



News Sheet

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

We have had another super week in Starfish.

Throughout the week, we have continued with our weather topic and have been looking at Spring. After talking about the different weather we might see in Spring, we made a 'Starfish Tree'. We used different shades of green and each placed a fingerprint on a branch of the tree. Over the year, new starters will add to it until we have a full tree!



Starfish have also been busy baking this week. Together, we measured and mixed the ingredients before rolling out the dough and cutting out different shapes. The classroom smelled delicious when they were baking! We had them the next day at snack and the children were really proud of being able to bake biscuits for themselves and their friends for snacktime.

The children have also been working on their phonics knowledge this week. We have started to introduce the Monster Phonic characters and have met Angry Red A and Yellow I so far. Starfish have been keen to read their stories, learning about the Monsters and learning what sounds they make. I wonder who we will meet next week?



Seahorse class

It has been another busy week in Seahorses. We have spent a lot of time thinking about numbers in year 1 and 2. We have looked at how we can partition them and that numbers 6-10 are five and so many more. We have moved on to looking at ten and how one ten is equal to ten ones. Meanwhile, Reception have been looking at patterns and have used everyday objects to make them. Some of our best patterns were with fruit and the sticks and leaves we found outside.

In English this week we have all been focusing on the Three Little Pigs. Reception and Year 1 have been helping the wolf disguise himself as a pig and writing descriptions of him and the brick house. Meanwhile Year 2 started sentences for the story 'Pigs Might Fly'. They then wrote about what they thought would happen when the wolf jumped on the plane for their short independent write.

In PE we have carried on building and developing our multi-skills. We practised rolling, throwing and kicking balls this week. Then we worked in groups to make our own activity courses to practise these skills. Key Stage 1 have also been creating their own flying machines in the afternoon and evaluating how well they fly. There was some great collaboration and creativity going on.



Dolphin class

This week in Dolphin class, we have moved away from our unit of Art and have progressed on to History and Geography. In History, we were curious about what the Dowding System is and how it helped during the Battle of Britain. The children were



fascinated by how radars were used to detect incoming planes from France. In Geography we discovered the locations of the Chain Home (Dowding System radar towers), how they worked together for a stronger radius and then plotted them on a map of Britain.

In English, we have moved on to our new unit of diary writing, with help from the book *My Secret War Diary*. The children have been very creative this week, coming up with some extraordinary sentences in our Sentence Stacking lessons and producing some wonderful sketches of an aerial dogfight which inspired our short writes about watching a German plane crashing after a battle with a Spitfire in the skies above. This topic has really caught the interests of many of the children and it has been reflected in their work.



Over in Maths, we have continued with number, addition and subtraction, with the class flying through how to use the column method to solve both addition and subtraction



problems with 2-digit and regrouping. Lots of work has been put in using counters and place value charts before moving on to the more abstract column method.

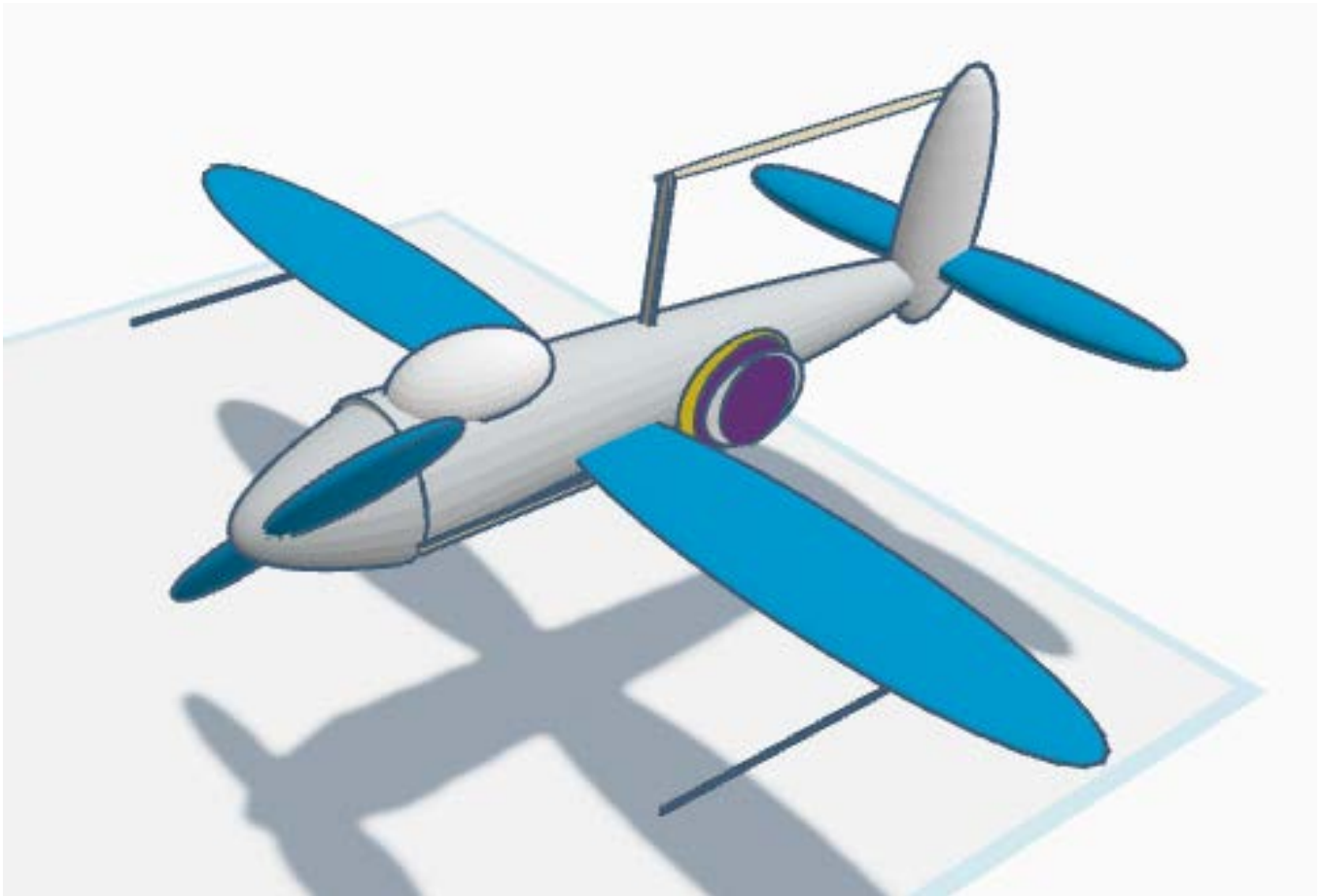


Shark Class

It has been a very creative week here in Sharks, which is wonderful as that was this week's JONK characteristic! We have spent the week sketching, shading, and creating our very own warbirds inspired by those in WWII using 3D design software TinkerCAD with great success.

In English, we have been writing newspaper reports on The Blitz and were very excited to interview Mr Reginald Smith (Who looked uncannily akin to Mr Wilson) about his experiences living in the Docklands during this time. They were also joined by Gerald Winchester, the great-grandfather of one of our students who discussed how they would pass the time sheltering in the underground.

In Maths, we have spent the week looking at rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000 and learning a 'cheat' to easily complete subtractions such as $1900 - 387$. Speak to your child to find out just how to achieve this!



Mental Wellbeing

This week we have been raising awareness for Mental Health. Tuesday was World Mental Health Day. Children were able to wear yellow to support Young Minds and this lined into our pineapple themed activities. The school now has a new plant, a pineapple plant. The plant pot says, “Be a pineapple,

stand tall, wear a crown and be sweet from the inside!” A fabulous plant to boost children and allow for creativity. Tuesday was the start of creativity. It will continue after the half term when children are shown how to grow their own pineapple plant.



The fun continued with lots of skipping, swingball and fun with the vehicles. Never too old to travel in a Little Tikes Car!



Online Safety

As it was World Mental Health Day Tuesday and we have been looking at emotional literacy we felt this would be a good online safety reminder for all.

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 issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

- 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE**
Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.
- 2 REACH OUT**
It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.
- 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS**
If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.
- 4 OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!
- 5 POST POSITIVELY**
Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.
- 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION**
If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.
- 7 BE UNDERSTANDING**
Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.
- 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS**
When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.
- 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING**
Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.
- 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert
Caryl Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Caryl is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

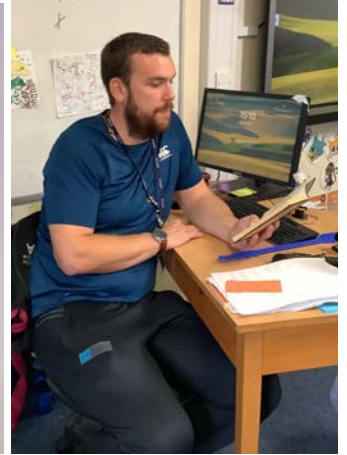
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Sharing Stories

This week was the first of our 'Sharing Stories' sessions. We are doing this to encourage reading for pleasure and expose the children to a wide range of stories. It was a great success this week and it is safe to say the most popular story was 'George's Marvellous Medicine' read by Mr Wilson who will carry on sharing this next time. Our next session will be the first Friday back in our PSHE week after half term. Look out to see which stories we will be sharing.



Adult's Wellbeing

It is important as adults we look after our own wellbeing as this will allow us to support the children's. This Mental Health Day school staff were treated to a tea and cake break as a reminder to take time for their own wellbeing.



If any parent/carer is struggling with wellbeing and does not feel comfortable mentioning to staff there is always support out there for you. Quell is an anonymous support website, they will **not** ask for any personal information, this includes your name: <https://www.qwell.io/>.



Lighthouse Lookout

Dolphins and Sharks have been asked to nominate themselves for our revamped Lighthouse Lookout. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn new skills and support others. The Lighthouse Crew will gain the pupils' voice and allow the children to raise awareness and support others within the school. So many children have nominated themselves with amazing reasons why that role will be suitable for them. For each role there will be a Shark and Dolphin, the Head Pupils will support the roles alongside Mrs Winchester and Mr Austin. Look out for your new Lookouts!

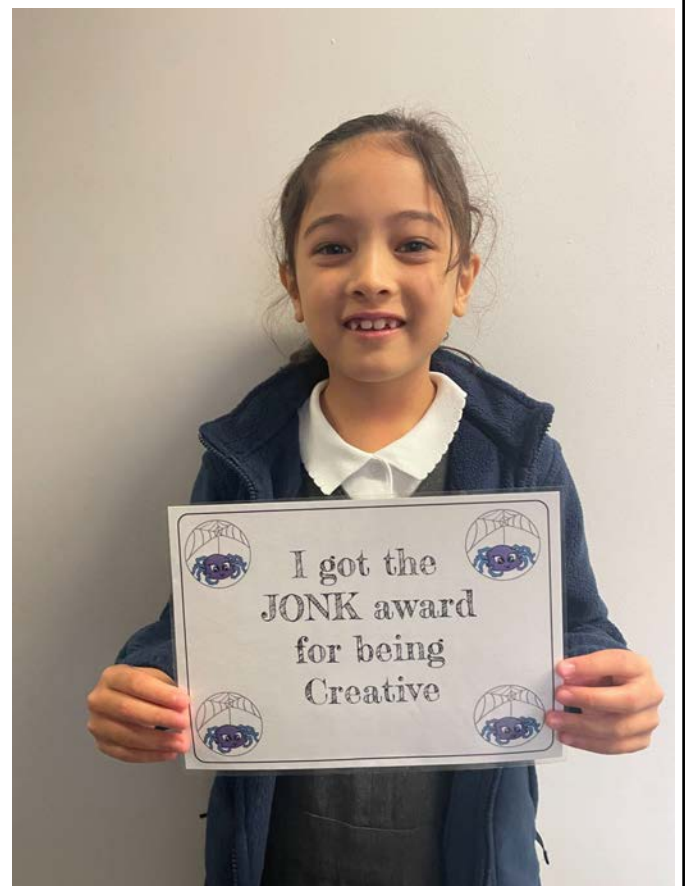


Celebrating and Sharing Our Successes

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 Curious 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 95.75%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 97.25%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 95.64%

Shark class attendance year to date 94.29%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Seahorses with 94.95%

Well Done Seahorse Class

Every School Day Matters

School and future success starts with good **attendance!**

Going to school helps children to:

- ✓ Learn
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Get new experiences
- ✓ Increase their confidence
- and **most of all....**
- ✓ Have the best start in life

DAILY LATENESS

equates to...



5 MINUTES LATE
15 hours of lost learning

10 MINUTES LATE
30 hours of lost learning

15 MINUTES LATE
50 hours of lost learning

Education is important - don't miss out!



Coastal Together
Federation of Schools

Instil | Understand | Learn | Become

100%

PERFECT

100% Attendance

98%

IMPRESSIVE

Equates to 4 school days off each year

96%

GOOD

Equates to 7 school days off each year

95%

NEARLY THERE

Equates to 9 school days off each year

94%

NEEDS TO IMPROVE

Equates to 11 school days off each year

90%

DANGER ZONE

Equates to 1 month off each year

80%

EXTREME IMPACT

Equates to 2 months off each year

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
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
01/11/23	16:00-17:00	PTFA School Disco - Letter has been issued
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)
14/12/2023	9:30-10:30	Christmas Performance - Don't be Afraid, ticket only event for parents and carers - ticket booking letter to be issued in November
15/12/2023	14:00-15:00	Christmas Performance - Don't be Afraid, ticket only event for parents and carers - ticket booking letter to be issued in November
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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(Key: White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - term holiday
Staff Training Days (The remaining 2 inset days will be disaggregated into 6 Twilights, 1 per Half Term)

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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Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday
- Staff Training Days (2nd and 3rd Sept and 6th Jan. (The remaining 2 days will be disaggregated into 6 half days))

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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.