News Sheet

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

Starfish have had a super week, focusing on the different weather we have seen this week!



At the beginning of the week, the children noticed that the rain had left lots of puddles in the outside area. So we put on our welly boots and coats and enjoyed splashing in the puddles. The children then told us that the animals in the outside area were thirsty and needed a drink so gathered them up and made sure they all had a big drink!



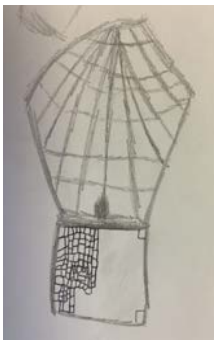


The children have also been busy inside the classroom. Using the foam bricks, they have been building walls and towers, seeing how tall they can make them. They especially enjoyed making towers taller than themselves and then knocking them down!

We have also used the playdough and tools to make different shapes and patterns. The children chose their favourite colour and then used a variety of tools and cutters to express their ideas. They loved experimenting with the different shapes they could make!

Seahorse class

We have had another busy week in Seahorses with year 2 finishing their writing based on the book 'Journey'. It was great to add some amazing sentences to our wordless picture book. Meanwhile Year 1 and reception have been thinking about how Little Red Riding Hood could go and visit Granny without seeing the wolf. In maths, year 1 have been looking at showing one more or less than numbers to 20 and year 2 have been looking at this for numbers to 50. We have been practising using our stem sentences 'One more than **5** is **6**.' and 'One less than **6** is **5**.' The more we are using the stem sentences in class the more the children are using them independently.









Meanwhile in topic reception have been thinking about their families and how they are all different. They have talked about what different members of their families like and don't like. Year 1 and 2 have been turning into budding artists and have been thinking about how to draw lines of different thickness so they can create their own drawings of hot air balloons.

Dolphin class

Dolphins have this week been investigating two of the planes used in the Battle of Britain. We started the week with the Spitfire, a fighter aircraft used by the RAF which was critical in defending Britain during World War 2. We then focused on the Messerschmitt, the backbone of the German fighter aircrafts. The children found lots of interesting facts on each plane, then on Tuesday we held a debate over which plane we thought was better. The children on each team had lots of great arguments for each plane, with plenty of information to back up their arguments.





On Wednesday, the children got a chance to see footage of the planes mid-flight. Mrs Winchester, seeing their excitement watching the footage, got the children to reenact what it would be like to pilot the planes. As you can see by the children's facial expressions they got into character and really enjoyed this activity.



Elsewhere in English we have finished our unit on the book 'Little Ships' where the children have produced some wonderful writing all week then gone on to create some magnificent big writes, being very creative with their writing.

In Maths, we have been identifying how to partition numbers to help us find the next and previous ten. This has been done to help us with our additions and subtractions across ten with 2- and 1-digit numbers. The children have been able to use a range of resources to support their learning, including dienes, number lines, tens frames and counters.

It has been a very productive week and I am looking forward to all the amazing work we can complete together next week.

Shark Class

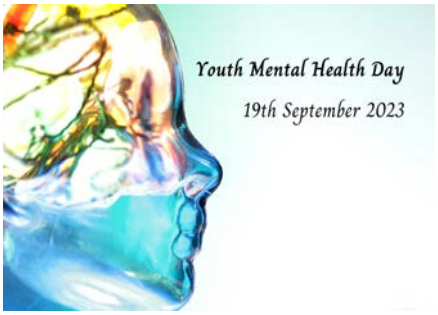


It has been a very productive week here in Sharks! For most of us, it has been a pretty normal week. We have been editing last week's independent writing and preparing to bring the story of The Little Ships to a close in Writing, we've looked at retrieval, inference and vocabulary using the classic tale of Goodnight Mr Tom, and we've been focusing on our fundamental addition skills in maths - looking at how to model what is happening behind the scenes of the formal column method using base-10 and place value counters. In Topic, we have finally begun looking into the aircraft involved in the Battle of Britain, researching, comparing, and contrasting which of the aircraft was the best and explaining why. So far, Sharks are on Team Hurricane - praising its robust and sturdy body, hard hitting weaponry and ease of repair.



Elsewhere, some of us were out and about in the rain on Monday and Tuesday as we underwent our Bikeability training. We had a lot of fun, even if we did get absolutely soaked. I am looking forward to seeing what we get up to next week!

Mental Wellbeing



This week we have been focusing on mental health and raising awareness of its importance. The children at Bacton are great at understanding the different emotions with the help of our Colour Monsters.



In between the rain showers we have managed to work in the Sea Sanctuary Wellbeing Garden. Over the summer break we had a number of cucumbers grow. The tomato plants went crazy, and the squash spread all over the tomatoes. On reflection we may need to space plants in the future. Can you spot the butterfly?





Online Safety



Celebrating and Sharing Our Successes

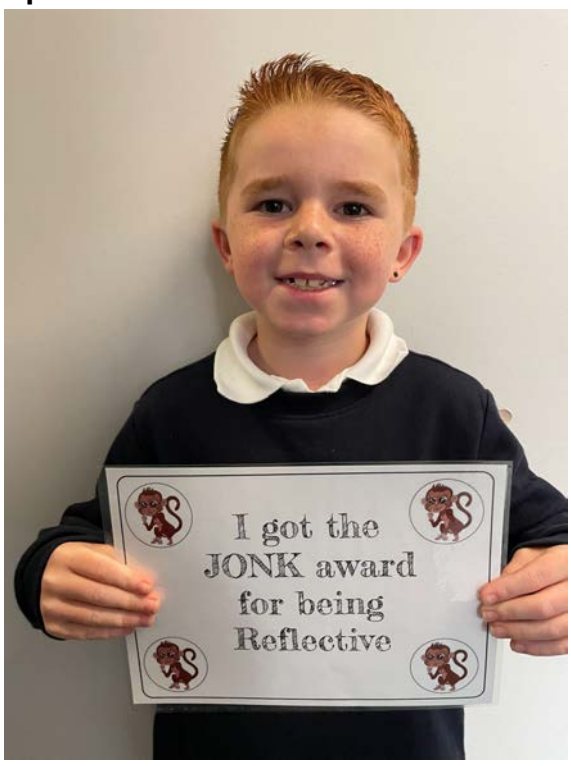
We will be sharing with parents and carers our JONK award winners for the week as part of our celebrating and sharing success.

Teachers and TAs will be looking out for children who demonstrate the JONK skill of Resourceful next week.

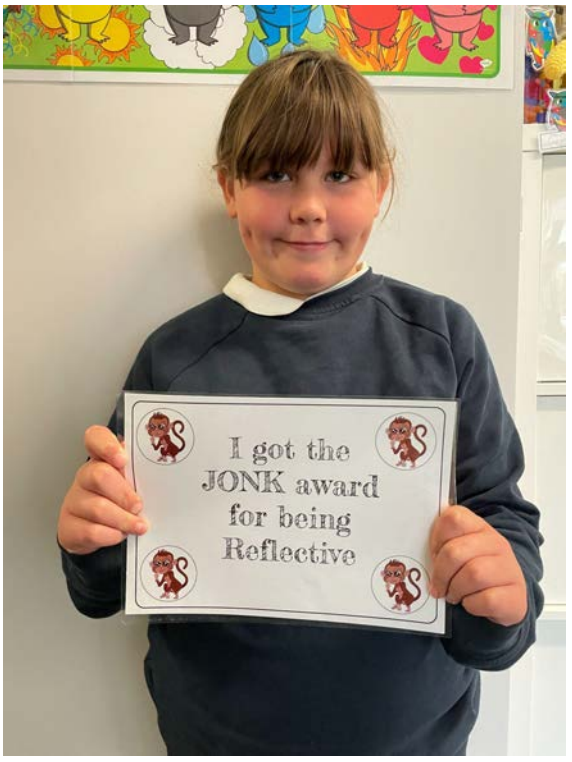
Seahorse Class JONK certificate this week



Dolphin Class JONK certificate this week



Shark Class JONK certificate this week





You're invited to join us on
Friday 29th September
2:00-3:15
For Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan Coffee Story Cafe
If you're free why not join us for our Macmillan coffee story cafe on Friday 29th September 2:00-3:15? There will be a shared story, a chance for you to work alongside your child in and out of the classroom before parents and carers return to the hall for the opportunity to sit back and chill, chatting over coffee and cake. Children will be able to purchase cake and juice with all funds raised going to Macmillan Cancer. To support the event please send any **cake donations** to the school office on Thursday 28th or Friday 29th September. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%
Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 96.53%
Seahorse class attendance year to date 98.70%
Dolphin class attendance year to date 94.13%
Shark class attendance year to date 96.01%
The class with the highest attendance this week was Dolpins with 99.26%

Well Done Dolphin Class

Return to school in September 2023

You may remember that back in the autumn term we consulted on changes to the start and end time of the school day inline with the government white paper. From September 2023 our start and end of day time will be changing – see below

Start	8.35-8.45 drop-off (8.45 the doors close)
Finish	3.15 pickup

Reminders

School Lunches
Please check the school website for the Spring/Summer Menu
There has been some waste lately, please ensure that you order a meal that your child will eat.

PE Days On the day your child has PE please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit. If they are taking part in sports club and it is not their PE day they should come to school in their uniform and bring kit to change into.	
PE Seahorse Class - Years R, 1 and 2	**Monday and Thursday**
Dolphin and Shark Classes - Years 3, 4,5 and 6	**Thursday and Friday**

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 27/09/2023	3.15-4.00	Homework Club Years 1 to 6
28/09/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
29/09/2023	2:00-3:15	Macmillan Story Cafe - Parents invited into school to join us for a story, craft activities and refreshments
Wednesday 04/10/2023	3.15-4.00	Homework Club Years 1 to 6
05/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
Wednesday 11/10/2023	3.15-4.00	Homework Club Years 1 to 6
12/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
Wednesday 18/10/2023	3.15-4.00	Homework Club Years 1 to 6
19/10/2023	2:00-3:15	Harvest Festival - Parents invited into school - letter to follow
19/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
19/10/2023	3:15	Break up for October Half Term Holiday
30/10/2023	8:45	Return to school from October Half Term Holiday
19/12/2023	9:00-1:30	Sheringham Little Theatre Whole school Panto visit Years R-6

Term Dates



All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240

The link below has more information about fixed penalty notices.
Fixed Penalty Notices

