



News Sheet

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

Happy New Year!

The children have been keen to get back into Starfish and have been sharing all their Christmas news with us. During conversations, we have been practising our listening and turn taking skills, with the children sharing their news one at a time. They have been brilliant at waiting their turn to talk and have been asking each other questions about what they got up to over the holidays.



The cold weather has also sparked conversations about what season we are in and how we can keep ourselves warm. The children have wrapped up in coats, scarves and gloves and braved the cold outside, making hot cups of tea and bowls of soup in our mud kitchen to help keep the adults warm too!

Inside the classroom, the children have been recapping the Monster

Phonics characters we learnt last term, using the characters to act out their stories and add them into their own imaginative play.

Starfish have also been using their creative skills with the playdough. Using the rolling pins, cutters and tools, they have been creating shapes and patterns to make pictures and tell stories.

Well done Starfish for having such a super first week back!



Seahorse class

We have had a great start back to the term and we have been very lucky to get some new resources in our continuous provision that the whole class have enjoyed using this week. The biggest hit has been the marble run and we have enjoyed finding different ways to put it all together. We have also changed our role play area and have got big boxes (more always welcome and any big tubes) which have become homes, cars and a doctors surgery.

Year 1 and 2 have started their new book in English called 'Ossiri and the Bala Mengro'. It is all about a little girl wanting to play a musical instrument having to make her own. We will be making our own instruments on Monday so any donations of small bottles, yogurt pots or kitchen roll tubes would be greatly appreciated. Meanwhile Reception have carried on with Drawing Club and have been finding out about Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs going on holiday.

On Tuesday, Key Stage 1 competed in an inter-house topic quiz seeing what they could remember from our previous topic 'Let's Fly Away'. It was great to see how much the children could remember. The winners were Red House with a score of 100! Well done!



Dolphins

This week in Dolphins we have started our new Topic entitled 'Guardians of the Planet'. In this Topic we will be learning all about the planet, why we need to protect it and what we can do to protect it. We started this week with Geography, investigating the equator, northern and southern hemisphere, different time zones and the lines of longitude and latitude. The children enjoyed these lessons having lots of amazing questions.

Over in English, we started our unit on 'We Are Water Protectors', which is a cultural text. The book focuses on a North American indigenous culture that is protesting about a dark snake (Dakota Access Pipelines) polluting their land and animals. In the first lesson of the week we looked at how rainsticks were used by indigenous people to summon the rain from the skies. The class then got a chance to make their own rainstick, which I'm sure they have been playing with at home. Later in the week, we had a go at writing our own piece of work warning against different items that may harm the environment. This ranged from plastic bags, fishing wire and nets to toxic waste produced by factories. The class then had a chance to look over and edit their work on Friday.

In Maths and Arithmetic, we have moved over to working with larger, more challenging 4-digit numbers. The children have been able to identify strategies used with smaller numbers that can be transitioned over to larger ones, helping them to adapt to the new

challenge and produce some great work.
Well done on a great first full week back Dolphins!



Sharks

The Sharks have hit the ground running in the New Year, diving head first into their learning and really engaging with our new topic - Guardians of the Planet! So far this week, we have;

- Started writing our stories based on different cultures focused around Maha and the Elephant. The children have written some beautiful descriptions of the sea in Thailand, the mysterious islands off the coast and the beauty of the elephants walking the forest paths. I cannot wait to find out what happens when a new and serious threat appears in time for our Long Independent Writes next week!
- Looked into increasingly small decimal numbers to finish off our Number & Place Value unit. We started at tenths, moved on to hundredths and now we are studying thousandths as well as comparing numbers with the same and different amount of decimals. We will be moving on to looking at Multiplication and Division beginning on Monday.
- Begun to understand how the world is divided up using lots of different lines and zones such as the Arctic & Antarctic circles, the Tropics of Cancer & Capricorn, and the Equator. We also looked at how we can use these coordinates of Latitude and Longitude to find different places on earth by using very similar rules to when

we use coordinates in Maths.

All in all, it has been a busy and productive week in Upper Key Stage 2 and has set the class up very well to continue their learning throughout this half-term!

Mental Wellbeing

This week is National Houseplant Week. One of our activities this week linked to plants and emotional literacy. The children enjoyed creating different emotions for pineapple and cacti characters. Mrs Winchester spoke with the children as they were busy creating, the



children were very keen to share their feelings whilst linking them to a character they had drawn.

Other children took the opportunity to quietly read whilst sitting on the beanbags. It is important we all take time for ourselves and mindful colouring and reading is a perfect way.





What parents need to know about GRAND THEFT AUTO (GTA)




Grand Theft Auto is an action-adventure video game series where players control criminals and wreak havoc in order to complete missions and progress through the game. During the early stages of the game, it solely focuses on completing missions to go up a level. However, as the game grew more popular the makers of GTA decided to introduce a narrative to each edition of the game. The aim of this was to increase user engagement, making gamers believe that they were not just playing as the character, but they became the character. Grand Theft Auto is accessible on a number of devices including: PlayStation and Xbox, desktop computers, PSP, Nintendo DS, and Mobile.

Top Tips for Parents

THE RISK - PLAYING WITH STRANGERS

When buying GTA V you automatically have access to Grand Theft Auto Online, a version of the game that allows players to play online. They can play alone, invite players to a game, or be involved in public 'sessions' where people will be picked at random to play. When you first load into a game you are automatically placed into an open lobby, meaning you play with random people. The social club is GTA's very own social platform where users can bet money, share in-game photographs (which users can like and comment on), and even message other users directly.

What parents can do

To prevent your child playing with strangers on the game, you can change the settings to ensure they only play with their approved friends list. Upon signing up to the 'social club', it automatically sets a player's visibility settings to 'everyone', meaning their name and profile information is made public. Parents can alter this by changing the visibility settings to 'only me'.

WARNING!

Due to the nature of the game and the age restrictions, GTA includes content that is inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18, including sex, nudity, violence, profane language, and substance abuse. These are the main components that make up the game - you have to do certain things and witness certain things in order to move on in the game. Exposing your child to this type of content could affect their morals and understanding of right and wrong. Additionally, your child could become desensitised to similar situations, reinforcing the fact they would find it hard to differentiate between right/wrong and good/bad.

THE RISK - ONLINE HACKERS

Hackers can make money by helping users cheat in the game. They can do a number of inappropriate things, including killing people, stealing weapons, spawning money into the game, and even raping other characters. Spawning money tends to be a gamer's most popular choice, being able to buy \$100,000,000,000 (of in-game currency) for as little as five US dollars.

What parents can do

Actively monitor your child's online activity. These websites are very easy to find, meaning children and young people can easily navigate their way to these websites and pay for hackers. Not only is this an illegal activity, but you have the risk of giving your personal information to someone who may misuse it.

THE RISK - ADDICTION

Addiction is a risk with any game. Game developers use persuasive design techniques to force users to invest their time, and often money, in a game. Within GTA, your character is able to progress through the game for completing missions within a certain time frame, encouraging children to keep returning to the game. Gaming addiction is now a recognised health condition and the side effects are concerning, including sleep deprivation, decreased attention span and erratic emotional behaviour.

What parents can do

There are a number of things you can do if you are concerned about your child's screen time, including setting time limits within the home, especially during meal times and before bedtime. Talk to your child and ask why they are spending so much time on the game, and encourage healthy alternatives such as outdoor activities and spending quality time with friends and family.

THE RISK - LIVE CHAT

When playing GTA online, players have the option to use a microphone to broadcast their voice live to other players involved in the 'session'. These live voice chats are not moderated, meaning anything could be said, including inappropriate language, as well as verbal forms of bullying.

What parents can do

Talk openly with your child about not giving away personal information. Also remind them that conversations can be recorded, which could damage their online reputation. Depending on the device/platform, there will be ways to mute conversations. Make yourself aware of the device's/platform's individual settings and ensure that your child knows how to block and report.

THE RISK - MICROTRANSACTIONS

By completing missions and partaking in certain activities you earn in-game currency. This allows you to buy things such as prostitutes, vehicles, weapons, ammo, new outfits, cars, apartments and more. However, the items that are available to buy often have a high price that require a lot of game time, meaning the items are pretty unrealistic to buy.

What parents can do

If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest purchasing a pre-paid gift card for your child. These can be purchased in specific amounts which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit or debit card to be used with their account.

SOURCES:
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<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/gaming/news/grand-theft-auto-v-has-made-money-film-history/>
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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 resilience next week.

Seahorse Class JONK certificate this week



Dolphin Class JONK certificates this week



Shark Class JONK certificate this week



Safeguarding

Help with Living Costs this Winter

Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials including white goods. Click on the link for more details:

<https://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/cssshared/ecourier2/fileoutput.asp?id=54504>



Road Safety

It has been great to see so many children and parents walking to school where possible and even those arriving by car have been parking a short distance away at the Priory or the community centre and walking to school from there. During the week there will be a road safety assembly to remind the children how to cross the road safely and this will be linked with stranger danger and dark nights. Please help us with this by ensuring that parents and carers park legally, safely and sensibly. Thank you for helping us keep your child/children safe.



Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 95.67%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 95.98%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 94.08%

Shark class attendance year to date 96.41%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Sharks with 99.03%

Well Done Shark 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...



Education is important - don't miss out!



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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

Every Day Counts ✓



Missed minutes =

missed learning =

missed opportunities

Guidance for Parents / Carers

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

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Reminders

School Lunches

Please check the school website for the Autumn/Winter 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
(Please note Yrs 3 & 4 are swimming on Thursday)

Thursday and Friday

Dolphin Class
Years 3 and 4 - Swimming

Thursday - Come to school in uniform with swimming kit please

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 - Delivered 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
15/01/2024	3.15 -4.15	Badminton - Parent and Child Workshop - letter issued
15/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Active Outdoor Club
18/01/2024	1.00-3.00	Years 3 and 4 Swimming
18/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Archery Club
22/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Football - Parent and Child Workshop - letter issued
22/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Active Outdoor Club
25/01/2024	1.00-3.00	Years 3 and 4 Swimming
25/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Archery Club
29/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Basketball - Parent and Child Workshop - letter issued
29/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Active Outdoor Club
01/02/2024	1.00-3.00	Years 3 and 4 Swimming
01/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Archery Club
02/02/2024	All Day	NSPCC Number Day - 'Dress up for Digits' to raise money for the NSPCC

05/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Throwing – Parent and Child Workshop – letter issued
05/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Active Outdoor Club
05/02/2024	All Week	Children’s Mental Health Week – Activities for the week
07/02/2024	All day	Year 4 residential – Hilltop
08/02/2024	All day	Year 4 residential – Hilltop
08/02/2024	1.00-3.00	Years 3 and 4 Swimming (for those not at Hilltop)
08/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Archery Club
09/02/2024	All day	Year 4 residential – Hilltop
12/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Scooter Skills – Parent and Child Workshop – letter issued
12/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Active Outdoor Club
15/02/2024	1.00-3.00	Years 3 and 4 Swimming
15/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Archery Club
7/3/2024	All day	World Book Day
15/3/2024	All day	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
26/03/2024	All day	Seahorse visit to Banham Zoo – letter to Follow
23/04/2024	12:30-5:30	Year 6 STEAM competition event at Greshams School Holt – letter to follow
13/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test
14/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests – Reading test
15/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests – Maths papers 1 and 2
16/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests – Maths paper 3
15/07/2024	All day	Year 6 residential – Isle of Wight
16/07/2024	All day	Year 6 residential – Isle of Wight
17/07/2024	All day	Year 6 residential – Isle of Wight
18/07/2024	All day	Year 6 residential – Isle of Wight
19/07/2024	All day	Year 6 residential – Isle of Wight
19/07/2024	3:15	Break up for the Summer Holidays

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**](#)

Norfolk County Council 2023-2024 Coastal Together

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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July 2024	1-31	1-31
August 2024	1-31	1-31

Key: White dates - schools open to pupils
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday

• Staff Training Days (The remaining 2 Inset Days will be disaggregated into 6 Twilights, 1 per Half Term)

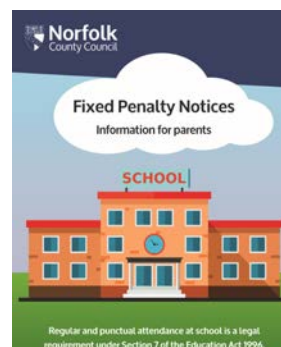
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Dates

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Saturday 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec (10.00-11.00am or 11.00-12.00noon) @ Great Yarmouth Charter Academy, Salisbury Road, Great Yarmouth, NR30 4LS

Saturday 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec (3.00-4.00pm or 4.00-5.00pm) @ Aylsham High School Sports Hub, Palmerston Way, Aylsham, NR11 6FN

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