

BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 7



We Inspire, Cherish and Believe
in each person that they might flourish
and fulfil their potential

Celebrating the harvest of the sea!



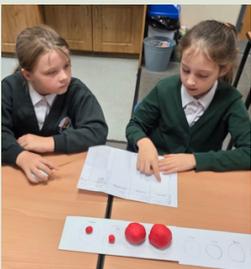
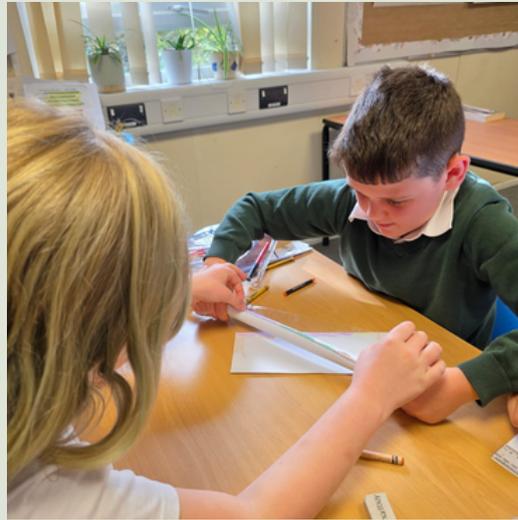
This year's Harvest Festival had a fresh twist as we celebrated a "Harvest of the Sea"! It was wonderful to come together as a school community for a special afternoon filled with stories, arts and crafts, and the creativity of our fantastic children.

A huge thank you to Andy Malcolm for joining us and sharing the amazing work of The Fisherman's Mission. We are so grateful for the generosity of everyone who contributed—tinned fish for Thetford Foodbank and donations for the Fisherman's Mission will make a real difference to those in need.

We loved seeing all of the children's contributions and celebrating the spirit of giving and community. We hope you enjoyed this special, sea-inspired Harvest Festival as much as we did!



Squirrel Scientists - Kinetic Workshop



On Monday, Squirrel Class took part in an exciting Kinetic Science Workshop all about space! We began by creating our very own solar systems out of playdough. Using careful measuring and cutting, we rolled balls and sausages of dough to make each planet to scale on our hand-drawn solar system diagrams. It was a fantastic way to explore the relative sizes and distances of the planets while practising our fine motor skills and precision.

After that, we had a brilliant Q&A session about the International Space Station. The children were full of curiosity, asking great questions about what life is like for astronauts living and working in space.

Then came the highlight of the day – rocket making! Following clear step-by-step instructions, everyone built their own rockets, making sure each part was assembled correctly so it would fire successfully. Finally, we headed out to the field to test them. Thanks to some excellent teamwork and attention to detail, every single rocket launched high into the sky!

It was a day filled with science, creativity, and plenty of fun – a perfect combination of learning and excitement for our budding young scientists!

Hands-On Learning at Little Haugh Hall Farm, Norton



On Thursday, Squirrel Class set off on an exciting field trip to Little Haugh Hall Farm in Norfolk and Suffolk to explore rivers and the incredible work of beavers. The children became true beaver experts, observing how these amazing animals use branches, mud, and stones to build dams that shape the flow of rivers and create habitats for other wildlife.

Our visit also highlighted the link between rivers, ecosystems, and climate change. The children learned how beaver dams can help manage flooding, store water, and support biodiversity – all vital for helping the environment adapt to a changing climate.

Throughout the day, Year 5 showed brilliant observation skills, taking careful notes and asking thoughtful questions about the beavers' behaviour and their habitats. By the end of the trip, the children had not only deepened their understanding of rivers and wildlife but had also become little climate champions, seeing firsthand how nature can play a role in protecting our planet. It was an inspiring, hands-on learning experience that perfectly brought our classroom science work to life.

News from Hedgehog Class



This week Hedgehogs class have been reading 'Anansi the Spider'. It is a lovely folktale from Ghana. To further our understanding about Ghana we have learnt about the native animals and gone on safari! During geography we thought about how we could travel to Ghana and decided that flying would be the easiest way. Outside we built our own aeroplanes and drew the items we would pack in our suitcase on giant paper. We also did some sneaky phonics whilst hunting for lions with decodable words on which we wrote on our clipboards. In the making area we have had a go at making our own Anansi the spider from 2d shapes, complete with glitter and googly eyes. On Thursday, some of these spiders went missing so we made missing posters to help find them! Hedgehogs have also had a lovely time at forest school weaving with sticks and leaves and finding the correct number of conkers, acorns and sticks. Well done Hedgehogs for a fantastic week !

Project Pumpkin



PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Barnham CEVC Primary School in partnership with Euston Estate are launching an opportunity for you to show off your creativity!

If you would like to enter, families can collect a pumpkin from the school – first come, first served from the school office

Please only collect a pumpkin if you are going to return it carved for the competition.

All carved pumpkins must be returned to the school office by Thursday 23rd October (before half term). Each pumpkin needs to have a name and some way of identifying it (in a waterproof way eg: permanent marker or laminated label)

How to Enter:

Ask at the office for a pumpkin and entry form, they will write your name down so that we know how many pumpkins to expect back.

Take home your pumpkin and carve your design.

Name your pumpkin and write this on the pumpkin (even if it's hidden somewhere) or give it a waterproof label or sign.

Complete your entry form and hand it into the school office with your pumpkin.

Prizes:

Some amazing prizes to be won – including free tickets to the Pumpkin Safari at Euston Estate!

All entries will be displayed at Euston Estate's half-term events!

Please note, these pumpkins will not be returned to you.

So grab a pumpkin, get carving, and join in the fun! We can't wait to see your amazing creations!

Parents' Consultation Meetings

A reminder to all families that our Parents' Consultation Meetings will take place on Wednesday and Thursday evening next week.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, discuss their progress, and celebrate their achievements so far this term. All meetings will be held in the school hall.

If you haven't yet booked your appointment, please do so as soon as possible to secure a convenient time slot, all bookings can be made on Parentmail.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support your child's learning journey.



SEND Updates & New Learning Plans



This term, we will be approaching SEND learning plans a little differently to ensure everyone's input is included.

At Parents' Evening, if your child is on the SEND register, you will:

Review their current plan and targets with their class teacher.

Discuss together the next targets for your child's learning.

The class teacher will then note down these new targets and share them with the whole SEND team (Miss Bacon, Rhonda, Catherine & Mrs O'Reilly). The team will then work together to create updated learning plans, which will be emailed to you on a new template just after half term, hopefully if the new system works according to plan, you will even be able to add your comments on these and send them back to us.

Co-production of these plans is essential so that we can all collaborate to best support your child on their educational journey.

Don't forget that our SEND policy, along with lots of information about SEND support and processes, can be found on the school website.

If you've got any questions about this process, please don't hesitate to talk to one of the team on the playground or send us an e mail.

Wear it pink day!

Wear It Pink Day – Thursday 23rd October

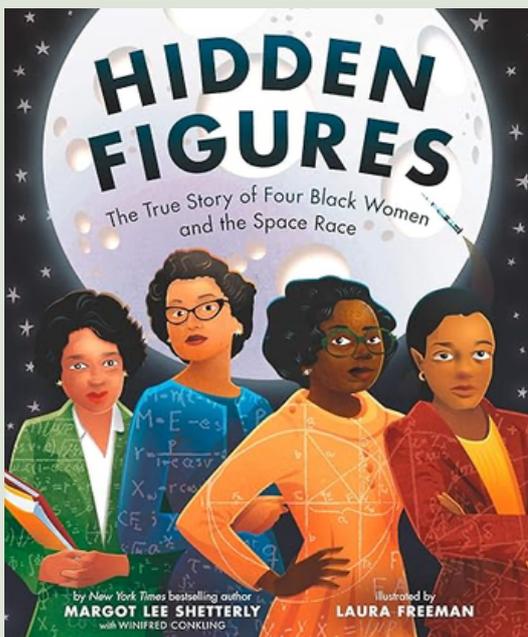
On Thursday 23rd October, all staff will be Wearing It Pink in support of Breast Cancer Now. To mark the occasion, we'll be holding a raffle on the playground Thursday morning, with tickets available for 50p each.

There are two fabulous prizes up for grabs – a Pink Adult Hamper and a Pink Child Hamper. We hope you'll join us in supporting this great cause!

The winners will be announced in Collective Worship later in the day, so please secure your tickets on Thursday morning!



October is Black History Month



This month, Year 5 have been celebrating Black History Month by exploring the inspiring true story behind the book Hidden Figures. The children have learned about the incredible African-American women mathematicians – Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson – whose brilliant work at NASA helped launch astronauts into space.

Through reading and discussion, Year 5 have produced some incredibly emotive and powerful writing, capturing both the challenges these women faced and their determination to succeed. Their work shows just how courage, intelligence, and teamwork can change history.

The class have really enjoyed learning about these unsung heroes, and they would thoroughly recommend Hidden Figures to anyone looking for a story that celebrates perseverance, equality, and the power of dreaming big!

Congratulations!



Friday afternoon was a busy time at Barnham and therefore unfortunately not all of the children who won awards are featured in this week's photos but we are so very proud of them all! Celebration assemblies are always a real highlight of the week. Congratulations to all our award winners!

Rooted in Resilience & Branching Out Awards



Well Done Henrietta!

A huge well done to Henrietta who shared her incredible piano playing with us in assembly on Monday! She is busy practicing and preparing for a piano exam and was able to talk to us about her need to persevere and be resilient. Thank you so much for sharing with us Henrietta- keep enjoying your music- you've certainly got a real talent!

Thrive News



Well done to Amelia for tackling last week's thrive activity and having some screen free time and enjoying some baking- those cupcakes look absolutely delicious!



Sporting Success Stories

Eric from Fox class would like to share that he is Student of the Month at his ju-jitsu class. This means that he leads the class in their lessons with the help of his Senpais (teachers).



WELL DONE!

We are also thrilled to share that Jack has moved up in karate and is now a yellow belt! Even more impressively, he passed his grading with a Distinction—an achievement only two students out of over 30 managed this time.

Jack's kicks are nothing short of superb, and his dedication truly shines through. We couldn't be prouder of his hard work and determination. Check out this wonderful photo of Jack celebrating with his Dad!

We have been so impressed with all of your sporting stories recently. Remember to send any sports news or stories of resilience with us and we are more than happy to share in our newsletter so that the whole school community can celebrate together.

Please e mail these to admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk

Keep up the great work Team Barnham!



Active RE

This Friday, Susie Bratby joined us to deliver 'Active RE' for Mole Class and Squirrel Class. They will be completing this exciting course every Friday up until Christmas.

They were engaged and enthusiastic and can't wait to learn more about the bible through sports and physical activities.

Our Value is Resilience

This week in collective worship, we explored the theme of resilience through helping others. We reflected on how supporting those in need not only strengthens our own resilience but also helps build a stronger, more caring community. Focusing on others can give us the courage and determination to persevere, even when times are tough.

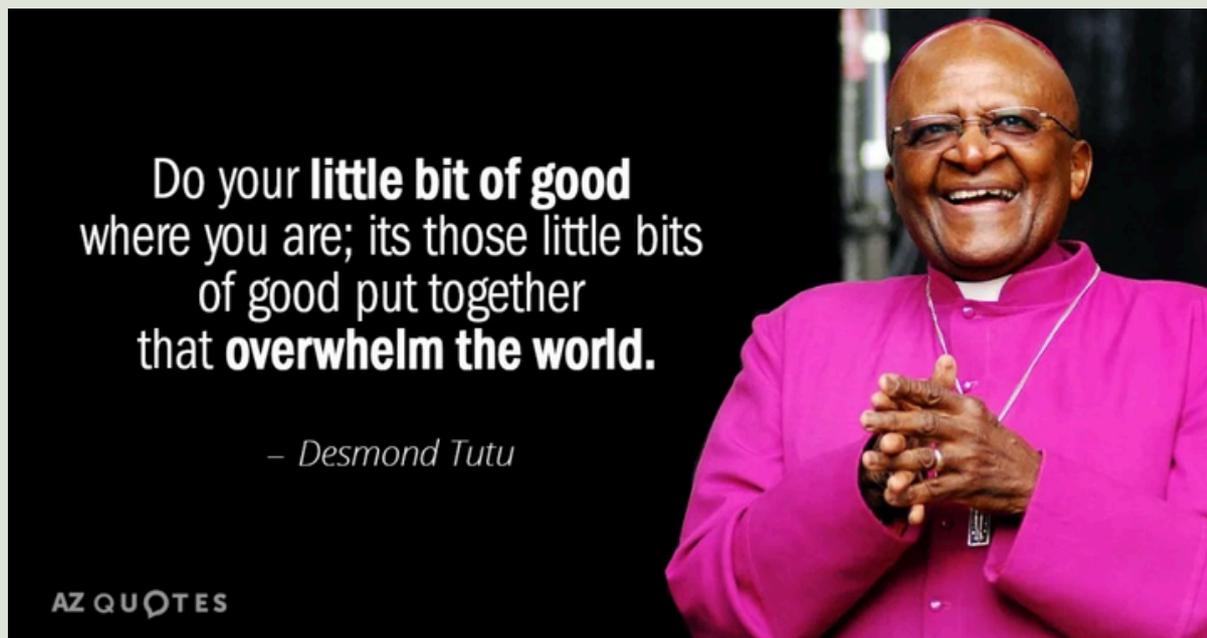
We were inspired by the words of Anne Frank: "No one has ever become poor by giving." This reminded us that acts of kindness and generosity enrich both the giver and the community.

Our big question for the week was:

How can we build a habit of helping one another?

It encouraged us to think about practical ways to make kindness a regular part of our lives, at school and beyond.

A big thank you to Victoria Bush who works for St Edmundsbury Diocese, she joined us for a Spirituality themed Collective Worship on Tuesday and we always enjoy welcoming her to Barnham and listening to her inspiring assemblies. She talked about Black History Month and the work of Desmond Tutu in bringing peace in very difficult times and standing up against injustice.



Our RESILIENCE Bible Verse -

"I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength."

Philippians 4 v 13

Lunch Menu for Next Week

Monday 20 th October	Tuesday 21 st October	Wednesday 22 nd October	Thursday 23 rd October	Friday 24 th October
Jacket Potatoes Choice	Pasta Bolognese OR Tomato Pasta	Fish finger wrap and salad OR Vegi Fingers	Sausage Roast OR Quorn Sausage	PD Day - no children in school today
Strawberry ice cream	Vanilla Cake	Jelly & fruit	Ice lolly	

Please note, our menu is subject to changes and these will be communicated via ParentMail

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd October - Parents' Evening

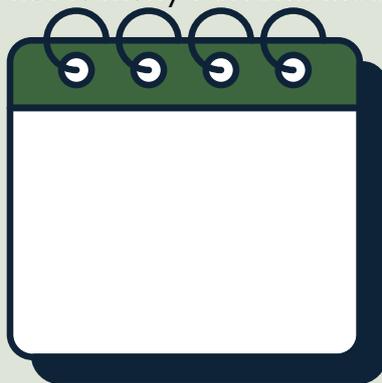
Thursday 23rd October - Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd October - Wear it pink day - special raffle 50p per ticket

Friday 24th October - PD Day

HALF TERM

Thursday 11th December - KS1 Nativity Performances (more details to follow)



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

