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Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you all enjoy the half term break and we look forward to hearing all of the interesting and exciting things that you get up to when you return!

Next half term Swifts will be able to join in the after-school sports club which will run on Mondays.

Please do sign up to the Mad Science club if you are interested at, <https://norfolk.madscience.org/>. This club requires a minimum of 15 children to attend otherwise unfortunately it will not be able to go ahead as it will be run by an external provider.

We also would like you to reserve the 2nd March for our World book day reading cafe in the afternoon where parents can sign up to read their favourite stories/books to children across the school.

Class Dojo reminder - this is a polite reminder that staff will do their best to respond to messages within 24 hours during the school week, however there is no expectation that they will immediately reply to them sent in the evenings, weekends or holidays. Whilst we will always endeavour to reply in a timely manner to your messages and requests, I would like to respectfully remind you that staff are entitled to have a work/life balance and I do encourage them not to have Class Dojo on personal devices such as mobile phones in order to protect their personal time.

Many thanks for your understanding and continued support,

Mr Gamble

Parent's Evening signup sheets are going digital!

You will have gotten a link today to sign up to attend your child's parent's evening on Tues 28 Feb or Thurs 2 March. We aim to use this method from now on and have found it to be efficient already! Many thanks



FOBS fundraising through "Our Breckland Lottery"

Please visit the site below for further information.

<https://www.ourbrecklandlottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-banham-primary>



School Council Fundraising


Booksale - £45.60

Red/Pink Dress up Day - £66.15



LOOK what we're
LEARNING!

Robins have been visiting all the planets as part of our space topic. We have learnt which ones are made of rock and metal and which are made of gas. This week we have discovered that the sun is the closest star to earth and made our own constellations. We have been amazing at remembering lots of different facts and all of the planet

names in order.  In PE we have had a fabulous time learning different skills on the apparatus. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow as the weeks have gone by. In Maths we have been consolidating the numbers 0-8.

Skylarks have been learning about the different parts of a flower and how flowering plants reproduce. In maths we have looked in detail at division and are trying to get to grips with methods we are more comfortable with. In literacy we are writing a persuasive advert to rid the world of plastic straws!



Wrens have been working incredibly hard the last two weeks in class. In particular they have been working really hard on their phonics and writing. We now have a Monster Phonics table in the classroom where the children can go to compete an independent task based on the sounds they've been learning that week. This allows them to revisit sounds and practise putting the correct sounds in words and then into sentences. The children have also worked so hard on their houses and we are so proud of them, they really enjoyed showing them off to the other classes too. Well done for all your hard work this half term Wrens, have a wonderful break!

Swifts have been working hard in maths on fractions, decimals and percentages. We have continued our topic on the Ancient Greeks and the Year 5s have produced some super, watercolour paintings of some of their favourite Greek gods.

We have been writing myths with Mrs Stanley and also finishing our writing from The Firework Maker's Daughter with Mrs Negus. We have looked at shadows and prisms to finish off our 'Light' topic in science. Well done everyone! Enjoy half term!



ROBINS



WRENS



SKYLARKS



SWIFTS





Diary Dates

- 11-19 Feb – Half Term
- 27 Feb-27 March – Afterschool Sports Club with South Norfolk Tennis for Swifts only
- 21 Feb-28 March – Forest School for YR, 1, 3 & 5
- 22 Feb – Rock Steady Commences with new band leader
- 28 Feb & 2 March – Parent’s Evening (digital sign up sheets will be sent out via Dojo)
- 2 March – World Book Day dress up as your favourite book character (Reading Café afternoon invitation to all parents/carers)
- 8 March – Wrens girls invited to UEA Sportspark, Norwich to attend KS1 Disney Inspired Shooting Stars Festival, Biggest Ever Football Session #LetGirlsPlay
- 17 March – Red Nose Day pupils dress up as staff, staff dress up as pupils
- 20 March – Spring Equinox
- 22 March – World Water Day
- 31 March – Easter Raffle
- 1-17 April – Easter Break
- 24 April-22 May – Afterschool Sports Club with South Norfolk Tennis for Skylarks only
- 17 April – INSET Day
- 18 April-23 May – Forest School for Y2, 4 & 5 (due to Y6 SATs)
- 20 April – Y3, 4 & 5 Diss Swimming Lessons Commence
- 1 May – Bank Holiday
- 9-12 May – Y6 SATs Week
- 25 May – New Robins Parent’s Evening @ 6pm
- 27 May – 4 June – Half Term
- 12 June – 10 July – Afterschool Sports Club with South Norfolk Tennis for Robins only
- 6 June – 18 July – Forest School for YR, 1, 3 & 6
- 20 June – Class Photos
- 22 June & 29 June – Robins new intake mornings & moving up day for all other years TBC
- 27 June – Sports Day TBC
- 14-16 June – Swifts Residential
- 7 July – Reports Out
- 12 July – Rock Steady Concert TBC
- 14 July – Leaver’s Assembly followed by Strawberry Tea
- 20 July – School Disco
- 21 July – Last Day of School