

St Bartholomew's News



3rd May 2024

Worship – Our current theme is **Service** and this week we have been looking at the bible story of Elijah and the Widow. She offered him her last food and water and was rewarded with enough food to last for her and her family. We reflected on how if you help people they will help you when you need it. We also reflected on how this linked to our Big Question, **'Can you think of a time when helping others brought you joy?'** We talked about the British Values of Liberty and Respect and how they linked to our worship theme.

What we are doing to make things better - We are currently working on making our website better. We want it to reflect our fantastic children and school and be as useful to you as possible. There has been lots of planning and filming starts next week, we will let you know when it is finished.

URGENT – **do not forget to return your permission letters giving permission for children to be included in the new website.**

Play Scheme – May Half Term - We will be holding a small play scheme during the half term, letters will be available from the office on Tuesday 7th May. Please be aware it is always oversubscribed and if needed we will prioritise children who did not have a place last time or ones who have not taken holidays in term time.

Youth Clubs – It is fantastic that some of our children attend local youth clubs, they are a great way to keep busy and meet new friends. Unfortunately, we have had issues coming into school because of incidents that happened in the youth club. Please ensure any issues are dealt with by the youth club staff and that your children know not to continue with any arguments in school. Thank you.

Governors Update – The new special needs governor has visited school this week and he will provide a report to the governing body but he was very impressed with how inclusive school is and how the SEND team work to make sure all our children are supported in school.



Madhatters Tea Party Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Friday 17th May, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay at the office by Monday 13th May, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2, unless paying for something else at the same time we can only accept cash. You can see the Menu on our website and in the notice boards.

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was seeing class 16 working on their block prints, they worked hard and progressed from their previous lessons to making their own blocks. Well done class 16.



Headteachers Awards – Well done to the children who have had a great week in school.

The teachers in school have decided these children have worked particularly hard this week and should receive a special mention and certificate, presented on a Friday afternoon in our assembly. Well done!

<i>Class 1 Ruqayyah</i>	<i>Class 2 Arshdeep</i>	<i>Class 3 Ajmal</i>	<i>Class 4 Alexander</i>	<i>Class 5 Denis</i>
<i>Class 6 Aaima</i>	<i>Class 7 Prince</i>	<i>Class 8 Gabriel</i>	<i>Class 9 Safiri</i>	<i>Class 10 Melika</i>
<i>Class 11 Isaac</i>	<i>Class 12 Ola</i>	<i>Class 13 Hamza</i>	<i>Class 14 Morayo</i>	<i>Class 15 Ava</i>
<i>Class 16 Pebbles</i>	<i>Class 17 Harrison</i>			

Best Classes in School- These classes worked well this week and together earned the most points for their work and behaviour. **KS1 – Class 6** **KS2 – Class 9**



Attendance Winners for week before half term: KS1 – Class 99.2% KS2 – Classes 13 & 15 – 99.3%

Whole School Attendance for week before half term: Nursery: 93.8% Reception to Year 6: 95.2%

Weekly Round Up

Nursery - This week in Nursery, we have been learning about plants/flowers. We have learnt words describing parts of a plant: root, stem, leaf, and flower. We have looked at different types of flower names (poppy, snowdrop, bluebell, dandelion, etc.). We have planted some more beans and some pansies in our plant pots outside - we will continue to add more pots to it for children to observe growing and to look after them. We have opened the gravel pit outside which currently is our construction site and the children love exploring it. We have been revising 2D shapes and to extend it we would like to ask you to take the children on a shape hunt either at home or in the local area. We would love to see pictures of the shapes you found with your child.

Reception – This week in Reception, we have been planting beans! We have been talking about what they will need to grow and have been watering them all week and checking for shoots. We were excited to see our cress begin to grow and have talked about the changes we can see. We have talked about where fruit and veg grows and have learnt all about the journey of a banana across the world and into our supermarket. We have talked about food that is grown in England and have started thinking about farms and why they are important. Next week our chick eggs will be arriving. We cannot wait to watch them hatch!

Year 1 & 2 - This week in PSHE children in Year 1 have been looking at 'Big Feelings' and how some feelings are stronger than others. They have read a story about a character called Maz and had to use clues in the story to identify that Maz was feeling angry. Children then talked about how they could manage the feeling of anger and related this to their own experiences. In Year 2 the children have been learning about weaving as part of their Art lessons. They have studied Lucy Poskitt and have looked at her artwork. Children have made their own looms and have used different materials such as crepe paper and wool to create repeated patterns using weaving techniques.

Year 3 & 4 –This week, Years 3 and 4 have been using sources of evidence to learn about the afterlife in Ancient Egyptian times. In English, Year 4 have been writing explanations and Year 3 have been reading about the pyramids. In PSHE, we have been learning how to deal with an emergency and who to ring if we needed urgent help. In RE, we have been practising our presenting skills by sharing with our class all that we now know about the five pillars of Islam.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In History, we have looked at how the Roman Gods are similar to Greek Gods. In Religious Education, we have been looking at the reasons why you might feel good about confessing to things.

Homework - A reminder that the deadline for homework will be Tuesday 7th May. Children are expected to complete their Emile activities and to complete thirty minutes on Reading Plus.

Year 6 SATs Week - We now have one week in school to go before SATs week.

6 SATs week will begin on Monday 13th May 2024. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 13th May: Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
- Tuesday 14th May: Reading
- Wednesday 15th May: Arithmetic & Reasoning
- Thursday 16th May: Reasoning

School Dates 2023 - 2024:

Friday 3rd May 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

Tuesday 7th May 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 24th May 2024

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 3rd June 2024

School Opens at 8.30am

Friday 14th June 2024

Training Day- No Children in School

Friday 19th July 2024

School Closes Summer Break at 3.30pm