

St Barnabas CE VC Primary School

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We Let Our Light Shine

April 2022

Dear St Barnabas Families,

We are almost at the end of term 4 and what a term it has been. The children have taken part in lots of exciting events, such as the Travelling Kitchen workshops and the global food day and some classes have been on trips around the local area. Scorpius class have also visited Dean Field and had an amazing time.

During terms 5 and 6 some of the children will be completing national assessments. The Year 6 pupils will be taking part in the end of Key Stage 2 SATs during the week beginning the 9th May. We wish all of our pupils good luck and know they will all shine during this week. There will also be phonics assessments in Year 1, a multiplication check in Year 4 and end of Key Stage tests for Year 2 pupils. More information will be provided to families on these at the start of term 5.

Covid-19 cases continue to be high nationally. The guidance changed on the 1st April and now children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home until they no longer have a temperature and are well enough to attend. If a child tests positive for Covid-19, they should stay at home and avoid contact with others for 3 days.

Due to Covid-19, children have missed a lot of schooling over the past 2 years. It is therefore extremely important that children are in school every day and arrive on time. The gates are open at 8:40 and children must arrive between this time and 8:55.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely holiday. The last day of school is Friday 8th April and we return on Monday 25th April.

Mrs Debbie Fisher, Headteacher

March 2022 Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to all these children who received a Headteacher award in March 2022.

LEO: Tymon, Alysia, Lexi-Mae, Anaya, Tasnim and Iklas.

TAURUS: Malachi, Majeed, Ezra, Rahma, Elijah and Rukiya.

ARIES: Eloise, Ghala, Masud, Hadeesa, A'Nyla and Orson.

SCORPIUS: Abdallah, Abi, Faiz, Abdi, Omar and Mishall.

Learning in Scorpius Class

Scorpius class visited the 110 years old Curzon Cinema in Clevedon. The children had an amazing time looking behind the scenes at a working cinema. They even got popcorn and a chance to watch their own self made videos on the big screen!



Ramadan Mubarak!

We would like to wish all of our families who are joining in with this special time of year a very Happy Ramadan.

We will be having an Eid celebration in school and will provide more information on this at the start of term 5.

**Key dates in
Terms 4 and 5
2021-2022**



Friday 8th April: Last day of term 4
Monday 25th April: First day of term 5 for children
Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday—school closed for children
Tuesday 3rd May: INSET day—school closed for children
Monday 9th May until Thursday 12th May: Key Stage 2 SATs for Year 6 pupils.
Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th May: Year 5/6 art workshops
Monday 23rd May: Jail Break Sports event for Scorpius. More information to follow.
Thursday 26th May: Year 2/3 trip to the SS Great Britain.
Friday 27th May: Last day of term 5.
Monday 6th June: First day of term 6 for children.

Learning in Taurus Class

The children in Taurus Class have been on a Maths treasure hunt. They have also started an enquiry called, 'What is under our feet?' and the children have been scientists analysing and sorting different rocks.



Learning in Aries Class

The highlight of our term has been finding out more about being vegetarian as part of our enquiry. Every Monday morning we are met by a buzz from the children desperate to know what we will be cooking for the week ahead. We recently made our own salads—Masud and Taylor kindly offered to taste test everyone's salads and chose their own favourite. We have been so impressed with the children's willingness to try new foods, well done!



Learning in Leo Class

In Leo class, children have been exploring scientific questions about how plants grow. As part of our studies, we have planted butter beans and pinto beans in window greenhouses to observe them as they grow roots and shoots. Children developed their own methods for classifying seeds, sorting into categories, such as "big" and "little". Leo class loved looking at the real root structure of a mint plant, then exploring where food comes from by using lemons, limes, sugar, and mint leaves to create a refreshing mint limeade drink. We are becoming excellent scientists by exploring what a fair test is, using a fair test experiment to answer the question, "In what substance do plants grow best?".



Learning in Taurus Class

