

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 26th April 2024

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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

This week we found out about St George especially for St George's Day.

Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 93% and well done to Year 3 who had the best attendance. Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm.



This Week...

Last week our children had a fabulous film night and our thanks go towards our PTFA for hosting this event.

We look forward to our Disco Night on the 17th May.

Our Year 5 trip to the Woodbury Park Cemetery was postponed last week due to the weather and I hope the weather will be kind to us this afternoon! Today our Acorn class are off to the Fire Station to see if they can see the fire engine. For both events we are keeping our fingers crossed that all will be well.

Please can I remind everyone that long hair needs to be tied back and we do ask that children come to school wearing no jewellery. I am aware that some of our children have their ears pierced and we ask that if they have to wear earrings that the earrings are small and not hooped or dangling.

Clubs have started this week and we are sorry that Basketball has had to be cancelled due to external issues with staffing. If your child cannot attend a club session please do let the school office or adult running the club know. A huge thank you to Mrs Scammell for organising all the club paperwork.

What a busy week!

Dog Show Poster results

On Saturday the Dog Show was held at the park, and the public voted for the winner of the Eco Council's 'No More Dog Poo' contest.



Loads of people came to vote, and people were very impressed with the quality of the posters in the competition, as well the important message behind them. Well done to all of our finalists, and well done to Eco Council for running an inspiring project. Every single poster got lots of votes, and the three finalists were really, really close!

1st place (with 15 votes): Audrey (Year R)

The poster had lots of votes for the 'cute' factor... people were impressed that such a little person had created an effective poster with a clear message.

2nd place: Bella-Rose (Year 5)

People loved this bold, eye-catching poster! Only one vote less than Audrey.

3rd place: Saira (Year 4)

This beautiful drawing of a dog really wowed the crowd. Only one vote less than Bella Rose!

And a special mention for Dylan's poem, which so many people thought was very clever and funny!

Well done again to everyone who took part!

Celebration

In our Friday celebration we share our stars of the week, children who are in our Golden books for showing our School Values, team points and any other celebrations from our School community:

Our Stars this week are: Emi, Evie-Mae, Tunmise, Charlie, Ajus, Chelsea, Taisia, Vedika, Molly, Oscar, Myla-Rose, Ekansh and Ebraheem.

Well done to Fred who was awarded his red belt at Karate Grading last week.

Please do let us know if you are awarded any achievement outside school – we would love to celebrate!

Team points winners this week... Kingdom.

Keeping in contact

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher here are the class email addresses.

If it is an urgent matter please contact the School office.

Acorn: acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Willow: willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

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Maple: maple@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

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Safeguarding Concerns

Please can we remind everyone that the School Designated Safeguard leads are Mrs Duncombe and Mrs Pring. If you have any concerns do contact us.

Reminders

Please can we ask that we have no chocolate nut spread in sandwiches as we have children who are allergic to nuts in school.

Chocolate should be in moderation and we ask that the children do not have other sweets in their packed lunch boxes.

Please make sure children are dressed in the correct uniform and have a named water bottle everyday.

And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and that we do have some sunshine!

Moira Duncombe

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