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**Newsletter**

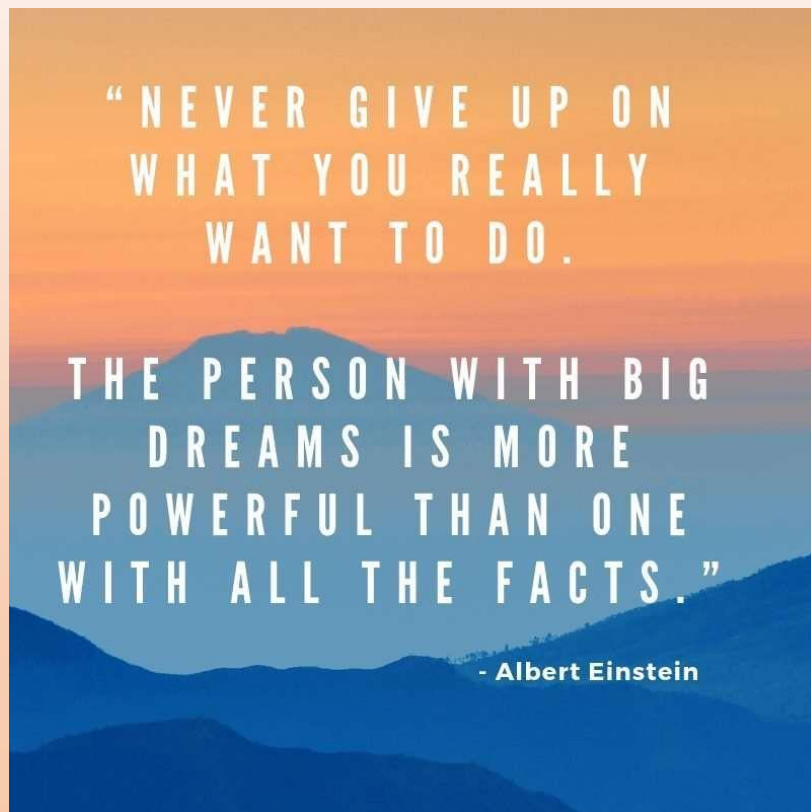
**02 February, 2024**

We have heard some exciting news this week... One of our old students Sophia Pickering who has been fencing epee since a young age, has been selected to represent Great Britain in the Commonwealth in New Zealand in July as well as as the European Championships in Naples in February!

Sophia has set up a gofundme page to raise money for these trips and our school council will be helping her raise funds too! The children are very proud to hear a Banham School alumni living her dream and want to be a part of helping her continue her journey! ♿️ ♿️ Sophia will be coming in to talk to the children next week before she leaves for the European Championship. 😊

*School council are starting their fundraising with having a Valentine's Day non-uniform day, wearing red, pink or hearts for a vulentary £1 donation. ❤️*

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/compete-at-the-commonwealth-and-european-champs>



LOOK what we're  
LEARNING!

**Robins** have been continuing their My Planet and Beyond topic. Last week we travelled to Paris and explored the sights including the Eiffel Tower. We have all enjoyed say Good Morning my name is in French. This week our story has been The Whale and the Snail. We have looked at the oceans around the world as well as the Great Barrier Reef and Costa Rica.

Last week in Maths our focus was Mass and Capacity and for the next two weeks we will be concentrating on 6, 7 and 8.

**Swifts** had a great start to the week going to Bunwell and having a morning of football activities with Norwich City coaches, everybody got involved and gave it their all. They behaved amazingly (as noticed by the coaches) and were a credit to the school! We have also had a great few mornings beginning our art unit, looking at patterns and colours in nature, the rainforest in particular. We created mood boards from drawings and images of rainforest animals, fruits and plants and have begun to create patterns from animals to put onto fabric ready to batik it next week. In Maths, we have finished our multiplication and division unit and our Year 5s are now beginning to look at fractions, decimals and percentages, while Year 6 are beginning their Ratio unit!

**Wrens** have been very excited the last few weeks watching their beans grow and change as part of their science topic and making sure they are looking after them by watering them and placing them close to the window. They've also been focusing on healthy eating and what can be included in a lunch box as part of a balanced diet. They have also been thinking about keeping their teeth healthy by brushing them correctly. In maths the Wrens have been measuring in cm and m and comparing measurements, focusing on accuracy. We are also very proud of the Wrens for all the hard work they have been doing on their spellings that come home. We always make it clear to the Wrens that they are to help us learn and give us lots of practise with our sounds and words that we use every day in our reading and writing. Well done for working hard as always Wrens!

**Skylarks** have been starting to learn to divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers using the 'bus stop' method. We have been exploring the text 'The Iron Man' and started writing our own descriptive sentences based around the first chapter. In art, we have tried making soap sculptures and wire sculptures, these have proved a challenge, but we still gave it our best shot. Lots of us have learnt new skills! History has continued to be about Henry VIII and we have been investigating facts about Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn and Jane Seymour.

# Diary Dates



- 2 – 7 Feb – Scholastic Book Fair
- 13 Feb – Pancake Day
- 14 Feb – Valentine's Day non-uniform day, wear red, pink or hearts ♥
- 15 Feb – FOBS Quiz & Chips TBD
- 19 – 23 Feb – Half Term
- 29 Feb – Y5/6 Norwich Sportspark Games Festival
- 4 March – International Women's Day
- 7 March – World Book Day
- 8 March – FOBS Mother's Day sale
- 15 March – Red Nose Day
- 27 March – Rock Steady Concert @ 9:30am
- 28 March – 12 April – Easter Break
- 15 April – World Art Day
- 22 April – 8 July – Y3/4/5 Swimming
- 22 April – Y5/6 Norwich City Football League Competition
- 23 April – Y3/4 Football Match Banham vs Bunwell @ Carlton Rode
- 25 April – Y5/6 Netball competition at UEA TBD
- 6 May – Bank Holiday
- 9 May – Y3/4 rugby event at Wymondham Rugby Club
- 13 – 16 May – Y6 SATs Week
- 20 May – Move it week
- 27 – 31 May – Half Term
- 14 June – FOBS Father's Day Sale
- 20 & 21 June – Swifts fun days out! TBD
- 27 June – Class Photos
- 16 July – KS1 cricket event at Old Buckenham Cricket Club TBD
- 19 July – Last Day of School

