



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another incredibly busy week here in school! It has been a pleasure to visit the classrooms and see all of the children working hard, engaged in their learning, asking meaningful questions and providing support to their peers.

This year, for our Harvest Festival, we will be collecting donations of dried, tinned and non-perishable food items and toiletries to be donated to Selby Foodbank. Please give what you are able to; your generosity is always greatly appreciated by the community.

If your child could bring any donations into school on Monday 18th October, we will then give thanks and praise for the offerings during our Collective Worship. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan

Respect Our virtue for this half-term is 'Respect'. God created all people, and created them differently for reasons and purpose we may not understand. Regardless of how we perceive other people to be, they are God's creations, and it is God's will for us to show respect to everyone.

Weekly Mission To consider what is truly valuable in our lives, knowing that with God's love, we have everything that we need.

Tins on Tuesday On behalf of Selby Foodbank, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our class 5 children and their families for donating items this week for Selby Foodbank. As you can see from the photograph, a large amount was contributed. Class 5 were happy to receive their voucher for extra playtime as a small token of our thanks!



Parent Evenings A message has been sent to all parents and carers today to book an appointment at our autumn Parent's Evenings. Please ensure that you sign up to an appointment and, if you have more than one to attend, leave a small gap between booking times. The appointments will be face to face in school; if you would prefer your child's class teacher to make a telephone call to you instead, please let the office know.

Clubs Just a reminder that we currently have Young Voices running every Tuesday lunchtime in Mrs Poulter's classroom and Debate Club running every Thursday lunchtime in Mrs Siddall's classroom.

Prefects I have spoken to the Year 6 children today about how to become a School Prefect. These are very important positions in school and require children to be positive role-models. If your child would like to apply, they need to write a statement this weekend (maximum 100 words) as to why they are suitable for the position.

Year 6 Open Days Details of upcoming Open Days are below:

St John Fisher Catholic High School- Due to having to reintroduce some safety measures, the planned Open Day on the 9th October has been cancelled for Year 6 families. Open Evenings have been scheduled for the week commencing 18th October. Please see the school website for further information.

Read School- 9th October, 9.30am-12.30pm

Holy Family Catholic High School- 9th October 10am-1pm

All Saints RC School- 14th October, 6-9pm

Fundraiser On the 16th October, Eva Friend and Flo Howard in class 5 are walking Pen-y-ghent in memory of Eva's uncle who died suddenly of meningitis due to an underlying very rare blood condition called Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH). Eva and Flo are walking to raise money and awareness for PNH in the hope that research into the condition may help others with the disease. If you are able to support the family in any way, I know that they would be incredibly grateful. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alisonlongley15>

Online Safety Many children are now using the internet regularly at home. If you would like any information or advice regarding how to help your child stay safe online, please have a look at the following web pages.

[Parents and Carers | Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC](#)

[Parents homepage \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **yellow** team with an average of 6.7points!

Save the Dates:

- Helping Hands Discos, Friday 15th October
- EYFS/KS1 Learning Celebration assembly, 9am, Tuesday 19th October
- KS2 Learning Celebration assembly, 9am, Wednesday 20th October
- KS2 Cross Country event, Thursday 21st October
- Non Uniform day (donations gratefully received for Helping Hands Adult Tombola), Friday 5th November
- Flu Vaccinations, 15th November (please see the letter on our school website which contains the details of how to give consent if you wish your child to receive this vaccination in school)
- Christmas Fair, 1-4pm, Sunday 28th November
- Pantomime in school, 1.45pm, Wednesday 1st December

Helping Hands Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Rag Bag textile recycling bin. Our recent collection of 120kg of textiles raised £48 for Helping Hands, what a fantastic amount! The bin is now empty so please continue to put in your unwanted items.

The school discos will be taking place next Friday, 15th October, so please complete the Google booking forms and send payment as soon as possible. Here are the links:

EYFS & KS1 - <https://bit.ly/3oiAcC0>

KS2 - <https://bit.ly/3zVp3cm>

And for payment - <https://bit.ly/3md5VSq>

If anyone knows of any companies that may be able to contribute with donations of sweets, chocolates, crisps, drinks or glow sticks for the event, then please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated!

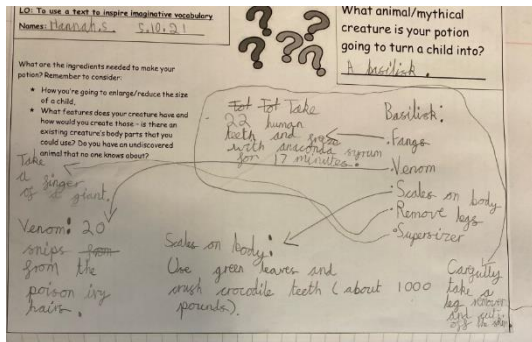


Let's Celebrate!



In **class 1** we have been using collaging techniques to create images of the Great Fire of London.

In **class 2** in PE, we worked with Mr Addison on our throwing and catching skills. We enjoyed throwing the ball in the air and doing as many claps as we could before catching it!



In **class 3** we have been reading 'The Witches' and learning about some of the books that our author of the month, Roald Dahl, has written. We have been planning instructions to turn a child into a creature!

In **class 4** in science, we have been investigating whether there is a link between the volume (loudness) of sounds and the size of the vibrations made. We ended up with rice everywhere!



In **class 5**, to begin our work with clay in art lessons, we made bowls in order to develop our feel for it and understanding of how to work it. Here are some examples of our first pieces.

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

Class 1 Superstar: Elias

Class 2 Superstar: Isla

Class 3 Superstar: Flynn

Class 4 Superstar: Tai

Class 5 Superstar: Georgie

Headteacher award: Ruben C5

Lunchtime award: Eva B C4

Lunchtime award: Izzie E C5

A huge well done to this week's Times Table Champions...

Jack C5

Ruben C5

Oliver B C5