



News Sheet

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

Starfish have had another busy week!

We have been looking at Winter this week and talking about what weather we might see in Winter. The children particularly enjoyed talking about snow and loved creating patterns, shapes and building mountains in the glittery 'snow' in the tuff tray. By the end of the day, it looked like it had snowed in the classroom!



We then chose to go on a walk around the field to have a look and see if the leaves had started to change colour. Whilst most were green, we found some yellow and brown leaves scattered around. The children then enjoyed some time on the trim trail, navigating their way across the equipment before playing in the construction part of the Sea Sanctuary Garden.

It was also World Animal Day on Wednesday so we have spent the week looking at different animals and talking about which animals are our favourite. Outside we created our own farmyard using tractors, farm houses and animals. We asked the children to think about how they would help to look after the animals and what jobs farmers would need to do.



Seahorse class

It has been great this week seeing how we can partition numbers in year 1 and 2. We've been able to apply what we already know and have also been learning how to create our own bar models. We started the week out by splitting numbers to five into parts. We had up to three parts for some numbers. We then moved on to looking to see how we can make sure we have made all the possible options and subitising. Finally we looked at bar models and then started making our own with cubes.



In English we have all now finished the book 'The Way Back Home' and have had some amazing ideas about what else was in the boy's cupboard and the adventure the boy and alien went on. We are really pleased to see year 1 and 2 children working hard on their handwriting in their homework and applying it to their writing in class.



On Monday afternoon year 1 and 2 went to Colby for a KS1 Multi Sports event. It was a lovely afternoon with lots of other schools there and a range of activities run by key stage 2 children from Colby. Seahorses were well behaved and had a fantastic time.

Dolphin class

This week in Dolphins we have let our artistic sides out with a week full of sketching and painting. We started the week being curious about Paul Nash's painting 'Battle of Britain', which is a painting based on an aerial dog fight between



British and German planes. The class then had the opportunity to sketch their own dog fight and to again practise their shading skills from last week. The next day, we then experimented with watercolours, learning



how to apply tone and tint. Then on Wednesday we put all our new skills together and created our own watercolour artwork on The Battle of Britain. The children were very creative with their artwork, with every one being completely different.

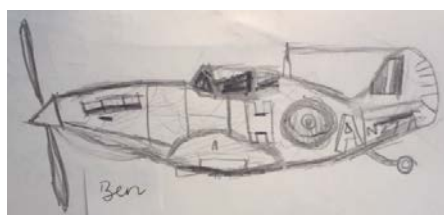
In English, we have finished our journalistic writing creating a newspaper report about the rescue of British soldiers from the beach in Dunkirk. The class have produced some great writing, including in their reports rhetorical questions, eye witness reports and expert views on the rescue.

Over in Maths we have had an excellent week learning how to use the column method to support us with our addition and multiplication questions. I have been so impressed and it has been clear to see the hard work and resilience the children have shown throughout the week.



Shark Class

It has been another productive and exciting week in Sharks. In English, we have come to the end of our Non-chronological Reports on the events following Operation Dynamo and typed them up to look like professional resources. In maths, we looked in more detail at taking apart ever larger numbers and reconstructing them in increasingly unusual ways to help with our partitioning. In Topic, we looked at the Chain Home system and the three different Radar setups that were used - Chain Home, Chain Home Low and Chain Home Extra (Ask your children what they were for!) We ended the week with some art - looking at Spitfires from different perspectives before having a go at following a guide on how to sketch one accurately. I am very pleased with the results and we are looking forward to adding watercolour to our designs next week.



Mental Wellbeing

This week we have been back working in the Sea Sanctuary Wellbeing Garden. Whilst working in the garden the children have explored and discussed the creatures found as well as gaining an understanding of the plant cycle and how certain plants become part of our food industry. The children have been enjoying gathering the poppy seeds. These have been added to a glass tank for the children to watch the roots and plants grow. Currently, we have enough poppy seeds to



open our own poppy field or a bakers with poppy seed bread. The children had great fun insect exploring too. More fun than Mrs Winchester who was convinced the centipede had landed on her after a gust of wind!



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATting

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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Coming soon!

On Tuesday 10th October children will be able to 'Stand Out and Show Up' to raise awareness of the World Mental Health Day.

With Hello Yellow, we at Bacton are inviting you to dress up in anything YELLOW. The brighter the better. Let's bring lots of sunshine into the school despite the autumn chills.

Start planning your outfit now!

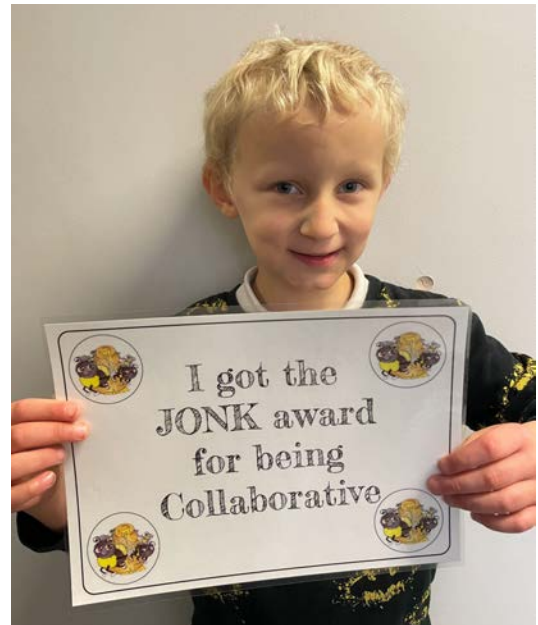


Celebrating and Sharing Our Successes

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 Creative next week.

Seahorse Class JONK certificate this week



Dolphin Class JONK certificate this week



Shark Class JONK certificate this week



Our new Head Pupils



Our new School Councillors



Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 96.12%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 97.76%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 95.85%

Shark class attendance year to date 94.6%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Seahorses with 97.47%

Well Done Seahorse Class

Return to school from 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

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

Uniform

Order directly through Birds of Dereham (any time)

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

Or place your order on the School Money System before the cut off dates below.

Order Through School - Dates 2023/24:

1. Order Cut Off: **Fri 6th October 2023** - Delivery in November 2023
2. Order Cut Off: Fri 16th February 2024 - Delivery in March 2024
3. Order Cut Off: Fri 26th April 2024 - Delivery in May 2024
4. Order Cut Off: Fri 7th June 2024 - Delivery in July 2024

	Sweatshirt	Cardigan	Fleece Jacket	Delivery charge
Order through school (includes 10% discount)	£10.50	£12.00	£14.50	Free

If you have any queries please contact the School Office.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
10/10/2023	All Day	Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Awareness Day - Wear something yellow
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	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
03/11/2023	2:00	Harvest Festival Parents invited into school - letter to follow (Please note this is a change to the previously advertised date)
19/12/2023	9:00-1:30	Sheringham Little Theatre Whole school Panto visit Years R-6

Term Dates

Norfolk County Council		2023-2024	Coastal Together
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<p>Key: White dates - schools open to pupils Yellow dates - pupil holiday Red dates - bank holiday</p> <p>Staff Training Days (The remaining 2 inset days will be disaggregated into 6 Twilights, 1 per Half Term)</p>			

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](#)



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**EVERYONE
IS EXCITED!**

SWIMMING LESSONS

ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET STARTED IN

SWIMMING LESSONS?

- LESSONS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES & ABILITY'S
- SPACES AVAILABLE NOW
- SWIMMING LESSONS RUN 50 WEEKS OF THE YEAR
- EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL & WEEKENDS TOO
- £38.54A MONTH PAID BY DIRECT DEBIT
- CHILD RECEIVES FREE SWIMMING IN ALL PUBLIC/FAMILY SESSIONS

JOIN OUR AWARD-WINNING SWIMMING LESSONS

& GET A FREE 6 MONTHS KIDS PASS*

- UP TO 57% OFF DAYS OUT & ATTRACTIONS
- KIDS GO FREE AT AQUARIUMS, RESTAURANTS & MORE
- 30% OFF ADULTS & CHILD CINEMA TICKETS
- UP TO 25% OFF FAMILY HOLIDAYS & RESORTS



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FAMILY FUN HALLOWEEN PARTY

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**LICENSED BAR
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TERRIBLE TREATS
GAMES**

PICTURE QUIZ FOR THE ADULTS

FREE ENTRY



SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 5-9PM

UNDER 18'S TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
ONLY FOOD AND DRINK PURCHASED FROM THE BAR TO BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES

Please note the above events/activities are not organised or run by the school.