



# School Newsletter

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## Message from Miss Woolgar

You will see from this jam-packed newsletter that the staff and children of St Barnabas have not let the frequent downpours dampen their learning opportunities this week. Another bumper week of brain-stretching activities as well as plenty of fun!

## Covid Measures

We will be maintaining the class bubbles until the end of term and other precautions such as classroom ventilation and social distancing in confined areas. Cases of Covid continue to rise rapidly nationally and locally and so we wish to avoid the inconvenience to yourselves and staff of families having to self-isolate just as the summer holidays begin.

## Community Week

Next week, the school is focusing upon its local community and the people around us who help and bond us. The children will be interviewing local figures who do much to help our area, as well as other community-minded activities.

## Sports' Day

Sports' Day is scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Children will be reminded by their teacher of their bridge team and the colour T-shirt they should try to wear if possible. Unfortunately, as has already been mentioned in a previous newsletter, parents will not be able to attend this event.

## Class Lists for September

You will be receiving details of your child's class and teacher alongside this newsletter.

## Year 6 Woodland Tykes' Evening

All the Year 6s have been invited to an evening on the field on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July to take part in a range of fun activities involving games, bushcraft and bonfire food to celebrate their time at St Barnabas. Parents have already received letters about this detailing the drop off and collection times for their children. We expect this to be a brilliant evening and hope that plenty more memories will be made for our wonderful Year 6 leavers.

## Orangutan Day—Non Uniform Day

The children in Sentamu Class are busy organising some fundraising events for the Orangutan Foundation International (OFI), a conservation charity that is working to protect this highly endangered species in Borneo. One of the activities is to hold a non-uniform day on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. All children at St Barnabas are invited to come dressed as their favourite animal or with a wild animal theme such as tiger or leopard print outfits with the £1 per child being donated to foster an orangutan (or two) through the OFI. Sentamu Class are also hoping to hold a fun run with a prize for the best animal costume and a jungle-themed art competition with a prize for the best picture. Both these events also have a £1 entry fee. Please support the children in these events and have a look at the OFI website to see the array of orangutans that they can choose from to foster! <https://orangutan.org/>

## Leavers' Service

We are still finalising the details for this and will let you know as soon as we have clarity about what we are able to do to send the Year 6s off in style!

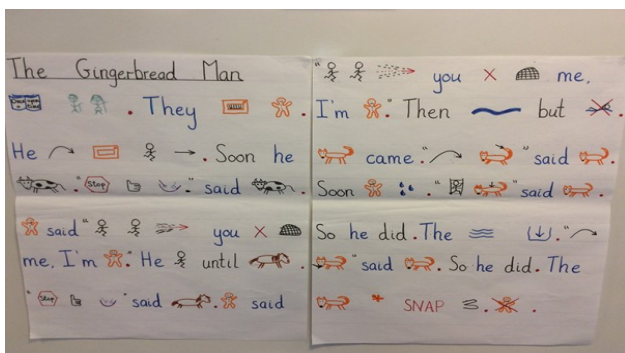
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## Nyong'o Class

In Maths this week we have been learning all about money! Everyone has had a great time setting up their own shops to buy and sell different items, building banks to store the money in and sailing off with it across the high seas! We have laughed a lot while learning the actions and words to our Gingerbread Man 'Talk for Write' in preparation for us writing the story on Friday. Everyone is also very excited about performing it in our Celebration Assembly with year 1 at the end of the week. Have a look at Tapestry on Friday to see us acting it out! We have also been very excited about our writing rainbow and everyone is trying really hard to do some writing independently and move up the different colours. In PSED with Mrs Lennon we set off around the classroom and outside with our special bags to find three things that would tell everyone about us. There were some lovely ideas from everyone and we learnt lots more about each other! We shared the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and then went on a butterfly hunt for Wild Wednesday. However, it turned into an all bugs hunt in the end as it was a bit too wet for butterflies! PE was great fun, learning to run down the lanes that have been marked on the field ready for Sports Day and not to stop at the finishing tape but running through it! As always we have also been very creative this week building amazing models, painting and drawing lots of different things and singing & dancing! Another amazing week Nyong'o, well done everyone!

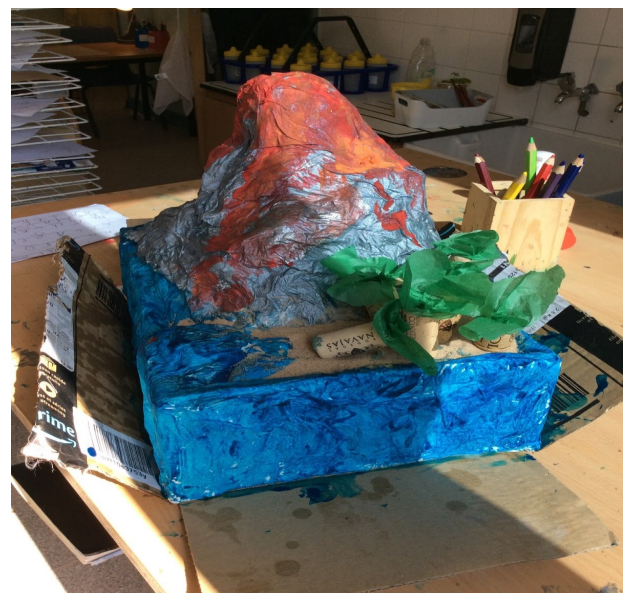


## Attenborough Class

This week we have been continuing with our learning about The Snail and the Whale. We have learned the story and looked at the different places the snail and the whale visit. We have been sequencing the story and writing sentences for each part focussing on including capital letters and full stops. This week the children were also set a challenge to create one of the places they visited and write a description of the setting and they have created some amazing things! We have had drawings, paintings, models, and even a paper mache volcano! The writing the children have produced is really amazing!

In PE this week we have been practicing our skills for sports day and learning how to be a good team player. The children have been practicing their sprinting, javelin, throwing and catching and have been cheering each other on! We have also been doing our daily mile each day and this week the children managed to do a whole mile walking or running without stopping! Well done!!

We have begun our work on multiplication and division this week in maths and the children have been making equal groups of objects and learning what makes a group equal. We have also looked at sharing things equally. Maybe you could practice sharing some things at home?





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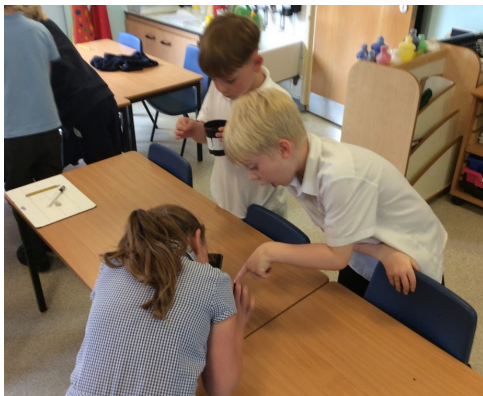
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## Johnson Class

Wow, it certainly feels great to be back for a full week in Johnson class! We have had an active week this week in Johnson... Even with the on-and-off rain! In English, we have been researching our own sea creatures and writing a non-chronological report from our research. Did you know that starfish pop their stomachs out of their mouths to eat? Maths has seen us put our time knowledge to the test! We can recognise o'clock, half past, quarter to, and quarter past, and have even been working out how many minutes different activities take in minutes!

Because of the rain, we completed a yoga session in PE, complete with a Pokemon story. We hunted for Pikachu, hid from Jigglypuff, and used our Squirtle to beat all the other rock pokemon... All while using yoga! We also used our dramatic skills to reenact the parable of the wise and foolish builders and discussed how Christians believe that, even when life gets tricky, our belief in God will keep us secure. In Science, we also observed our plants once again... Finally, we have discovered that our prediction was correct! The plants we placed outside are growing quickly, the plants by the window have one or two shoots, and the plants in the cupboard have no growth at all! We then followed that up by looking at healthy eating and healthy lifestyles before creating and acting out our own stories about keeping healthy.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled second-to-last week next week!



## Farah Class

We have been going grammar crazy this week, learning about how to use possessive apostrophes, speech marks (ask the children why we say "eh up") and what an adverb is. We use as much active punctuation as possible, so we have moves and sounds and lots of interactive activities. This is all as we build up to our Stone Age Boy story telling.

Our Science lessons continue, learning about the main bones in the human body. This week, we tried to see if we could draw the skeleton within an animal outline. We then decided to see if we could make a prediction and plan and run an experiment to see if our hypothesis was accurate. Is our foot length the same as our handspan? Hmmmm?

PE practising for Sports Day continues. We are only 1 week away..... Which Bridge Team will win?



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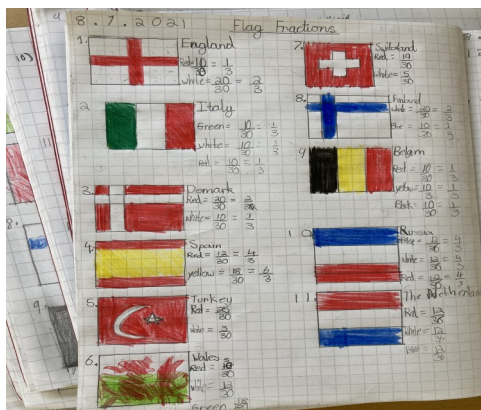
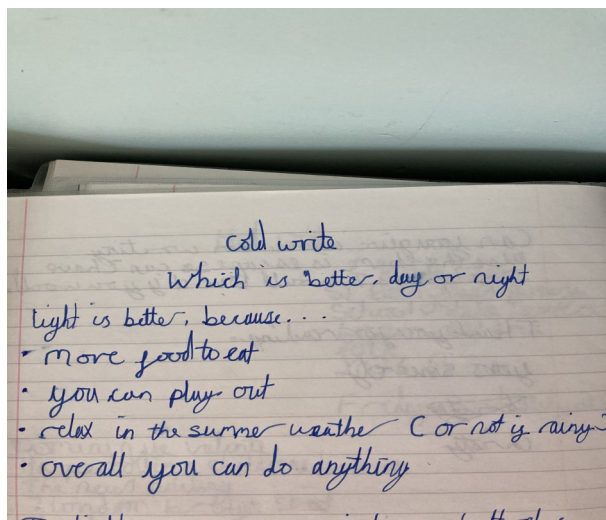
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## Kahlo Class

We've reached the end of another busy week, and what a week it has been! Kahlo have begun writing discussion texts, debating whether they think day or night time is better. Mr Levick is an advocate for the daytime, but there have been some pretty convincing arguments about the superiority of night, so they may yet change my mind.

Elsewhere, we've finally entered the Iron Age in our history work, creating some impressive posters about hillforts. Our final design ideas for our cave paintings are looking very impressive, whilst our reading has been focused on the wonder of dragons and mythical creatures.

Overall, another fantastic week for Kahlo Class - keep up the good work!



## Sentamu Class

Although I have not been able to be with the class for most of the week, I know they have been super busy in the classroom working on some fantastic projects. The children have finished making their models of an Iron Age dwelling by adding the thatching on the roof and have also been working in groups to create their own TV advert for Wallace and Gromit's Tellyscope, after studying a variety of adverts and analysing the features that make a good piece of advertising.



At the end of last week, the children were exploring the link between the circumference and the diameter of a circle through a practical investigation and were amazed to find that the circumference is always "three and a bit" times the diameter. They found out that this is actually the special number pi!

