



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we had our Open Classrooms session where our children had the opportunity to invite you into their learning environments and showcase their work. The children really enjoyed this experience and it was fantastic to hear the buzz about learning around school. It was lovely to see the classrooms so full, so thank you for attending and giving some very positive feedback- we all really appreciate your continued support!

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan



Virtue Our second virtue this half-term is '**Simplicity**'. By living simply, you will come to know what really matters in your life and be less afraid of not having more and more things. When you live simply you don't look out for the next thing to buy or follow. Little by little you realise that you don't need that many things to live a happy life. Living simply gives you time to think of others, do good and care for creation. Living simply helps you put more trust in God.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Weekly Mission To open our hearts to Jesus, allowing Him to show us a new way to live.

Prayer of the Week The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed by thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **blue** team with an awesome average of 12.3 points! **Class 2** achieved the highest team point total with a fab 340 collected this week! Well done to blue team and Class 2.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation If your child is baptised Catholic and in Year 3, then please see the letter sent home with the children last week from Fr. Henry regarding Sacramental preparation. Thank you.

Note from the Chair of Governors Thank you for your patience whilst I've been waiting to be in position to send a further update regarding the conversion of our school to a voluntary academy.

I have (late this morning) received confirmation from the Secretary of State for Education, that all requirements have been met and that our school will convert **on 1 February 2024** and join the Bishop Wheeler Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

More formal communications are being prepared and will be shared early next week.

Thank you

Rita Reid

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Board of Governors

Parking A reminder to please park with courtesy towards local residents during drop off and collection times. This week, I was contacted by a resident who lives on Main Street as a car was partially blocking her driveway which meant that she was unable to get her own car out of the drive, and therefore unable to collect her daughter from school. Could I ask each member of our school community to take personal responsibility for parking their own vehicle safely and considerately, using the Ash Tree car park where possible, to prevent these situations from happening.

Spring Dates Next week's dates are below. Please see our school website calendar for all dates.

Wednesday 31st January- 10.30am- Class 1 attending Mass at Scarthingwell (*all parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to attend*)

Friday 2nd February- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (*Class 5 parents and carers invited to attend*)

Guidance for measles outbreaks Following the recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands, the NHS has advice for parents on measles: DfE has published a blog with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools. Please use the links below to access this information.

- Measles - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- [Education Hub blog](#)

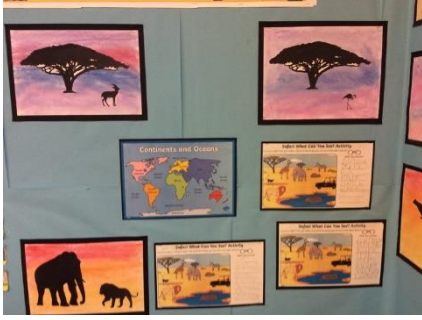
York City Football Club Please see the attached flyer about York City Football Club, every Monday after school.

Helping Hands Update Please see the update from Helping Hands distributed with this newsletter and available on our website.

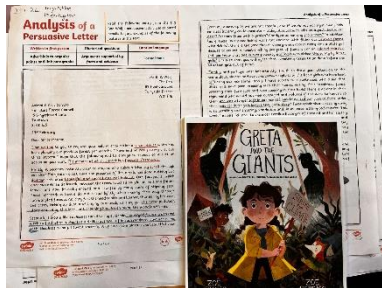
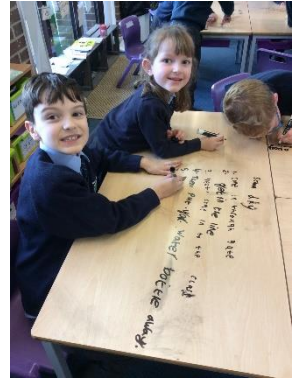


Let's Celebrate!

In **Class 1**, reception children enjoyed making Safari sunset pictures.



In **Class 2**, this week, we have been looking at different types of instructions. We have learned about imperative (bossy) verbs and looked at the difference between commands and statements. We used the skills we have learned to write a set of instructions for our school mornings!



This week, in **Class 3**, we have started our persuasive letter work using our book Greta and the Giants as our class text.



In **Class 4** this week we have been working on solids, liquids and gases and looking at the viscosity of tomato sauce in connection with an investigation about the best sauce for hotdogs. We used three brands of sauce and investigated which one was the thickest.

In **Class 5**, we have been studying materials and their properties in science. We found out all about dissolving, solutes, solvents, collides and solutions. We decided to ask the scientific question:

‘Does the temperature of water affect how a material dissolves?’

From this we predicted what would happen, considered the ways we could create a fair test and wrote a method for our experiments taking into account the different materials we wanted to find out about. Our experiments were completed in groups of 4 with one person recording, one person observing, one person timing the mix and one person mixing the materials with water. We had a range of results that we needed to carefully consider before writing our conclusions.



🌀Thank you to William and Freddie C for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Ethan	Class 5 Superstar: Tai
Class 2 Superstar: Jacob	Headteacher award: Eddie W C3
Class 3 Superstar: Cole	Lunchtime award: Freddie D C1
Class 4 Superstar: Olivia-Rae	

A huge congratulations to this week's Times Table Champion...

Lucas C4