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Newsletter

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*Message
from the
Headteacher*

Dear parents and carers,

This is just to confirm our intention is to open as usual next week on the arranged NEU teacher strike days.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Miss Sanders has decided to take a break from teaching and will be leaving us here at Banham at the end of this term.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking Miss Sanders for her hard work, enthusiasm and support that she has provided to the school, the staff, parents and more importantly to the children since joining the school. She will certainly be missed!

We are currently recruiting for this vacancy and we will advise you when this is complete.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Louise Clarke who has joined the staff team as a midday supervisor this term. Already Louise has settled in very well and is supporting the children and staff across the school.

Warm regards,

Mr Gamble



Warhammer – Wednesdays 3:15-4:20

A series of model building, painting and playing activities. Warhammer is a tabletop battle game which puts players in command of armies. Players collect forces of miniature plastic models, all with different stats and abilities, and use them to play out clashes on a tabletop battlefield. ~ Free of charge

South Norfolk Tennis – Mondays 3:15-4:15

This sports club will be offered to different classes each half term. The type of sports will be determined by Mr Humphreys, tennis is one of the many activities they will partake in. ~ Free of charge

Rock Steady

An in-school perituition weekly music session that makes learning music fun and gives kids the chance to be in a band, perform songs they love and learn life skills.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>



Mad Science

This is a hands-on science programme themed around a particular area of science and includes topics such as electricity, magnetism, optics, biology and many more. ~ £44 per child for 6 weeks

For more information please visit:

<https://norfolk.madscience.org/>

LOOK what we're
LEARNING!

Robins have carried on with their space topic and looked at life on the International Space Station as an astronaut. Luckily for us the astronauts there did a live spacewalk to mend one of the satellites and we were able to see space and earth! Our rocket then took us to China to celebrate Chinese New Year. In Phonics we have been focusing on the digraphs ee and ur and writing lots of sentences. In Maths we have been learning the numbers 6 and 7.

Skylarks have been learning about plastic pollution in the oceans. The children have found this topic fascinating and very concerned this is happening to our Earth. In science, we have been learning about parts of plants and photosynthesis and in maths, we have started written methods of multiplication.



Wrens have loved delving into our topic of the UK, learning all about what a monarchy is and does, and even making up some laws for our own country! We have also been learning about the events of the Great Fire of London and have started writing our diary entries about the events back in 1666. In maths, we have been learning to measure length using rulers, and in PSHE we have been exploring and sharing ideas as a class as to what makes a good friend.

Swifts are enjoying their new class book 'Who Let the Gods Out', and have written some super diary entries from the perspective of the main character, Elliot. We are all enjoying the Ancient Greeks topic, and are finding out lots of information from primary and secondary sources. The story of Theseus and the Minotaur has inspired some maze design work and in art the children have been sketching pictures of gods and goddesses. They have been trying to get the proportions of the face and body as accurate as possible - it's surprising how long people's legs are in relation to the rest of their body! Swifts are also enjoying their science work all about light and will be using periscopes in their next lesson.



Job Vacancies at Banham Primary School

Class Teacher – 0.6FTE

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/class-teacher-0-4fte-5/?fromSearchPage=true>

High Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/hlta-9/>

Teaching Assistant (TA): pupil specific

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/teaching-assistant-pupil-specific-5/>

Diary Dates

- 11-19 Feb – Half Term
- 20 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
- 2 March – World Book Day (Reading Café afternoon invitation for parents/carers)
- 20 March – Spring Equinox
- 22 March – World Water Day
- 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
- 5 June-10 July – Afterschool Sports Club with South Norfolk Tennis for Robins only
- 6 June – 18 July – Forest School for YR, 1, 3 & 6
- 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 TBC
- 21 July – Last Day of School