

WE INSPIRE, CHERISH AND BELIEVE
IN EACH PERSON THAT THEY MIGHT FLOURISH
AND FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL

'Born in a Barn' - Moles & Hedgehogs Nativity



We were so proud of Hedgehog and Mole class this week when they performed their nativity 'Born in a barn' - they certainly sang their hearts out and in turn filled our hearts with joy!

We hope that you all enjoyed the performance. Our thanks to the staff teams from Hedgehogs and Moles for their hard work in pulling the performance together. Thank you families for coming to support your children and for providing the incredible costumes!

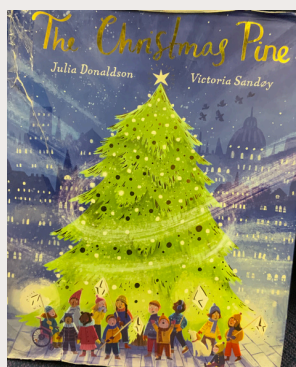
Christmas Story Cafe

Hedgehogs

Moles

Badgers

Foxes



Squirrels

Otters

We have spent this term recommending books to you all. These were all the titles of the stories shared at our Christmas Story Cafe - we are sure that the children from each class would recommend them all to you if you fancy a festive read!

Thank you so much for joining us for our Christmas Story Cafe- it was lovely to have so many of you join us for an afternoon of stories and crafts. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! We always appreciate your support and involvement at school events.



Christmas Dinner Day!



A HUGE thank you to our amazing kitchen team for a delicious Christmas dinner on Thursday. You are appreciated all year but we know that cooking almost 150+ Christmas dinners for staff and children is a mammoth task that you just take in your stride!

There was such a festive atmosphere, lots of the children wore hats that they had made and of course we had the festive music playing to accompany the meal.

This is most certainly a highlight of the year and we are already looking forward to next year! Thank you too for wearing your Christmas jumpers- you looked fabulously festive!



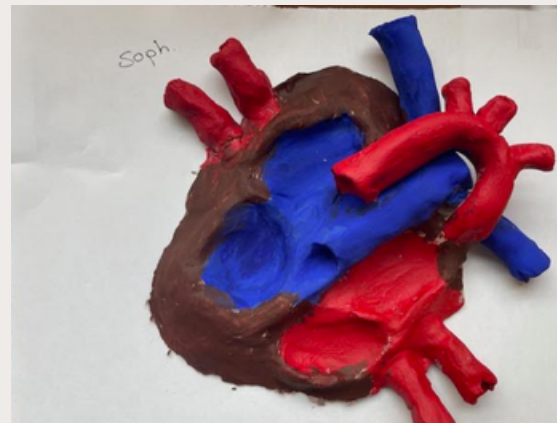
News from Otter Class

Otters have been busy learning about fractions in maths. We have been finding equivalent fractions, simplifying them and we are adding, subtracting and multiplying them. We have just finished reading the book, 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Randell, which the children all really enjoyed. Our new book is called 'Pig Heart Boy'. There are lots of links in the book to our Science topic; the circulatory system and we have been investigating the heart. To make the learning come alive, the children dissected a pig's heart. It was fascinating to see the different chambers and the other parts of the heart we have talked about. To complement this, during our art lesson, the children made a clay sculpture of the heart, reinforcing their knowledge to make an accurate model. To further embed our knowledge, we have written a recount, as if we are a red blood cell. We take you on a journey through the circulatory system, explaining the mission we go on, through the heart, lungs and the rest of the body. Here's the opening of Eryn's:

"Hello and welcome! I am a red blood cell. We are like small delivery trucks for your body, which drives on the roads of the inviting circulatory system. I follow the tiny roads called blood vessels, which are wonderful! Even though I am really important, I couldn't do any of my job without the magical heart. Did you know that the heart pumps about 100,000 times a day?"

The children have been planning a first person narrative, with a moral. The children are excited about starting the story writing process. We will share the stories with the rest of the school when they are complete. Our new History unit, which we will start in the new year, is about The Windrush. To immerse ourselves in the topic, we have started to read 'Windrush Child', by Benjamin Zephaniah.

During lunchtimes, the children have been reading to the younger children, sharing Christmas stories.

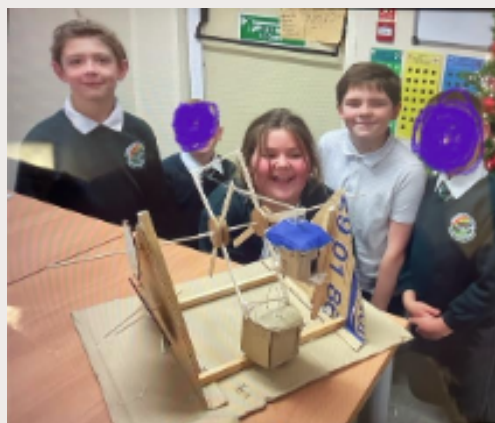


Otter Class News Continued...

Otter Class were surprised and delighted to see a present under our Christmas tree this week. An elf had delivered a lovely box, that was full of wonderful reading resources! Thank you, little elf, we can't wait to get reading!



In DT, the children have been investigating pulleys, block and tackle, rack and pinion and driver gears. Their design brief was that the local town council wanted a Ferris wheel that allows people to view the town from a great height. As aspiring engineers, the children were asked to design this Ferris wheel and present a model of the solution at the next town meeting. I am sure you agree, all of these models would be a great design for a real Ferris wheel.



Week 2 of Advent- JOY



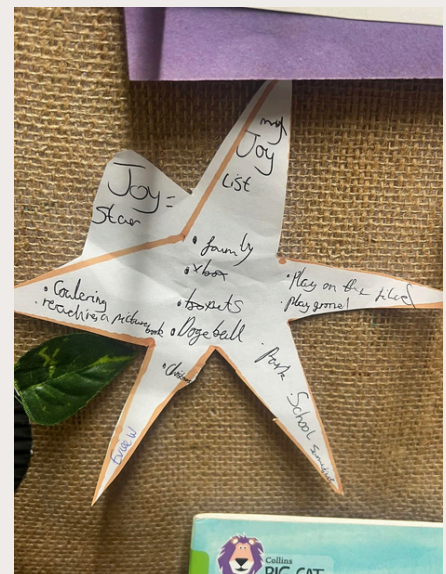
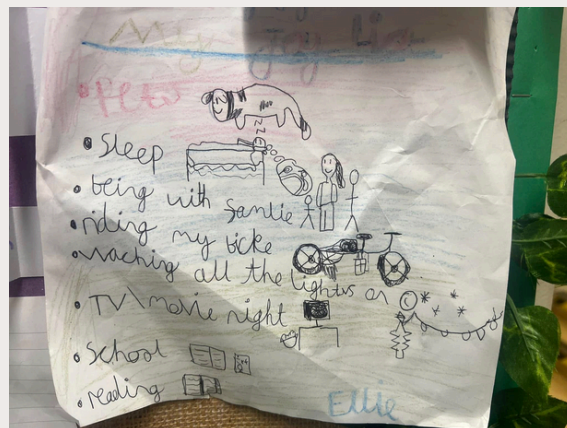
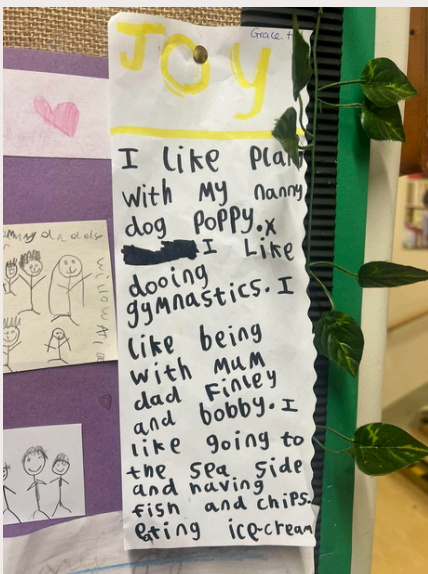
Thank you for
Finding Joy
Creating & Sharing Joy
and Celebrating Joy
Barnham Change Agents



Otter Class were enjoying the joy of reading in The Cabin this week with a warm fire which also made them feel rather cosy and joyful!



We've really enjoyed reading your joy lists too! Well done to everyone for getting involved!



Our staff have also had a week of JOY, with secret angels being recruited to share in random acts of kindness like making drinks for others and leaving anonymous notes of encouragement. They've also had to hide and seek some festive ducks, took part in a secret santa gift exchange and a firm favourite- a game of bingo!

It really has been a wonderful week filled with JOY at Barnham!



Advent- Week 3 - Peace

PEACE

Monday 16th December - Friday 20th December
Barnham let's share in the PEACE of the season this week! Here are our last 3 challenges for you.

Have a PEACEFUL Moment Outside



One of the best places to find peace is outside in nature. Whatever the weather holds this week, try to get outside for a while.

Take some time to create some Christmas art using nature around you.

As you create, listen to the sounds around you and enjoy taking your time with this activity.

Please e mail your photos to us by Thursday for a chance to win a Christmas Prize!

Enjoy a PEACEFUL Moment Inside

Christmas can be such a busy time but amidst all the chaos, try to find some time this week to gather the family together, listen to some calming instrumental christmas music and enjoy sitting together by the Christmas tree or next to the fire place. You might choose to do some Christmas colouring or an activity that is really calming like reading.



Share PEACE with others

In lots of cultures, it is common to greet others by wishing them peace. Take some time to do some research of how to say "peace" in different languages (e.g., "Shalom" in Hebrew, "Salaam" in Arabic, "Paz" in Spanish). Surprise your teachers this week and your family or friends using these phrases.

I wonder who can learn the most PEACEFUL phrases to share with others?

Peace

As always, we would love you to share your photos or Advent News with us by e mailing admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk

Staffing Update

As we reach the final week of term, I wanted to remind you of our staffing changes for Mole Class in January 2025.

Mrs Fleet is joining our team, she will be teaching Mole Class 4 days per week. We have also recruited Mrs Chambers to teach in Mole Class each Monday. They will both be in school all day on Thursday getting to know children and staff, they will be on the playground to say hello too!

Look out for their one page profiles coming soon!

Book Fair News



Thank you so much for visiting the book fair on Friday, we hope that you managed to get some brilliant books to enjoy over Christmas! A total of £1000 was spent which has given us £100 to spend on new books for our classrooms and the library!

Our Value is Peace

Our BIG QUESTION this week is:

How can we respond peacefully when someone hurts us or makes us angry?

This is definitely a good question to talk about with your children. We are looking forward to finishing our Advent Project with the theme of PEACE for our last week of Advent which fits in perfectly with our value.

We have continued to learn lots of Christmas Songs ready for our Church Service next week. We are looking forward to sharing them with you and hope you'll be able to join us. This week we learned 'Silent Night' and reflected on the baby Jesus and the line in the carol- "sleep in heavenly peace". We wonder how peaceful that stable really was?



Our Peace Bible Verse - John 14 v 27 - I am leaving you with a gift- peace of mind and heart. And the gift I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

Lunch Menu for Next Week

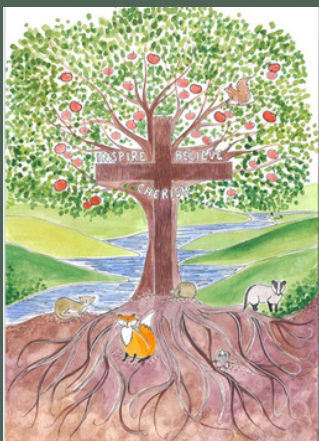
There may be some changes to our menu this week as use up stock and produce before the end of term. Any changes will be sent via parentmail.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, rice and salad OR Tomato Pasta Ginger Biscuits	Beef lasagne, garlic bread and veg OR Jacket Potato Sprinkled Tray Bake	Fish finger wrap and sweetcorn OR Vegi Fingers Crumble & Custard	Chicken Roast OR Quorn Fillet Jelly & Fruit	Sausages, chips/mash and beans OR Quorn Sausages Ice cream pot

Diary Dates

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term - Christmas Carol Service at Church
(Families welcome to join us from 1:30pm)

Monday 6th January - Children return to school



OUR SCHOOL BIBLE VERSES:

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
 whose confidence is in him.
 They will be like a tree planted by the water
 that sends out its roots by the stream.
 It does not fear when heat comes;
 its leaves are always green.
 It has no worries in a year of drought
 and never fails to bear fruit."
 Jeremiah 17:7-8

Jesus said 'I am the vine; you
 are the branches.
 Those who abide in my and I in
 them, will bear much fruit.'
 John 15:5