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Newsletter

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Well done Skylarks & Swifts for bringing the trophy home in Cross Country competing against Bunwell Primary School & Thompson Primary School!



A peak into our classrooms...



LOOK what we're LEARNING!

Robins have started this half-term with a new topic of Celebrations. So far, we have focused on Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day and the reasons as to why we celebrate these on the same day each year. We enjoyed Edith's daddy coming in to help us make our robots and loved how he made them come to life on video. In phonics we have learnt all our single sounds and moved onto digraphs. The children will be able to tell you what these are! In maths we have looked at circles and triangles and learnt different facts about them, for the next couple of weeks we are focusing on the numbers 1-5.

Wrens have had another busy two weeks since half term! Our writing has been linked to Remembrance Day. We have been thinking about 'Evacuees' and what we would put in our suitcases and what home means to us. We have written some lovely list poems. We are enjoying our new history topic and learning about Christopher Columbus. We have investigated making bridges from different materials in science. Our new DT topic is all about fruit and vegetables and we will be planning our ingredients for our smoothies in the next few weeks! In maths we have started thinking about measuring and bonds to 10 and 20. Well done Wrens!



LOOK what we're LEARNING!

Swifts A good start back to the term for Swifts, many of us have begun to improve our learning behaviours and engagement in learning, which has been lovely to see, hopefully we keep it up. :)

We have started looking at fractions in Maths and while these can be tricky, everyone is giving them a good go and have even begun adding and subtracting fractions!

In English, we have written list poems with the theme of Remembrance - 10 Things Found in a Soldier's Pocket. We are ready to start our next unit, writing a newspaper report.

We all enjoyed taking part in the Trust KS2 Cross Country event on Thursday, the weather was much better this year and we brought the trophy back to Banham again!!

We also had 3 members of Swifts take part in a football tournament with other members of the Trust, we did amazingly and won another trophy for the Trust!!

Skylarks We have had a fantastic two weeks back in school since half term. In our new Design Technology topic, we have started to learn all about where food comes from and how different foods grow in different climates. In RE we are focusing on the Bible and learning why is so special to Christians, we made our own special books and placed something precious to us inside. In English we have had a two-week project all about Women in WWI to coincide with Remembrance Day. The children worked tremendously hard to learn about the vital roles women played during WWI and, after focusing on the Canary girls and the Land Army, they wrote some beautiful cinquains (5 line poems) on the subject. You can see a selection of these on the Class Dojo.



Diary Dates

The highlighted dates are new/amended dates

- 18th Nov – Parent's Evening
- 20th Nov – Parent's Evening
- 21st Nov – Adult Learning KS2 Maths for parents 1:00-3:00pm
Maths Matters 'I wasn't taught like that in school'. Adult family members come in to listen to a maths expert about key mathematical reasoning to support your child and then spend time working with your child (free resources to take home for those that attend). This will be a different theme to the meeting last year so please feel free to come again. Please let the office know if you're attending.
- 22nd Nov – Preloved toy sale in the hall after school
- 27th Nov – Non-Uniform Day, a suggested donation for the tombola would be appreciated
- 30th Nov – FOBS Christmas Fete in school 11:00am-1:00pm
- 5th Dec – Adult Wreathmaking, £30 please book via Rachel 07900027220



Banham School Christmas Carol Service

Where: Banham Church

When: Monday 9th December, 2024

Time: 5:30pm start

- 14th Dec – Adult & Child Wreathmaking, £30 please book via Rachel
- 18th Dec – Rock Steady Concert @ 9:30am
- 23rd Dec-6th Jan – Christmas Break
- 15th Jan – Adult Learning Robins & Wrens for parents 1:00-3:00pm
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- 20th Jan – Y3/4 Girls Norwich City Football Fixture 2
- 28th Jan – Swifts trip to Norwich Castle, Ancient Egypt Discovery & Debate
- 6th-11th Feb – Book Fair
- 17th-21st Feb – Half Term
- 27th Feb – Skylarks trip to Norwich Theatre, Horrible Histories – Awful Egyptians
- 3rd March – Y5/6 Norwich City Football Fixture 2
- 3rd March – Y5 Bikeability
- 10th March – Y5 Bikeability

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- 4th March – Active Outdoor Discovery for the whole school
<http://activeoutdoordiscovery.com/>
- 10th March – Y5 Bikeability
- 2nd April – Rock Steady Concert @ 9:30am
- 7th-22nd April – Easter Break
- 28th April – Y3/4 Girls Norwich City Football Fixture 3
- 1st May – Swimming begins at Diss Leisure Centre for Y3, 4 & 5
- 5th May – Bank Holiday
- 12th-15th May – SATs Week
- 26th-30th May – Half Term
- 11th June – Y5/6 Norwich City Football Fixture 3
- 18th-20th June – Swifts Residential
- 14th July – Y6 Crucial Crew
- 16th July – Rock Steady Concert @ 9:30am
- 23rd July-2nd Sept – Summer Break



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- Saturday 30th Nov – Christmas Fete at school, choir to perform @ 12:30pm
- Sunday 8th Dec – Zoo's Christmas Fete @ 2:00pm
- Saturday 14th Dec – St Mary's Church in Diss, arrive @ 5:30pm
- Friday 20th Dec – Banham Church Christmas Carol Concert 7:15pm, 7:30pm start

