, beads, paperclips and sugar all got mixed up together, and we had to try and separate them. Selecting the most appropriate pieces of equipment from the trays provided, we were able separate them using sieving, decanting, evaporation and magnetism. Then, a quick run-through of the urban water cycle showed how these methods are used in daily life to clean the water that we use.

🌀Thank you to Olivia and Kitty for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Esme

Class 5 Superstar: Evan

Class 2 Superstar: Alfie

Headteacher award: Hollie C5

Class 3 Superstar: Daniel

Lunchtime award: Giannluca C3

Class 4 Superstar: Daiya

Prefect awards: Niamh C1 & Yaroslav C4

Keep practising those Times Table skills at home on Times Table Rockstars!