News Sheet

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

In Starfish this week, the children have worked hard on their listening skills and remembering their kind hands.

This began at the end of last week when we celebrated World Book Day. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed talking about what character they come as. They all shared the teddy or book they had bought into Starfish with them and especially enjoyed having the teddies with us for our picnic themed snack!





The children have also shown the adults how helpful they can be by supporting each other to put things back where they belong during tidy up time and by following the adult instructions. We are especially impressed with how thoughtful the older children have been with helping our younger ones during play, trying to include them and share the resources with them.

In Maths this week, we have looked at patterns, both creating them and repeating patterns. The children have used the threading box and coloured shapes to create repeating patterns, copying the adult first and then trying their own. In the tuff tray, we have had paint for the children to draw and mark on, creating their own patterns.

In phonics, the children have been thinking about rhyming words. Reading stories and acting out nursery rhymes has supported the children in

listening out for the words that sound the same at the end. They have become very good at predicting the words during stories that rhyme.

Seahorse class

This week we have been busy in Key Stage 1 writing a narrative about a koala who wants to stay in their tree. The children have come up with some really good ideas and used some great vocabulary. Meanwhile, Reception have been using an episode of Koala Brothers to come up with some great ideas of where a missing boomerang could be and what could have gone wrong with the plane.

In topic lessons, year 1 and 2 have been designing their own Australian animal. They will build it using junk modelling resources (we are still happy for more donations). Then they will make it using clay. On Monday there is no PE as Miss Lucas is not in as she is busy helping to plan our topic for next term.



We ended the week with a visit from PC Alex Barnes. She came to talk to us about her job and showed us some of the equipment she uses. Then we learnt about some of the different vehicles used by the police locally. She helped us understand what to do if we have to phone 999 in an emergency. We then got to try on some of the different equipment before Miss Lucas got put in handcuffs. PC Alex left lots of lovely activities to do.







Dolphins



After a busy week last week going tubing and celebrating World Book Day, Dolphins had another exciting week visiting and exploring the Sea Life Centre.

With our Topic this term being 'Guardians of the Planet' and focusing on how pollution is affecting our animals in the oceans, we found out loads of interesting information whilst at the Sea Life Centre. Our guide in the morning instructed us on some of the impacts of pollution and how humans are harming the sea life. The children found it fascinating that we were the biggest predators of all the animals.

In the afternoon we explored in groups with Sharks class, completing scavenger hunts and revisiting our favourite spots. The yellow submarine was a particular favourite with the children trying to find the rare blue lobster or walking through the tunnelling watching the giant turtle, sharks and eels.
The children greatly enjoyed the trip learning lots of new knowledge and seeing some wonderful sea life.





Sharks

This week the Sharks have been very busy writing speeches about topics that are near and dear to them. We've got speeches on saving the orangutans, wearing bicycle helmets, reintroducing grizzly bears to areas they've been made extinct and more! It has been lovely seeing the Sharks get passionate and write about something they truly believe in.
In maths, we have started looking into fractions. This is really the final arithmetic frontier and the children have been looking forward to finally getting to grips with this tricky topic!
Our trip to the Sealife Centre in Gt. Yarmouth earlier this week was a great success. The children saw lots of different sea creatures and listened to a talk on pollution and the things we can do to help save our wildlife. It was really wonderful to see them alongside sea turtles, actual sharks and a myriad of creatures in between,

Comic Relief

We have had some very silly outfits in school today, especially from staff. It has definitely brought a smile to a lot of faces in school today.

At the end of Friday we had raised £26. Thank you if you have donated and if you would like to please feel free to donate using this link - Bacton Comic Relief.







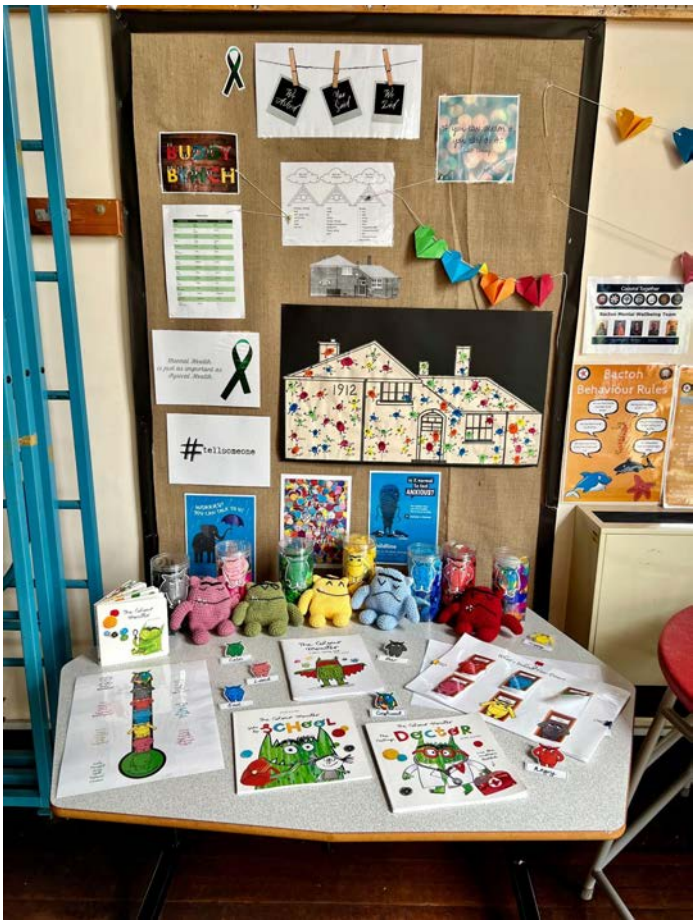




Mental Wellbeing

This week Bacton Primary School hosted their first **Family Hub & Community Engagement Event**. It was a successful event where parents/carers were able to meet a range of professionals to support their children as well as themselves. As a school we promoted how we support mental health within the school, introduced our new parent-led Child Behaviour Therapy (CBT) sessions and raised awareness around online safety. If you were unable to make the event, but would like support please contact Zoe Winchester as she will signpost to the right support required.

Wednesday 20th March at 09:00 - 10:00 we have an anxiety drop in service at the school hosted by the NHS Mental Health Support Team. More information to follow.







Our Colour Monster range is growing, there is more to come in the next few weeks - the children will be supporting this new resource. Watch this space!

World Sleep Day



15th March 2024

Today is World Sleep Day - sleep can be an issue for many. Reasons we can struggle to sleep are likely to change throughout our lives, for instance, illness, work, having a baby and menopause are possible causes. Please speak to Zoe Winchster if you are having difficulty or your child. Support is always available.

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 they need 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.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



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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

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

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 95.17%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 95.70%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 94.43%
Shark class attendance year to date 95.12%
The class with the highest attendance this week was Dolphins with 94.81%

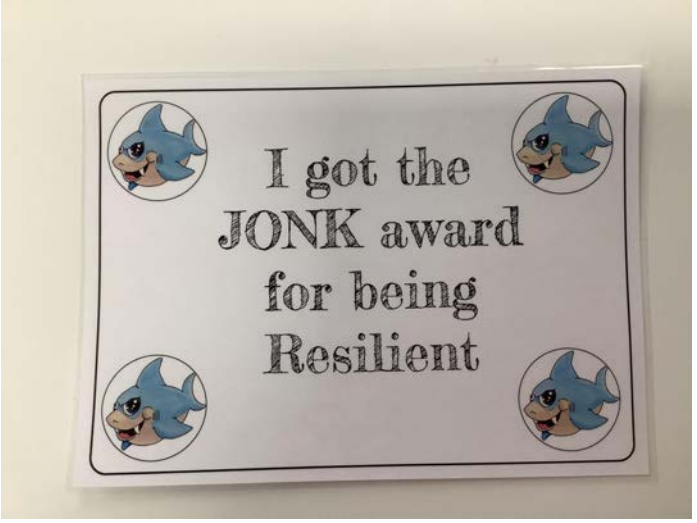
Well Done Dolphin Class

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 Resourceful 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	**Thursday only this week**
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 - Delivered 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	£10.50	£12.00	£14.50	Free

If you have any queries please contact the School Office.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
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
19/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
20/03/2024	3:15-4:00	Homework Club Cancelled until after the Easter break
21/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Sports Club - Invasion Games (Hockey, football etc.)
26/03/2024	All day	Seahorse visit to Banham Zoo
28/03/2024	3:15	Break up for Easter holidays
17/04/2024	All day	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability Level 1 - Letter issued
18/04/2024	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
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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



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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