



# Acorn News...

Friday 23rd February 2024

Any issues, concerns or things we need to know about, please speak to the Acorn team before or after school or email:

acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

## Remember....

PE days are **Tuesday and Wednesday.**

All children should have a full PE kit in school—this includes tracksuit bottoms/shorts, socks and trainers/plimsols.

We will be sending letters home to children who do not have a full kit in school.

## Special Helpers

Well done to our special helpers this week:

Millie, Mololuwa, Gianluca, Amelia, Kyza.



## Star of the Week

Well done to our star of the week Raif, who gets to take home Wilfred the Elephant. Raif showed great enthusiasm in our 'The Drama Geezers' workshop this week.



## Welcome Wednesdays!

Our classroom is open to parents/carers every Wednesday morning between 8.30am and 9am. Please sign in at the office and come and see what we've been up to!

## Getting Dressed!

We have limited time for changing so it really helps everyone if your child can change themselves independently. Please support us in allowing your child to practise getting themselves dressed and undressed for school independently.

## Dates for your diary....

- 19th February—Start of Term 4
- 28th March—End of Term 4
- 15th April—Start of Term 5

## Reading!

Reading books and reading records need to be in school everyday! Well done to those children who read at least 3 times a week at home!

Any child who reads their reading book at least three times in the week will be invited to milkshake and biscuit club with Miss Traviss every Friday!



## Library

Library day is Thursday!

The children have the opportunity to take a library book home to share with their parents/carers. If you are unsure which book you have at home please email Miss Traviss.

## Head Lice!

We have a big problem with head lice in the school at the moment! Please ensure you are combing your child's hair with a nit comb as often as possible. There is more information on the main school newsletter about the best way to treat them and if you need further support please let us know!



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In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds th (as in feather) and ng (as in ring). We have been doing lots of writing this week and even wrote a sentence! The children have been remembering that the sounds we are learning now are digraphs and two letters make one sound. When writing digraphs in a phoneme frame we need to remember to put both the letters in the same box.

In Maths, we have been practising our subitising. Subitising is '*when you are able to look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting*'. We were introduced to dice patterns this week and then played a track game, we had to roll the dice and move our counter forward the correct number of spaces. We have also been practising our knowledge of ordinality as the Numberblocks had all lost their numberlings so we had to help them return them in the correct order!

In Drawing Club this week, we have been focussing on the book 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'. We have been drawing the wolf, his route to the shop and what we would give to the wolf now he feels sick after eating all of the pancakes and all of his neighbours! We learnt the words—devour, unhelpful, independent and selfish. Miss Traviss also gave us an additional word—neighbour!

In RE this week, we have been learning about Shrove Tuesday and why it is celebrated by Christians. We found out that it is the day before the start of a time called 'Lent'. We learnt that during the period of 'Lent', Christians remember the time Jesus spent time in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. Christians often 'give up' something during this time in solidarity to Jesus.

We had a wonderful workshop from 'The Drama Geezers'. We went on a trip to Planet Alex where everything was the same and it was really boring! We met an Alex and took him back to Earth to show him places like Kenya and Japan and then took him to Tunbridge Wells!



**Please email [acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) to share any learning you have been doing at home! We would love to see what you've been up to!**



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Our phonics scheme at St Barnabas' is Twinkl Phonics. We have started level 3 this week, which is very exciting. The children are already doing brilliantly. These are the sounds and tricky word we have learnt this week. It would be super if you could practice with your child at home.

# th

### Action



Stroke your hand on your cheek like a soft feather.  
Say 'th, th, th' with your voice box on.

Can you write th?

th th th  
th th th

### Word List

Can you sound out these words?

them  
this  
with

that  
then

# ng

### Action



Tap your ring finger.

Can you write ng?

ng ng ng  
ng ng ng

### Word List

Can you sound out these words?

king  
sang  
rang

song  
long  
ping pong

## Home Learning

- Please remember to read with your child at least three times a week! We will only changed books if it has been recorded that a child has read it at least twice. It is really helpful to read a book more than once!
- Please practise the sounds and words we have learnt this week at home. Each child has a sound mat in their reading book folder to support them with this.
- There are three activities on Twinkl Go for children to access at home over the week. Please use the following code and the folder is called 'Home Learning—week ending 23.02.2024'
- PT4860 (<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/go>)