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Executive Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Stevenson



Newsletter
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Dear Parents & Carers

I am so proud of our Year 5/6 girls who performed amazingly at the Richmond Girls Football Tournament at Michael Syddall School last Friday. All the girls were amazing ambassadors for our school – their attitudes and effort were terrific throughout. They started the tournament with a 1-0 win against Ravensworth - with a great goal from Charlotte. The next game was a nail-biter but Katie's late breakaway goal wasn't enough to save us from a 2-1 defeat. Sadly, in the final game, when a draw or win would have sent us to the knockout stage, we just couldn't get the ball to go in and we slipped to a 1-0 loss. Spirits were high even after the final game and the girl's teamwork was nothing short of amazing! Well done girls!



The Barton Christmas Bonanza was a festive success and the Friends raised over £350 profit. Thank you to all the stall holders, with a special mention to Abigail Wooff for her very creative card stall and to Charlotte and Sophie for selling their old books and toys! It was lovely to see so many familiar faces (old and new!!) supporting our school. I brought my mum along and we enjoyed the refreshments, the tombola, buying Christmas sweets from the Sweetest Gift Box and even got our Christmas photos taken

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by Jenni Horsley. I loved my visit to Santa too! Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success. Don't forget to come along to the Friends Christmas Disco tonight, 5.30pm until 7.00pm.

I would like to draw your attention to the change of date for our Community Christingle and Class 1 Nativity. Due to a clash with the pub Christmas Party, we have re-arranged the service, which will now take place on Sunday 9th December, 3pm – 4pm. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We will be making the Christingles in school at 2.45pm on Friday 7th December – I do hope you can join us. The children have brought home their Christingle candles for donations to The Children's Society. Please bring them along to the service or if you can't come, please return them to school by Friday 7th December.

It's beginning to look and sound a lot like Christmas, with our Christmas tree and decorations going up in school today and the children in Class 1 learning the songs for their Nativity. We have planned some wonderful festive activities for our children this year, including: our Christingle and Nativity; a visit to the Hippodrome in Darlington to see the pantomime, Aladdin; Christmas jumper day; Christmas lunch and a Christmas Party.

Thank you to all parents who completed the recent Reading Questionnaires – the results will follow shortly. Well done to the Watt family who are the lucky winners of a box of M&S biscuits!

Finally, it is lovely to welcome Miss Verity back to school; we all really missed her! I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Galloway who leaves us today after two weeks. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with our amazing children in Class 1 and has done a super job.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I can't believe it's December already!

Sharon Stevenson

Mrs Sharon Stevenson
Executive Headteacher

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Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1: Davey Thomas-Pattison

Class 2: Eva Grace Short

Class 3: Elle Liddell

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1: Finley Hardy

Class 2: Jacob Sandhu

Class 3: Jack Banner

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1: Lexxy Yarrow

Class 2: William Littler

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Class 3: Ryley Quirie

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1: Oscar Rankin

Class 2: Lexie McMillan Smith

Class 3: Lyla McFadzean

News From Class One:



We have had a busy two weeks here in Class One with lots of fun learning taking place. In Maths, we have been learning all about shapes! The Year 1s have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and have been doing lots of fun activities to accompany this learning – we have been sorting shapes, creating shape patterns and have even been on a 3D shape hunt. Reception and nursery children have also been on a shape hunt around the outdoor area and have practiced their counting skills by counting how many shapes they found. In English, we have been learning all about instructions. The year 1s have been focussing on the use of time conjunctions and “bossy” verbs before writing their own set of instructions telling somebody how to make a jam sandwich. The reception and nursery children have also been concentrating on instructions – trying their hardest to follow and give simple instructions!

We really enjoyed going on a ramble around Barton before discussing the importance of Children in Need and taking part in some fun activities like making Pudsey bear headbands and decorating Pudsey bear biscuits. In Science, we have been continuing our healthy eating topic by sorting foods according to whether they are healthy or unhealthy. We have created our own healthy eating plates and have also discussed where fruit and vegetables come from. In Art, we created some fabulous butterfly symmetry prints using fruit and vegetables to print with and have even completed some art work in the style of Andy Warhol's Pop Art. They all look brilliant and are up on display in our classroom.

A great big thank you to Miss Galloway for looking after class 1 and providing all the excellent learning opportunities the children have had over the last two weeks. We will miss you!

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News from Class Two:



Class Two really enjoyed the Children in Need Ramble and Community lunch afterwards - I think they must have been tired out however as when we shared our class-reader they needed a lie down! We have enjoyed having Mrs Lax (SCITT student) in our class for the last few weeks and the children would like to thank her for all the fun and engaging lessons she has provided them with. They have learnt so much in their science lessons about the digestive system – some of which have been rather yucky, for example when we discovered what it might look like inside our stomach as we digest food. In English, the children have been learning to write to instruct and went on to follow the instructions they had written to produce some rice krispie cakes – I hope you enjoyed them! In Maths year 2 have been learning all about 2D and 3D shape and year 3 have been investigating lines, angles and turns. We carried this learning over into Art and produced some lovely symmetrical patterns and drawings in the style of Mondrian. We are looking forward to a busy few weeks ahead with lots of planned activities and opportunities for fun as we countdown to Christmas.

News from Class Three:

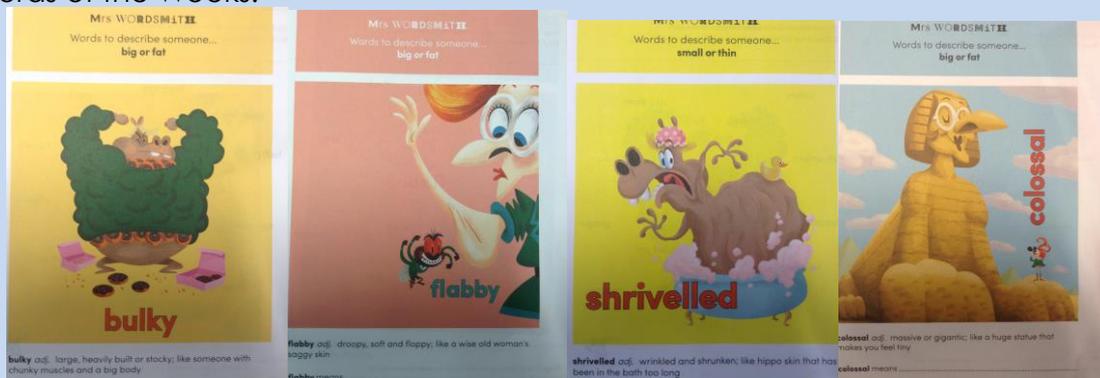




In Class Three, we have been busy in preparation for next week's Sports Hall Athletics competition – I can't wait to see our stars in action! Everyone showed amazing tenacity in last week's Children in Need ramble as they all took on Mrs Percival's challenge course (after having already walked the regular course!). We made a mess outside with some pretend sick in our digestive system model – poor Mrs Kirby went very pale watching us squash the mushy bread through our intestines!

Our cute food character's had exciting adventures through the digestive system – I couldn't help feeling sympathy for Sophie's cookie whilst also literally laughing out loud at the same time, "*Moments later, all of my charming looks went away and I appeared as a lump of mush...*". Please look out for them up on display near Class Three soon, so you can check them all out. In Maths, we made some tricky 3D nets and created some cool co-ordinate pictures. We have started up our own pizza companies as part of our business enterprise cook-off competition – our logos, slogans and adverts are currently in the development stages.

Words of the Weeks:



Our new words for the next two weeks are: bulky, flabby, shriveled and colossal. Please keep an ear out for them being used!

A message from the School Council

This year we are planning an alternative to sending Christmas cards. Instead, we are going to 'Pay It Forward' and donate food (in cans/packets), old toys/clothes (that are in good condition) also any small gifts, in order to help people in our local area who may not get much on Christmas day.

We have purchased a Santa sack that we will put at the school entrance (near the office), we would love it if you could help us to fill it with lots of lovely donated gifts. When our sack is full, we will be giving the gifts to Store House (a local charity in Richmond that have a food and clothes bank).

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Our school slogan is 'The small school with a big heart' and this Christmas we would love it if you could help us to all have massive hearts and do something for people who need it more than us.

School Council

Christmas Lunch

Reservations and bookings for this very popular lunch close on 3rd December after which reservations paid for will be allocated and advised on a first come basis. Please make sure your orders and payments (in cash – in a clearly named and marked "Christmas lunch" envelope), are made to the school office before noon on Monday 3rd December to avoid disappointment. Thank you

Wrap around Care:

Breakfast Club with Miss Maitchell (£3 per session 8am to 8:50am Monday to Friday)

Monday – Free Art

Tuesday - Lego

Wednesday – Board Games

Thursday - Construction

Friday - Non Messy Arts & Crafts

Afterschool Club with Miss Maitchell (£5 per hour please book through the school office Monday to Thursday 3:30 – 5:30pm)

Monday – Photography

Tuesday – Craft

Wednesday - Nature

Thursday – Cosmic Kids Yoga

Staff Led Additional School Activities for Classes 2 & 3:

Thursday – Discovery Club with Kath Jones 3:30 –4:30pm on 13th December.

Lunchtime - Puzzle/problem solving club- every Tuesday with Mrs Harris

Lunchtime - Drama/ Singing Club- every Wednesday with Miss Verity

Lunchtime - Football Club – every Thursday with Mr Weighman

Please reserve a place by emailing the school office and advising us of your collection details or if your child is to walk home for afterschool activities

**Week commencing
3rd December 2018**

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Tuesday	EH
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Week commencing 10th December 2018	Barton EH = Executive Head in School
Monday	EH Flu Immunisation revisit 10am
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Collaboration whole school trip to Darlington Hippodrome
Thursday	EH Discovery Club with Kath Jones 3:30 – 4:30 Christmas Production 6pm in school
Friday	EH Christmas Jumper day

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Barton
2018	
9th December Sunday	Community Christingle and Nativity 3pm in Church
10th December	Flu Immunisation 2 nd visit 10am in school
12th December Wednesday	Collaboration Whole School Theatre Trip Darlington Hippodrome pm - TBC
13th December	Discovery Club with Kath Jones 3:30 – 4:30pm Christmas Production 6pm - TBC
14th December	Christmas Jumper Day
15th December	Christmas Worship – The Noisy Neighbour with Kath Jones 3pm in school hall – all welcome
18th Tuesday	Christmas Party 1pm School Hall
20th Thursday	Christmas Lunch noon School Hall
21st Friday	School Closes for Christmas
8th January Tuesday 2019	School re-opens for Spring

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