News Sheet

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool



What a busy week we have had in Starfish!
Throughout the week we have been looking at toys that the children have now and which toys their parents or grandparents might have played with when they were little. Dawn was very kind and bought some toys into Starfish from back when she was a little girl. The children then compared them with the toys we have now and talked about the differences they could see.
At the end of the week, we invited the children to bring in one teddy or cuddly toy to join us for a special picnic snack. This way the children could see if they had any toys the same or different and talk about the toy they chose to bring in.



The children have also been busy making Mother's Day cards this week ready for Sunday. During snack time, the children talked about what made their mum special and, together, we talked about why it would be kind to make Mum a card. The children put a lot of thought and love into their cards, and tried hard to either make a mark in their card or write their whole name.
Starfish have also been busy working on their counting and pattern skills this week. Whilst building towers, playing with animals or making shapes with the playdough, the children have been showing us their counting skills by telling us how many bricks they have,

how many tigers are in the animal box or how many shapes they have made from their ball of playdough. We have also been looking at 'careful counting' this week, encouraging the children to line the toys or resources up so they can count them more accurately.

Seahorse class

This week we started our new PE unit on ball skills. The children were able to show what they had previously learnt about throwing and apply this to a new game we learnt called 'Superhero ball'. Year 2 were very good at supporting the other children in class with throwing, catching and teamwork skills.

Year 1 and 2 wrote their non-chronological reports on kangaroos this week after looking at non-chronological reports on wombats and then practising using the different features they found. Meanwhile, reception have been writing about Jack and the beanstalk. They thought about what other treasure the Giant may have and how the police could catch Jack after he stole the Giant's belongings.

Topic has been science based for everyone this week. We have looked at the different classifications of animals and their diets. Year 2 were able to use some key vocabulary such as carnivore and herbivore that they had previously learnt and explain to other children what it meant.

Next week we are moving on to our art focus in topic. Please can we have any junk modelling resources you may have. No toilet rolls or egg boxes please.

Dolphins

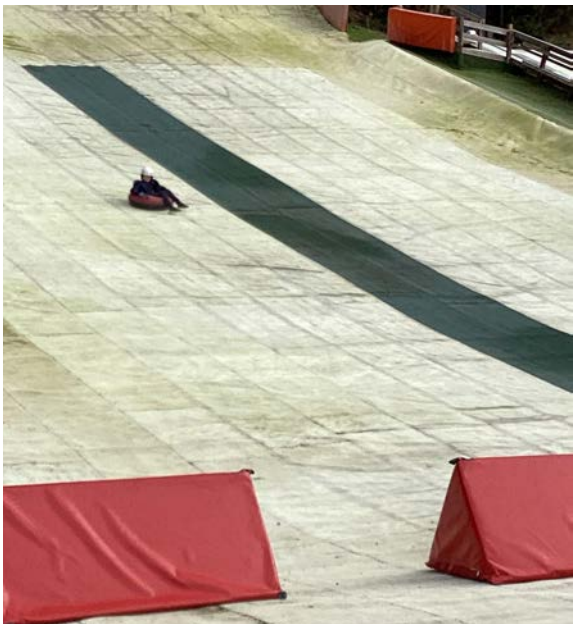
Dolphins have had another busy week. The highlight of which was tubing on Wednesday. We had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Even Mr Austin had a go. Once we came down the slope, we were raring to get back to the top and come down again.

As a part of our topic work, we learnt about Marion North who was a Victorian biologist. She was also a botanical artist. We then became botanical artists by creating our own botanical pictures. We had to look carefully at the shapes of the leaves and positions of the plants.

We are very excited and ready for our trip to the Sealife Centre next week.









Sharks

This week in writing we've been exploring the art of public speaking by delivering speeches on topics close to our hearts. It's been fascinating to hear about everything from the joys of baked bean consumption to the importance of orangutan protection. Each speech has brought a unique perspective to the table, showing just how diverse and passionate our class is.

In maths, we've been tackling 2-digit long division. I'm pleased to say that most of us are feeling much more confident with this tricky concept now. It's been great to see everyone working hard and supporting each other as we master new skills together.

On Tuesday, we took a break from the classroom to hit the slopes for some tubing fun. It was a fantastic day filled with laughter, excitement, and plenty of thrills as we conquered our fears and zoomed down the hill in style. It was a perfect opportunity for us to bond as a class and create lasting memories together.

Keep up the awesome work, Sharks!



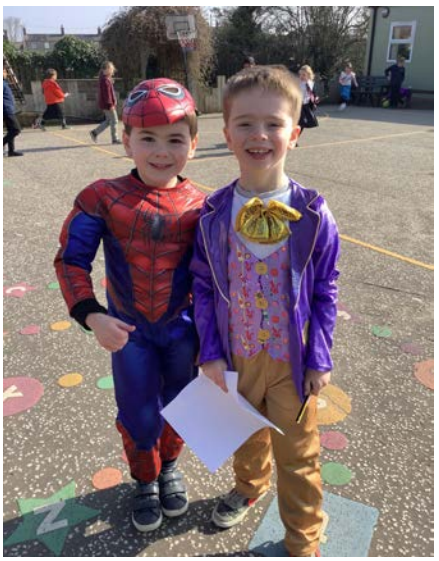


World Book Day

We have had an amazing World Book Day! It has been great to see so many of the children dressed up as a range of characters. The children have been having a go at some different book based quizzes. Key Stage 2 were challenged to identify some well known children's books from their first line. We then finished the day off by sharing some books in our houses.

So far we have had seven children come and claim their seat on the minibus next Wednesday with their golden tickets. There will be a letter on Monday for these children.






PTFA

The PTFA have decided to gift the remaining tea towels so that a tea towel will go home with the youngest child from each family. Thank you to everyone for their support with raising funds for the PTFA.

Mental Wellbeing

Bacton Primary School are proud to be hosting their first **Family Hub & Community Engagement Event** this term. During the event you will meet a range of professionals offering their services to you as parents/carers to support your children as well as yourselves. As a school we will be promoting how we support mental health within the school, we will be introducing our new parent led Child Behaviour Therapy (CBT) sessions and raising awareness around online safety. An added bonus for your wellbeing, **free** drinks and refreshments will be available during the event.

Please add the date to your diary and we look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 13th March 14:30 - 16:00.

Please note this is a drop in session.



Science Week starts today. We may have little scientific experiments running at break and lunchtimes. It would be great if children could carry out experiments at home and bring in photos etc. to show their work.



Hire Hub Club

We are carrying on with the Hire Hub and one further session booked in with Premier Sport. If you are interested in coming to the session please contact the office.

Monday 18th March 2024 - Ball Skills

If you are interested in borrowing something, please see Mrs Temple or Mrs Underwood who are outside at the end of the day. If they are not there and you would like to hire something please come in and someone can come and help you. We have had some great photos sent in by families of equipment being used that they have borrowed and would love to see more photos of the equipment being used.

Costume Library

Working alongside the Hire Hub, will be a costume library created by the PTFA. It will work in the same way as the Hire Hub in that you can borrow a fancy dress costume and then return it the next day or borrow on a Friday and return on a Monday. It is all completely free and is possible due to donations.



Online Safety

Please click on the link to watch the Norfolk Constabulary Online Safety Webinar:

Recorded Online Safety webinar for parents and carers

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 issues 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 GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert: potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child *does* upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Source: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Is-group-chat-a-risky-thing-for-my-child/ https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/

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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.



Child car seats: the law



Children must use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules

Attendance

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 97.04%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 97.98%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 97.04%
Shark class attendance year to date 96.14%
The class with the highest attendance this week was Seahorses with 97.98%

Well Done Seahorse Class

Celebrating and Sharing Our Successes

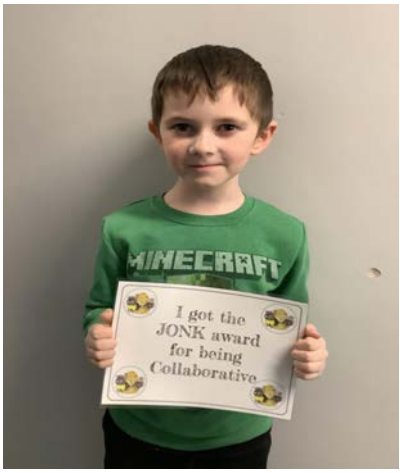
We will be sharing with parents and carers our JONK award winners for the week as part of our celebrating and sharing success.

Teachers and TAs will be looking out for children who demonstrate how to be resilient next week.

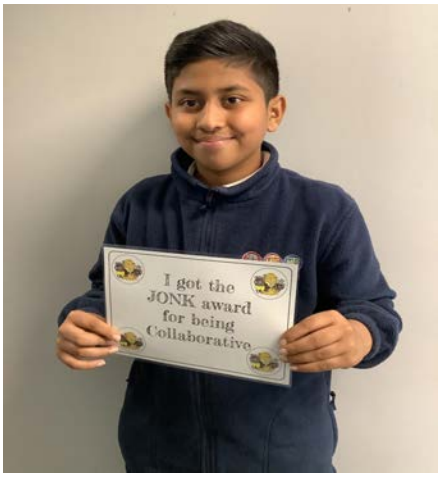
Seahorse Class JONK Certificate this Week



Dolphin Class JONK Certificate this Week



Shark Class JONK Certificate this Week







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
12/03/2024	All day	KS2 Visit to Sea Life Centre
12/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
13/03/2024	3:15-4:00	Homework Club
13/03/2024	2:30-4:00	Family Hub & Community Engagement Event
14/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Sports Club - Invasion Games (Hockey, football etc.)
15/03/2024	All day	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
18/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Premier Sports Parent/Carer/Child Workshop - Ball Skills
18/03/2024	4:15-5:15	Spring Disco - Letter Issued to be issued
19/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
20/03/2024	3:15-4:00	Homework Club
21/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Sports Club - Invasion Games (Hockey, football etc.)
26/03/2024	All day	Seahorse visit to Banham Zoo - letter issued
28/03/2024	3:15	Break up for Easter holidays
17/04/2024	All day	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability Level 1 - Letter issued

18/04/24	4:00-5:00	PTFA Bingo - Letter to be issued
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	Allday	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
16/07/2024	Allday	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
17/07/2024	Allday	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
18/07/2024	Allday	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
19/07/2024	Allday	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



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