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Newsletter

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Another busy couple of weeks at Banham Primary School!



THANK YOU VERY MUCH



The devastating news of the vandalism in our Forest School area that was recently revamped with the help of volunteers, staff and the children, was a hard way to start our week. However, the support we have received from the community has blown us away! We want to thank you for all the heartfelt messages, support & donations. All offers of help have been noted and we will reach out once we get our heads around it all and have an action plan in place. Once again, thank you, we are very lucky to be part of such a wonderful community and look forward to turning the Forest School space around and making it even better!

LOOK what we're LEARNING!

Robins have had a busy couple of weeks since the last Newsletter. We went on our first trip to The Norfolk Gymnastics Academy. We had a fantastic time and the children got to try all the equipment including the high beam!

PC Phillips came for a visit and let us into his police van where we were able to turn the siren on. He then told us how to keep safe. The advice he gave was for children to learn their full name, their parents' names and their address. If children know this information they are able to find parents in an emergency.

We have been busy writing short letters to people of our choosing in Literacy and have been able to write lots of words independently. In Maths we have been learning the names of 3d shapes and have been brilliant at using the correct terminology.

Just a gentle reminder that there are lots of amazing photos of everything that happens in Robins on Tapestry.

Wrens are really enjoying their English and History topics this half term. We are amazed at all the facts they have remembered and the new information a lot of them have discovered by researching our inspirational people at home. They have also created some writing pieces based on people they find inspiring and used alliteration to describe those people. We had an excellent dance workshop last week, where the Wrens got to try some Greek dancing. They all picked it up very quickly and had smiles on their faces from ear to ear. We have also noticed a fantastic improvement in the children's pace with their arithmetic questions we do every day after lunch for 5 minutes. They are whizzing through the questions now! We also want to thank all the grownups for helping the children with their weather reports, they were brilliant! Well done Wrens, keep shining!



Swifts As always, a busy couple of weeks in Swifts. We have now completed our biography unit, finishing our biographies on Greta Thunberg - we found out so much information about her (a lot of us were shocked that she'd been arrested for her protesting)! In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting decimals, as well as multiplying and dividing them by integers - we realised it's the same method we have been using in other calculations, so we just needed to use our times tables knowledge. In History, we have learned the story of the Anglo-Saxon hero, Beowulf, and his battle against Grendel. We created storyboards to show the key events.

Skylarks In D.T. we have learnt about the key features of a castle and used these to help us design our own castle which must have the 3 Ss - Strength, Stiffness and Stability. Over the next 2 weeks we will be finalising our designs and building our castles piece by piece. This unit of learning also links in with Maths where we are looking at Shapes including symmetry and 3D shapes and nets. In English we have created our own poems using alliteration and prepositions. When we moved on to similes we played a new game called Loop Cards where everyone in the class had to work together to build a loop of joining similes - it was great fun! In French we are learning all about what is it like to be in a French classroom. The children did a wonderful job of recalling the teacher's instructions in French and followed them at a fast pace! And they have also been listing the contents of their backpack in the partner game "Dans mon sac".





Diary Dates

- 25th March – KS2 Environmental Heroes adult learning for parents 1:30-3:00pm
- 25th March – Parent's Evening
- 27th March – Parent's Evening
- 28th March – Mother's Day Sale
- 2nd April – Rock Steady Concert @ 9:30am
- 4th April – School Council Easter Egg Raffle
- 7th-22nd April – Easter Break
- 28th April – Y3/4 Girls Norwich City Football Fixture 3
- 1st May-17th July – Swimming begins at Diss Leisure Centre for Y3, 4 & 5
- 5th May – Bank Holiday
- 12th-15th May – Y6 SATs Week
- 26th-30th May – Half Term
- 9th June – Group Class Photos
- 11th June – Y5/6 Norwich City Football Fixture 3
- 16th June – [Vivian Gayle Dance Workshop](#)
- 18th-20th June – Swifts Residential at Eaton Vale
- 20th June – Robins & Wrens trip to Sea Life
- 26th June – Sports Day
- 5th July – FOBS Summer Fair
- 14th July – Y6 Crucial Crew Trip
- 15th July – Whole School Hippodrome Trip 😊
- 16th July – Rock Steady Concert @ 9:30am
- 18th July – Year 6 end of year performance for parents
- 23rd July-2nd Sept – Summer Break