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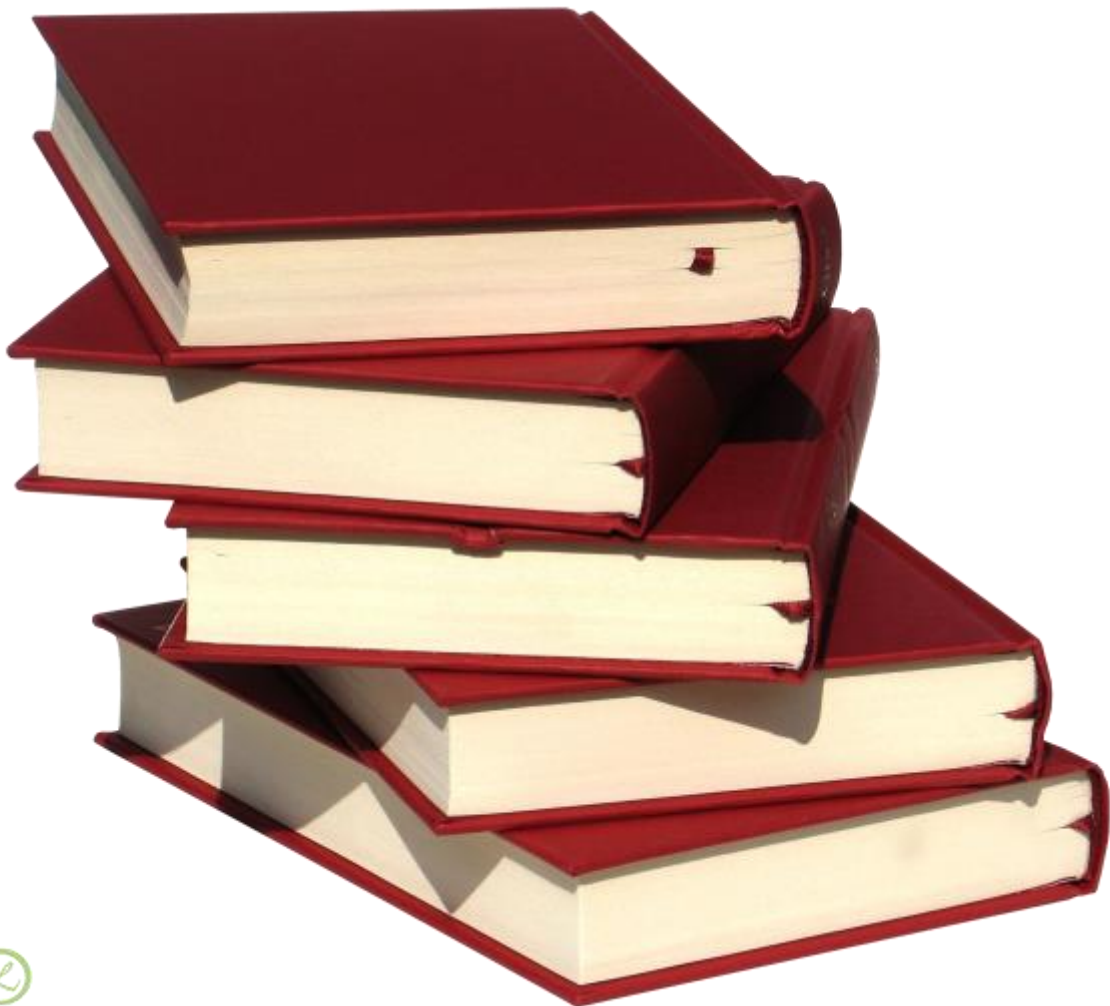
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Creative & Empathetic me- Doctors at Barnfield



In 1L this week we have been continuing our story 'Claude and the city'. This week a character called Sir Bobblysock feels unwell and is taken to the doctor. The children were creative and set up their own doctor surgery and beds to look after patients showing empathy towards others. They had so much fun!



LITERACY NOTICE- Black History Month poetry competition



To celebrate Black History Month and National Poetry Day, we are inviting children in years 3-6 to create their very own poem. Selected poets may have their work displayed and you can also be in with a chance of winning a magnificent prize.

The theme is 'Proud to be ...'!

Children must remember to write their name and class on the back and put it into the blue box in the junior corridor.

All Black History Month poetry entries have to be handed in to school by **Friday 22nd October**.

Creative me - Young artists at work



In RR at the start of Black History Month we have been reading Handa's Surprise. There are lots of different fruits in this story. We looked carefully at the real fruit and then used our pallet paints to paint pictures of our fruit.



Curious and creative me: Year 4 inspiring actors.



This week is Year 4, children have been learning about the importance of theatre for Ancient Greece. They learnt how important the plays were to the Greeks for entertainment (no Netflix 2000 years ago) and what we could learn about the Greeks from them. They then used their creativity and knowledge to work together as a team to write and perform their own play in the style of an Ancient Greek play. We were delighted by the comedies and tragedies that were shown in 4V. The children developed their team work, communication and speaking and listening skills well within this activity. Well done 4V.



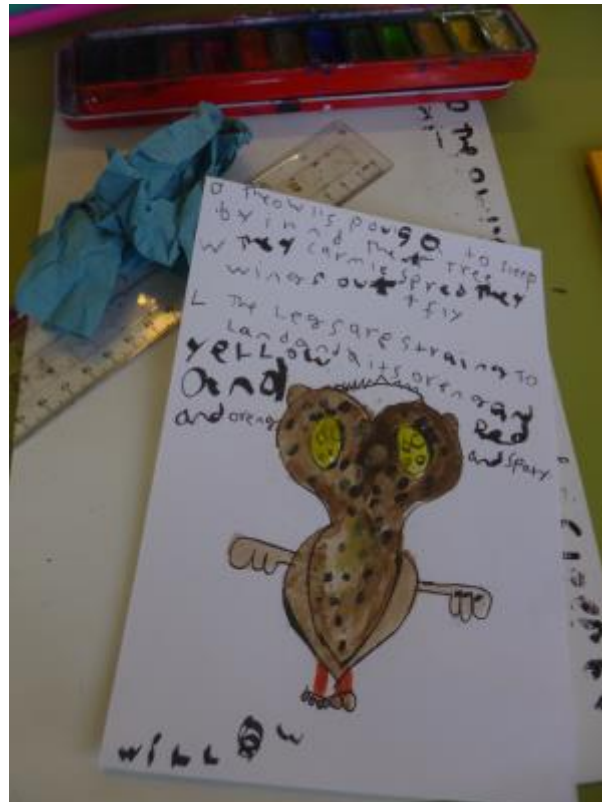


Ambitious and Creative me: Poets at work



Building on from last week's trip to our local park – Silkstream - Year 5 were inspired to use descriptive language and lost words in their own poems. Lost words are words that are no longer being used in some children's dictionaries. These words are connected to nature. The children were very creative and used watercolours to illustrate their poems and really enjoyed this. To celebrate their wonderful work, the children presented their poetry to the class. Well done Year 5.





Secondary School

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are reminded that secondary school applications are now open. Please check individual school websites for confirmation of their open day / evening arrangements. We would encourage families to view their school choices.

If you are experiencing any problems creating an account or accessing information, please call the school office and ask to speak to Jackie.

Applications are due by 31st October – every child must have an application.

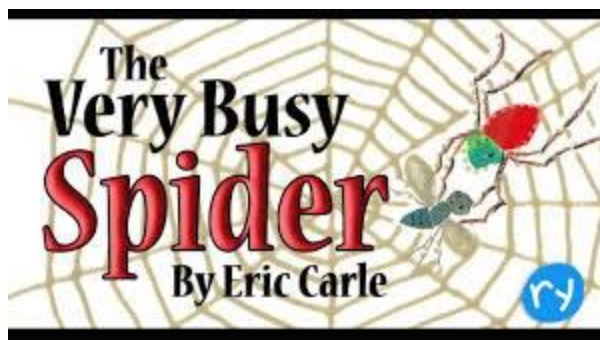
It's Good to Grow



We are collecting 'Grow Tokens' from Morrisons, in hopes of getting new gardening equipment for our keen Barnfield Gardeners. Each time you spend £10 and receive a token, be sure to bring it into school. Sally in the Nursery is leading the way with this, on a mission to get new tools for all our children with green thumbs.



Curious me: Learning all the time!



We are so proud of how all our nursery children are settling into their new school routine and sparking their CURIOSITY for learning, by exploring their new environment. This has included making new discoveries, working together and solving problems. Some of the children EVEN witnessed a spider in the garden, spinning a web before catching a fly, the children were captivated. It inspired us to read Eric Carle's 'The Very Busy Spider'.

Car parking & dropping children to school



Please can we remind families to drive safely when picking / dropping children. Several neighbours have complained that cars are still blocking their driveways and that children are running in between cars, without looking. It has also been reported that a few Barnfield parents have been rude / aggressive when challenged about these issues. Can we respectfully remind everyone that we are all role models to the children around us. We have advised neighbours to call the police in these instances.

Healthy Me - Year 5 Swimming



A huge well done to 5S for their fabulous swimming achievements. They have continued to show such pride and resilience, overcoming fears and persevering to become stronger swimmers. It has also been incredibly wonderful to hear different members of the public comment to our staff about the fantastic behaviour of our children.

Well done 5S.

Next week 4V start their swimming!

Emphatic Me : Hello Yellow



It has been wonderful to see so many pupils wearing yellow today to raise awareness around mental health.

The children have been learning about the importance of looking after their own mental health and strategies we can use in school and at home to promote this.

So many things in our society can challenge our mental health and well-being. It is so important our pupils learn about this.

Please take some time to look at the Young Minds website which contains some really useful information for parents / carers.

[YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/)

Parents Evening

Please find attached the information regarding Parents evening. We kindly ask that you book appointments with the correct teacher for the correct child and that only one appointment is booked per child.

PARENTS EVENING – YEARS 1 TO 6

You will be able to meet with your child's class teacher on either:

Thursday 14th October -3.30pm to 6.30pm

OR

Tuesday 19th October – 3.30pm to 5.30pm

As part of our risk assessment these meetings will be held virtually via **Google Meets**.

The purpose of this meeting is to meet with your child's teacher to find out how they have settled into their new class, how they are progressing with the learning and what area(s) of the curriculum they need to focus on to further improve.

To book your appointment time you need to:

- Decide on the date you would like to attend
- Know your child's class and class teacher
- Log on to School Interviews to book your slot using the correct code:

Thursday 14th October -3.30pm to 6.30pm

Tuesday 19th October – 3.30pm to 5.30pm

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/fjt7z>

PARENTS EVENING – RECEPTION

You will be able to meet with your child's class teacher on either:

Thursday 14th October -3.30pm to 6.30pm

OR

Tuesday 19th October – 3.30pm to 5.30pm

As part of our risk assessment these meetings will be held virtually via **ZOOM**.

To book your appointment time you need to:

- Decide on the date you would like to attend
- Know your child's class and class teacher
- Log on to School Interviews to book your slot using the correct code:

Thursday 14th October -3.30pm to 6.30pm Mrs Russell

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/378nr>

Tuesday 19th October – 3.30pm to 5.30pm Mrs Khan

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/my4gb>

On time for school



Unfortunately, we are still seeing a number of children arrive late for school. Children should be in their class for 8.55am.

Arriving after this time disrupts your child's day as lessons start promptly after registration. Children arriving late are missing key information being shared during this time. It is also very difficult for the office team as the office is often left unattended in order for late pupils to be walked to class.

Whilst we recognise it can be a challenge getting out on time please make sure you leave early enough to be in school for 8.55am.

From Monday 11th, the gates will be closing at 8.55am. Once the gate has closed, you will be asked to enter the school via the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Star of the week



1 - 1H

Erik - For being ready to learn

1L

Maya - For being a kind and caring member of our class

2A

Amani - having a wonderful attitude to learning in all lessons!

2CW

Peiwen - For being a smiley and positive learner!

3H

Ling - For starting a new school with a positive attitude

3J

Anisa - For being helpful

4P

Clarrisa -For always using her kindness to include other people.

4V

Tarcio - Being such a positive and caring person, about his learning and other people

5G

Willow -For a fabulous attitude towards learning, understanding mistakes are part of the journey.

5S

Zainab H - for being so positive towards her learning and being a kind and caring member of 5S

6H

Omar - for contributing more in lessons and always being ready to learn.

6S

Elsie -for always doing the right thing and being so polite

Safeguarding



It is the responsibility of everyone to keep our children safe. If you have a concern about a child please ask to speak to one of our Safeguarding Officers – Ms Golding, Jackie or Mr Moore.

At Barnfield, we want everyone to be safe, healthy and happy.

If something is wrong and you'd like to talk, we will listen!

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| <p>Talk to an adult!</p>  | <p>Use the Worry Box</p>  | <p>Ask to see Ms Golding, Jackle or Mr Moore</p>  |
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Don't keep it a secret if anyone is:

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|  <p>saying upsetting things</p> |  <p>not respecting your physical space</p> |  <p>forcing you do something</p> |
|  <p>hitting you or hurting you</p> |  <p>writing hurtful things</p> |  <p>using the internet to upset you</p> |

Office Notices



Appointments

Parents should endeavour to make doctor/dentist appointments out of school hours, however, if this is not possible a copy of an appointment card must be shown at the office. We ask that parents do not pick up children from school for an appointment after 2.30pm as this can lead to distractions in their classrooms.

Absences

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9.15am. You must contact the school every day of your child's absence. **School office 0208 952 6026**

From time to time, we know that children can be unwell with vomiting and diarrhoea. Please note that they should not return to school for **48 hours** after their last bout. We appreciate this is inconvenient, and you may not believe that your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we say this in **all** cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.

If your child develops a new persistent cough or high fever or loss of taste or smell then they must have a PCR test or stay at home for 10 days from when they first developed symptoms. If your child is unwell and they need to stay at home, we are asking you to work with us and arrange for a PCR test. This is to ensure we are continuing to work together to keep our community safe.

We will require proof of a negative PCR before your child is able to come back to school.

If you are in doubt, please call the school office for assistance.

Please use the link below to arrange a PCR test if required

PCR test booking

Uniforms

If you have ordered uniform from our uniform stockist, Fosters School Wear and ask for it to be sent to the school, we will pass this on to the classroom teacher to be handed out at the end of the day. You will be notified by them when your purchases have been dispatched. Please note that deliveries can take up to 3 weeks.

If you have any issues with your purchase please contact Fosters by clicking on the **returns form** which is located on their website.

School Dinners

Please make sure that you are up to date with your child's school dinner money payments. School dinners are £2.34 per day or £11.70 for the week. We need **two weeks notice** if you would like your child to change their lunch provision. If you have any issues regarding this please contact the office where Lorna & Siobhan will be happy to help.

Tree Top Half Term Club



Tree Tops Club, who are the company that provides our families with afterschool club will be hosting a Half Term Club. For more information please go to www.treetopsclubs.co.uk

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Term dates



Please click on the link below for our term dates

[2021 - 2022](#)