



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

Interfaith & Antibullying Week

We have enjoyed another week full of learning and fun at Barnham.

The children summed up the importance of our events this week when they were asked why it is important to have special awareness weeks about Interfaith and antibullying. They said:

“It brings us all together.”

“To find out about the faiths of people around you.”

“We are learning how to make the world a better place.”

The children started the week by wearing their odd socks and finished the week by wearing hats. They have had some really great conversations about diversity, peace and unity this week. Do ask them all about it and continue to raise awareness at home.



The children were given many different quotes to look at during Interfaith Week. They were encouraged to vote for their favourite by placing a star sticker on it.

Their favourite quote was:

“We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one human race.”

- Kofi Annan

We also asked the children, if they could share a message to the world about peace and unity, what would they say? Here are some of their powerful words:

“Treat ALL people with kindness”

“Everyone can be a friend”

“YOU MATTER MORE THAN YOU THINK”

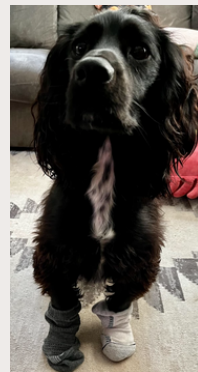
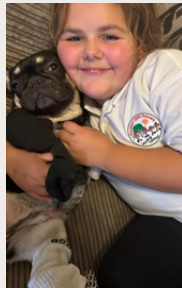
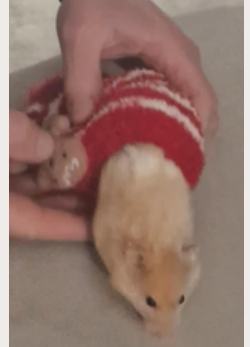
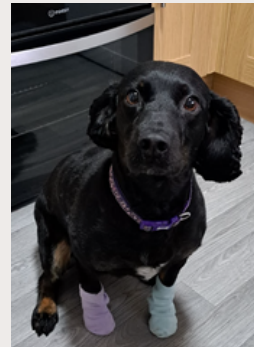
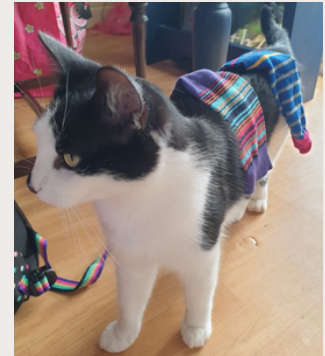
“Celebrate your differences support and help others to do the same”

“Everyone can be a friend”

Thank you so much for your enthusiasm this week and for entering all our competitions. Our winners will be announced next week.

Pets in Odd Socks

Here is a gallery of some of your pets wearing odd socks- we hope that it makes you smile. Thank you so much for sharing them as they have certainly given all of us at Barnham lots to smile about and have helped us to raise the profile of Anti-Bullying Week and the importance of children celebrating their uniqueness and the diversity that makes up the family of Barnham School.





News from Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been super busy over the last couple of weeks. Here is a few things we have been up to:

Story Cafe

Last Thursday, we had our first Story Cafe of the year. We read the Autumn based story of Gruff the Grump and the children discussed how generous the little rabbit had been. The children enjoyed exploring activities with their families, including leaf printing and making biscuit Gruff the Grumps (bears).

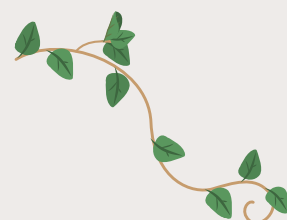


Interfaith Week

During Interfaith, this week, Hedgehogs have been exploring different religions and festivals. We began our week with looking at the Hindu festival of Diwali (Festival of light). The children explored why lights and bright colours are used and they even made and decorated their own Diya lamps.

As our Nativity play rehearsals have begun, we looked at the Christian story of Christmas. The children discussed each part of the story and decided who or what was the most important and why.

We also thought about the Islamic festival of Eid. The children replicated a family's tradition of 'Secret Eid' and wrote secret notes to members of the class - this was a nice surprise as we didn't know who had written each note.



News from Mole Class

In Mole class we have been writing our very own stories. They were based at a familiar place, for which we chose the park next to our school. The children use some great vocabulary to describe why their character couldn't play at the park.

In Maths, the Year 2s have enjoyed using Rekenreks when trying to solve calculation problems. It helped them to find the right number and to see what was happening to the number.

The children enjoyed being able to share what they had learnt with each other about shops from the past from being Historians in their home learning.





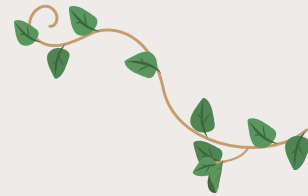
Bonfire Night

Thank you so much to FOBS and everyone that helped to organise a wonderful Bonfire Night.

Thank you too for supporting this event, it was a huge success and they raised an incredible £371.13.



Change Agents Continue to make a difference



Instead of keeping all our wonderful art work that we made for Remembrance, we chose to be Change Agents and change the world with a random act of kindness to bring some smiles to others. We sent some of our Poppy Art Work to the following local care homes:

- Marham Park, Bury St Edmunds
- Brandon Country Park Care Home
- Mildenhall Lodge Care Home
- Kingfisher House, Exning



They were thrilled to receive our artwork, Mildenhall Lodge even made some of it into bunting to decorate their Coffee Shop.

Don't forget that we are still encouraging children to be Change Agents at home and we would love to hear your stories, do feel free to e mail us at admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk



The Anti-Bullying Alliance were asking children to write to their MP and make a noise about bullying this week. Has anybody completed that challenge? Have you had a reply? Do share with us if you do!

MAF School Partnership Update



We have continued to learn about the charity MAF this week. Helen Matter came to lead another Collective Worship on the theme of RESPONSIBILITY.

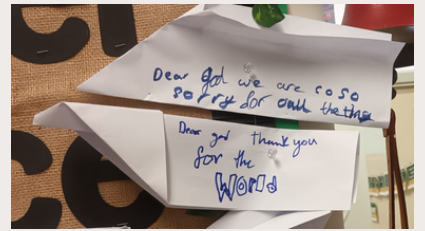
We learned about the charity's responsibilities to help people in isolated parts of the world.

We have also been exploring the MAF discovery box in our classes. This box has 16 items and lots of question cards to get us to explore the work of the charity and think about global issues and what we can do about them.

We have had a prayer space in school that encouraged the children to make paper planes and write prayers for our world on them.

Have you visited the MAF website to find out more?

We continue to look forward to working with MAF over the course of this academic year to enable our children to think beyond Barnham and into the wider and global community. An exciting Advent Project for the whole family will be coming soon, do get ready Barnham Change Agents!





Attendance

We know that your child attending school everyday is not only a legal requirement but is also one of the biggest indicators of children going on to lead happy and fulfilled lives.

We want to remind you that being absent from school has an enormous affect on your child's learning and progress.

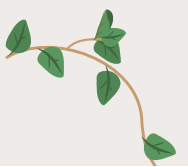
Please can we ask you to ensure that you make every effort to book any appointments for your child out of school time, or as close to the end of the school day as possible.

Please arrive at school at 8.45am

Please see below a reminder of missed school days and the impact on attendance



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.



Thank You!



Thank you so much for your kind donations for Children in Need today, the total raised so far is £81.55, we have one more pot to count!

Our Value is Responsibility

Our value for this half term is RESPONSIBILITY . This week we are thinking about this BIG QUESTION:

Who is a good role model for you when thinking about behaving responsibly?

Perhaps this will give you something to discuss at the dinner table.

This week our Collective Worship sessions have been around the theme of Interfaith Week & Anti-Bullying Week.



We have encouraged the children to think about things that are same and things that are different between our friends. We want to celebrate our similarities and respect our differences.

We have been singing a song called 'As One', here are some of the lyrics:

***We've got to get on together, think of each other,
Look at ways to help us to get along.
If we can learn how to listen, where there's division,
we can live as one***

We continue to think of our friends around the world that live in areas where there is conflict and we pray for resolution and peace.

We thank Vicar Karen too for leading a Collective Worship about the story of Jesus and the Roman Centurion and reminding us of the importance of understanding others and not judging them if they are different to us.



Matthew 5 v 14-16:

You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Lunch Menu for Next Week

| Monday 20th Nov | Tuesday 21st Nov | Wednesday 22nd Nov | Thursday 23rd November | Friday 24th November |
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| Meatballs & Pasta | Chicken Curry & Rice | Mac & Cheese or Tuna Pasta | Sausage Roast and Seasonal Veg or Quorn Fillet | Fish Fingers, Chips and Beans / Veg |
| Rice Krispy Cake | Shortbread | Fruit Jelly | Chocolate Mousse | Jam Sponge & Custard |

Diary Dates

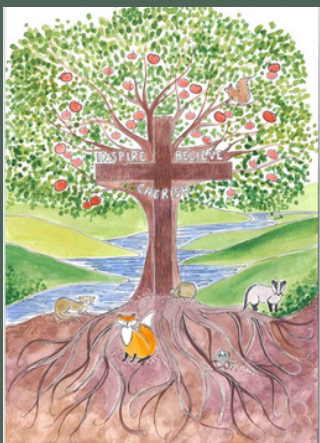
Tuesday 21st November - Fox Class Performance at
Thurston Community College

Wednesday 6th December - Hedgehogs and Moles Christmas
Performance
(details coming soon)

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Carol Service
1.30pm at St Gregory's Church

Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of Term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 3rd 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