

# The Borders Partnership of Primary Schools

# Glebeland Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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## Message from Mrs Barnard

Welcome to the Summer term.

We have had an enjoyably busy start to the term:

Our commitment to improving playtime experiences has begun. You will have seen we have allocated specific places across our outside areas: Chalk Gallery, Super World (imaginative small world play), Glorious mud kitchen, Reading Nook, Construction site. Have a look at our Facebook page to see how pupils are enjoying using the designated spaces.

KS2 experienced a Tag Rugby taster session delivered by rugby coach, Mr Warne. We will have another 2 sessions with him before the competition against Barnby on Thursday 18th May.

Our KS1 football team travelled to Barnby Primary and took them on in a 5 a side competition, winning 11-9:) congratulations.

## **Diary Dates**

# From the Early Years Area Working Party

Mon 17 Apr Summer Term begins
Thur 18 May KS2 Tag Rugby vs Barnby
Fri 19 May Class 1 Trip to Cromer Museum
7-9 July Red Kites Residential Trip

Sadly the Cross Country event has been cancelled

We want to brighten up the wooden fence around the outdoor area so if you have any spare pots of paint that you could let us have that would be lovely.

Thank you!

#### This Week's Awards

#### Star of the Week

Jesse for excellent effort and focus Charlie B for settling into his learning after the break Ivi for working hard and having a positive attitude Ella for challenging herself in Phonics

#### Citizen of the Week

Ava-Grace for excellent communication & helpfulness Dorothy for always being a good friend William for showing respect, positivity and excellence Willow for being ready to learn and sitting like a star

## After School Clubs For This Term

## **Drama Club**

Miss McCloskey will be hosting a Drama Club on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:15 for the Summer Term starting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. The club will be open to all year groups and she would love as many as possible to join in. She is hoping there will be enough children interested to enable her to stage a mini production that they can present to everyone at the end of the term. The sessions will cost £3.50.

## Petangue (Boules)

Mrs Gibbs will be running a Petanque tournament after school over a 6 week period starting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. To begin with this will be open to children in Years 3 & 4 with a maximum of 8 participants. There will be a prize for the player who has accumulated the most points at the end of the tournament and each player will receive a certificate for participating. The sessions will run from 3:15 to 4:15 and will cost £3.50 per session.

### **SATs Week Breakfast Club**

Miss Foster would like to invite her Year 6s to join her for breakfast at 8:00am each morning throughout SATs week – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – so that they can all chill and chat before the tests. This is entirely voluntary so if you can't make it or would rather not be there that is absolutely fine.

You can book a place for your child on these clubs using your Arbor account.

#### **Class News**

#### **Robins**

Robin class have all come back well rested and excited to start our new dinosaur topic this half term. This week in phonics, Robins have been very excited to start using exercise books in preparation for starting in key stage 1 in September. We have been working really hard to use the sounds we have learnt so far to write words and captions independently, whilst trying to keep our writing inside the lines, use the margin as our starting point, start a sentence with a capital letter, end with a full stop and remembering to put a finger space between the words!

We have also been learning to write number sentences for numbers over 10 by using numicon to support us in Maths.

In PSHE we are learning about perseverance and growth mindset. We tried to build the tallest tower and didn't give up even when it became wobbly. Robins quickly discovered that working as a team supported them to make their towers even taller.











## Woodpeckers

Welcome to the Summer Term Woodpeckers! We have had a busy week as always in Woodpecker class and I would like to say a massive well done to all involved in the football match against pupils at Barnby this week. Children came into school this morning beaming and asked for more football matches after school!



We have been working especially hard in our reading and phonics lessons this week and are proud of the progress that we are making. As well as learning new, and consolidating our knowledge of reading and writing words containing different graphemes, we have spent some time focussing on the spelling of common exception words in phonics this week. We used the 'Look, cover, write' approach and will continue this in our handwriting sessions next week.

In whole class reading we are excited as we near the end of reading our class novel 'Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City. We have explored word meaning, made predictions and discussed what has happened so far. In one of our lessons children even had to decipher a code!

#### Red Kites

It has been a fantastic first week back for all of the Red Kite class! This week we have begun to read 'The Giver' by Lois Lowry as our class Novel. We have been discussing the book and have been giving our opinion on what we think the book will be about. We have been picking out the writer's choice of words and have been considering what effect this voice of words has on the reader. In reading we have also been working through a range of reading comprehension questions to strengthen our inference skills.









## **Starlings**

This week, in reading, Starling class have been exploring a text called 'Song of the Dolphin Boy' all about a lonely boy named Finn, who, one day, dives into the sea and finds he can swim with dolphins. We have read two chapters together and had a lovely class discussions where we put forward theories, ideas and predictions. Starlings have learned about intonation this week, and have all taken part in a poetry reading, in which they used actions, and tone of voice to act out a story. Class 3 have designed some lovely dolphin shaped word clouds, highlighting their favourite examples of vocabulary from the book so far. Next week we will be focusing on and analysing the different characters we will be meeting in upcoming chapters.











Please note Starlings will need their Outdoor Learning clothes for their sessions on Thursday afternoons for this term. PE will be on Mondays