

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

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Our **School Christian Values** are Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we have reminded ourselves about our Values.

DATES and Reminders

Tuesday 4th July
Year 3 and 5 trip

Wednesday 5th July
Year 5 to Skinners Kent Academy

Saturday 8th July
Summer Fayre

Tuesday 11th July
Year 4 trip
KS1 Author afternoon

Thursday 13th July
Provisional Sports day
(KS2 am/ KS1 pm)

Friday 14th July
Reserve Sports day
Charity Zumbathon

Monday 17th July
Year 2 trip

Tuesday 18th July
Year 6 Production @6pm

Thursday 20th July
Last day of term

Friday 21st July
INSET day

UPDATES YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

A huge thankyou to all our Sponsors for our Easter Hop. £811.50 was raised which is a fabulous total.

Attendance Challenge

As a whole school we have an attendance target of 96% to achieve. Here is the breakdown for each class:

Acorn	94.64 %
Willow	94.67 %
Beech	96.67%
Maple	97.00%
Chestnut	83.93 %
Lilac	98.97 %- with no lates!
Oak	95.52 %



A HUGE thank you!

Thank you to everyone who organised and took part in last Sunday's Concert. I know it was a lovely afternoon and showcased some of our own home-grown talent.

We look forward to next year's event!

Swearing

It has come to our attention that parents/carers have been overheard swearing while on the playground and when walking out of school. In future, please could you refrain from swearing in and around school as we don't want any children hearing bad language.

Thank you for your support.

This Week

It has been very busy with children from a variety of schools joining some of our Year 2 on Monday working with a famous author. This is always an enjoyable day and I know the children enjoyed the many stories told! Year 6 are away and having a great time and creating wonderful memories. Having visited them on Thursday, I am hoping they will be getting some sleep tonight!!



This week in class:

Acorn

This week, Goldilocks has been our focus story in English. We have been learning to write letters from Goldilocks to the Three Bears to say sorry for her naughty behaviour! We have also been writing story maps to show the main events of the story. In Maths, we have been learning to subtract by jumping backwards along a number line. We have painted our clay models that we made during Creative Week to make our class art gallery of sea creatures. They look fantastic! In PE, we have been learning to work as a team to play throwing and catching games.

Willow

This week Willow class have been practising counting in 5s, sharing into groups and finding the difference between 2 amounts of money. In English, the children have been using question marks, exclamation marks and compound words in their writing. Our RE story of the week has been The Lost Sheep and the children have been thinking about who cares for them. In PE we have been playing team games and practising for sports day.

Beech

In English, we have been creating letters to our Vietnamese pen-pals. We started by exploring a modelled piece of writing and identifying the different sentence types that could be used to create a really effective letter. We then worked collaboratively to generate a range of statements, commands, questions and exclamation sentences which could be used to create paragraphs for our letter. Next, we worked independently to write our own letters before using our ICT lesson to start typing up our work using word processing skills. We also wrote a recount of our trip to Pashley Manor, firstly making a plan and then using it to write a detailed account. In Maths, we focussed on developing our addition skills by using our knowledge of number bonds to bridge through multiples of 10. Next, we completed a problem solving activity by collecting evidence and creating mathematical conclusions. We also studied position and direction, looking particularly at right angles. In Science, we explored a Woodland habitat similar to the one which would be found in a local park. We then learned how to create food chains and webs.

In RE we are making a leaflet to advertise the special things about our community. Our last sewing session is this week! Everybody is trying their very best and creating fantastic puppets.

Maple

The children are now planning their final piece of extended writing for this school year! They are writing a story based on Robinson Crusoe, describing a desert island experience, full of adventure and peril! They are creating very detailed plans including setting descriptions, survival skills, and eventual escape. They have made such a lot of progress with their writing and will be showing off all their skills with these stories.

In Maths we have been revising times tables and ordering numbers with 3 or more digits. We have also looked again at the 'greater than' and 'less than' symbols.

We were fortunate enough to have a double-length PE slot on Wednesday as the Year 6 children have been on their residential trip. Mr Luckhurst ran lots of team challenges and commented on the great improvements the children have made. He was particularly impressed with the handovers in the relay. We are looking forward to sports day very much.

In RE we continued looking at images of Jesus and examined a variety of different depictions of Jesus. The children were able to explain what clues there were to his identity, based on their knowledge of bible stories. They had eagle eyes and spotted so much detail, which they backed up with their existing knowledge. Very impressive.

Chestnut

This week Chestnut Class have been looking at adventure stories, we have thought about using our senses to describe a setting and how to empathise with different characters. In English the children wrote nursery rhymes/traditional stories in a journalistic style (with their own twist!). The children focused on skills that they have acquired throughout the year. In Maths we have been thinking about multiplication and division and how to use these in problem solving. They have also carried out investigations linked to area and perimeter. We have also looked into Egyptian afterlife and how to create a mummy using mummification.

In Science they researched endangered animals and thought about what this means, they then designed posters to raise awareness of this problem.

Lilac

In Mathematics this week, Lilac Class have been using their problem solving skills to calculate the perimeter and area of composite rectilinear shapes. Some of us have also designed our own composite rectilinear shapes. In English, we have been developing our knowledge of homophones and have started planning out (in the form of a mind map) our first chapter of a book we are writing entitled 'Shipwreck!' For inspiration, we have been looking at famous books that have been written that involve being shipwrecked, for example 'Treasure Island' and 'Robinson Crusoe'. We have also been learning about what life was like for sailors three hundred years ago on board a sailing ship and the hard time that they had. In Science, we have been continuing our work about plant reproduction, pollination and fertilisation. In RE, we have continued our work about missionaries. We have been learning about celebrities who have done missionary work and what contributions they have made to the poor, sick and lonely. In Art, we have used our detailed drawings of butterflies as a starting point for our butterfly collage work. In Music, we have been practising our songs for the Year 5 and 6 production 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.



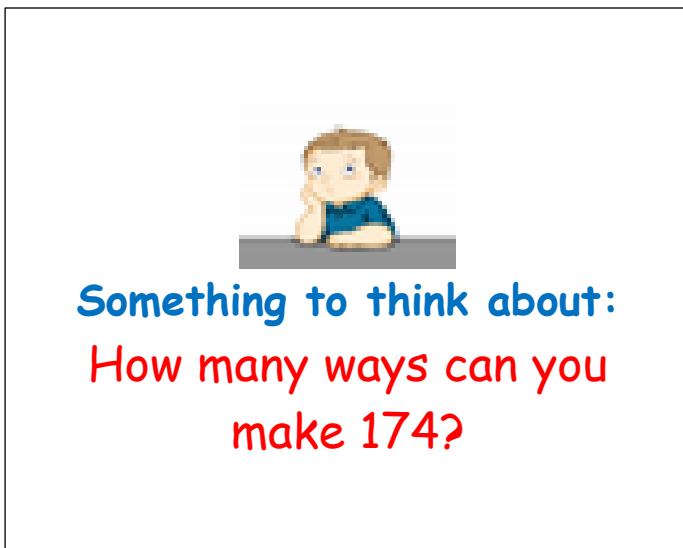
From Contract Dining:

BANOFFEE POTS serves 4

INGREDIENTS-80gm Ginger Biscuits (crushed)
40gm Butter (melted) 4tbsp Dulce De Leche, 5tbs
Greek Yoghurt, 2 Bananas, Chocolate (for grating)

Stir the biscuit crumbs into the melted butter and
split between 4 pots, allow to chill.

Cover the biscuit base with Dulce De Leche, slice
the banana on top and spoon over the yoghurt
and sprinkle with grated chocolate.



And lastly.....

Today we say goodbye to Lilah, Heidi and mum as they move to Dorset. We wish the whole family well and hope their next adventure is exciting.

With best wishes

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