

GARBOLDISHAM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

In our school we have some school councillors to help children if they are hurt or injured. So if you are down in the dumps, the school councillors will get you back up. The school councillors are:

Year 5 and 6 Libby, Zach, Corin and Dresden
Year 3 and 4 Megan Rosher and Jessica Olbison
Year 1 and 2 Phoebe Johnson and Charlie Shaw

The Reception representative was picked by the teachers and the chosen one was Ella Glistler. By Elliot



CYCLING PROFICIENCY

At 1:15 pm on 13th September, the second week back to school, with Mike Banham, our cycling instructor, we went on the road up Back Street.

On the second day we went out on our bikes to Back Street to put our knowledge of left turns in to practice and we also learnt a right turn on the road.

A couple of days after that we had a written test and we all passed. The following day we went out on the road to put everything we've learnt over the two weeks to the test and we all passed and we are allowed to ride on the road, but not without a parent or guardian.

Mike told us not to ride on the A11 NEVER!!

By Gracie and Sacha



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

- 30th Oct Back to school
- 31st Oct Early Years Reading Meeting
9am with Mrs Howard and
Mrs Halliwell
Light Party 5.30pm-7pm
- 6th Nov Parent Consultations week
- 7th Nov FROGS meeting 2pm
- 10th Nov Shoebox Gifts in school by
today
- 14th Nov Individual school photos
- 17th Nov Beetle Drive 5.30pm-7.30pm
- 27th Nov Flu Immunisations
Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4
- 1st Dec Christingle Service in Church
2pm
- 4th Dec Open Afternoon
1.30pm-2.30pm
- 7th Dec School Christmas Lunch
- 13th Dec Christmas Party
- 19th Dec Carol Service in Church at
1pm. Children may leave with
parents and carers after the
service.

School starts in the new year on
Thursday 4th January 2018

GUITAR

In school James will teach guitar lessons every Wednesday. You will need to bring a guitar and a notepad. Guitar is held in the log cabin.

GUITAR IS GREAT FUN AND INTERESTING. THE SONGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ARE 'SUNSHINE OF YOUR LOVE', 'ANOTHER DIME' AND 'WHITE CHRISTMAS'.

By Logan White, Sam R and Fraser

NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN AND TEACHERS

In our school we have new reception children and three new teachers. We are pleased to welcome our new receptions: Denni, Erin, Lola, Iris, Jaxson, Ella-May, Oliver C, Connor, Rufus, Ella, Winston, Ben, Oliver M, Corey, Rhys, Alfie T, Maisie and Alfie W. The new teachers are Mr Jones (who has taught us science), Ms McGahey (who has taught us literacy) and Miss Evans who teaches the Year 2 children. We also have 3 new children in school Rosa, Dresden and Sacha – welcome to you all.

The science that we did was an experiment where one person dropped a ball from a metre stick and the other person watched how high it bounced. All the flat surfaces tested went the highest (60cm). In Literacy we watched a video called 'Alma'. We had to look out for foreshadowing and how the music told the story and when we watched it a second time we noticed a lot more things than the first time. By George L and Rosalia

Mr V's recorder group

On Wednesdays, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have recorders with Mr V who lives locally. He does a Monday after school club. A recorder is a flute like instrument that makes a kind of whistle sound but if you blow too hard you will make a terrible sound. The notes are thumb on the bottom hole and finger on the top hole is B and two fingers on the top and thumb on the bottom hole is A. By Zach and Destiny

STARS OF THE WEEK

'Stars of the Week' are chosen each week and announced in assembly. 'Stars' may have produced particularly good work, they may have done something very well, persevered to achieve their aim or been kind and helpful. 'Stars' receive a badge and a certificate. Congratulations to all our recent 'Stars'.



11th September: Oscar, Rhiannon, Annie, Ben, Sacha and Dresden

18th September: Jaxson, Phoebe Johnson, Alyssa, Mason, Sienna, Harvey, Gracie

25th September: Denni, Oscar, James, Isaac, William, Bradley, Daniel Corble

2nd October: Maisie, Olivia Canham, Nathaniel, Olivia Davies, Eryn Scatterty, Jacob, Harry White

9th October: Ella Glister, Miles, Charlie Veall, Gabriel, Jess Thomas, Freya Button, Zach

16th October: Alfie Woodrow, Hattie, Freya Charge, Noel, Logan, Lydia and Elliot



E-SAFETY

At the beginning of term, we learnt the importance of E-safety. We learnt not to trust people we had met over the internet and not seen in real life because they could be faking who they really are. We learnt not to trust the profile of other people because on the Xbox you can change what your profile says about your location. It is hard to know who is faking and who is not, so don't give any personal information away as it can sometimes be dangerous. If you do come across anyone cyber-bullying, you tell a parent or carer and report them immediately. **BE INTERNET SAFE!**

By Lucia Marquez O'Brien and Harry White



'Gold Book' celebrations

In this space we celebrate children who have recently been entered into the 'Gold Book' for all sorts of reasons, but particularly for good, kind, helpful, thoughtful and caring behaviour. We think all of our children behave well but sometimes the acts of individuals require special recognition. We are pleased to say that some children appear in the 'Gold Book' more than once.

Well done to

Daniel C, Libby, Lucia, Brayden, Harvey, the whole of the reception class, Oscar G, Harry S, Sacha, Aidan, Freya C, Taye, George M, all of year 5 and 6 Denni, Iris, Miles, Logan W, Noel, Isaac, Beatrice, Megan and Jaidan Pliier

ROSH HASHANAH by Eve, Thom, Matilda, Alfie, Devan, Nathaniel, Tallulah, Charlie S, Belle, Louis, Erin and Freya with a bit of help from Eryn and Scarlett

Jewish people celebrate Rosh Hashanah in September. Rosh Hashanah is Jewish New Year. They blow a horn called a shofar so that everyone knows that God is powerful. The horn is blown at the synagogue which is a building where Jewish people go to say thank you. The horn is from an animal. Jewish people bake bread in the shape of a crown because Jesus is the King.

We dipped apples in honey and it was very sweet. Jewish people wish each other a 'Happy Sweet New Year'. We tried two types of apple – Granny Smith and Pink Lady. We all thought the apples dipped in honey were so sweet.



THE MAYANS

In Beech Tree Class our new topic is 'Our World' and we also do the Mayans. We have done some drama about when they found the temples and cities which the Mayans had built. We look forward to learning more about the Mayans and about what they did after they found the buildings. By Libby

Our new topic

In Beech Tree class our new class topic is 'Our World'. When we started thinking about our world we made a spider diagram on the board of things we wanted to learn about. Here are a few things that we wanted to learn about: landmarks, employment, money, seas, religion, humans, food, water and many more. We are all looking forward to our new topic and we hope we learn some very interesting things.

By Libby
Year 6



Year 5 and 6 litter pick

On 27/9/17 Year 5 and 6 went around the village with bin bags, gloves and litter pickers and in an hour we collected 7.30kg of rubbish because people can't be bothered to take it home with them.

We took the time to weigh the bags full of rubbish. We got, for example, 2.4kg of dog mess and 0.90g of tin cans. We bought a tarpaulin and put the rubbish on it, bag by bag, and sorted the rubbish into piles using litter pickers.

We hope our village starts to realise the importance of the environment and community. By Lucia



CLUB NEWS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club runs every afternoon from 3pm to 4pm with different activities each day. All children welcome.

- Monday: Recorders Years 2 - 6**
Football Years 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday: Netball Years 4, 5 and 6
Friday: Rugby Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs every day in the school hall. Children welcome from 7.45am. £3 a day.
Please see Jo in the office for details

YEAR 2 SCIENCE by James, Alyssa, Charlie V, Oskah, Reece, Buddie, Joshua, Rhiannon, Taye and Carter

In science, Year 2 have been learning about materials and what you can do with them. In our groups we touched them to see what they felt like.

Some of the materials were really stretchy and some were hard. We had soft materials like velvet curtain and the birthday hat and these could be bent and the hat could be stretched. They were flexible.

The wooden sticks were very hard and you couldn't snap or bend them.

We also used materials to make beds for Barnaby. Some people used sticks, paper, straws, cereal boxes, pieces of fabric, string, wool and green netting from the garden.

Oak Tree Class News by Lisa Howard

Our new Reception children have settled in very quickly and have loved exploring a range of activities, both inside and outside the classroom. They have particularly enjoyed investigating some sunflower heads, using tweezers to take out the seeds and see what is inside. After finding some fascinating bugs, we decided to do some work on Incey Wincey spider. The children enjoyed singing and playing instruments to the song and we even built a large spiders web outside!

Oak Tree class have been visiting the orchard this harvest and have loved collecting the apples. We have used them for many things from peeling, chopping, grating and cooking, to printing, drawing and tasting them. The children were very good at thinking of words to describe their colour, taste and texture and Year 1 were able to compose a group poem using this descriptive language. We look forward to more apples next year.



Tennis

In tennis we had to get a partner and we hit the ball to our partner, then they hit it back. It was fun. Then we got a different partner and we did it again. We love playing tennis.

By Phoebe & Calypso

Learning French

Year 3 and Year 4 have been learning French on Wednesday with Ms McGahey and learning how to obey the teacher in French. Everyone really enjoyed it. Some of the pictures were really hard, others were easy. We had to do the actions that the pictures had on them. Then finally, we did a sheet with pictures on it and we had to write what the action was in French.

By Ben Twite and Sam Bunning

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

On Thursday some of the Year 2 children will be telling the whole school about our shoebox collection in assembly. Each year we collect shoeboxes full of useful gifts for less fortunate children which are sent overseas. The appeal is run by the charity Samaritan's Purse which sends the boxes all over the world to areas which have been devastated by wars, illness, earthquakes and extreme weather.

The children will be explaining what kind of things can and can't be put in a box, where they go to and why they are sent. Thank you to Alfie, Joshua, Rhiannon, Carter, Nathaniel and Charlie V for helping Carol out with the assembly.

If you would like to send a shoebox gift please see Jo or Carol for a leaflet. Boxes need to be in school no later than Friday 10th November.

ROWAN TREE BIG MATHS

Big maths is about strategy and getting the right answers.

The sheet you get is filled with maths: adding, timing (multiplication) and subtracting numbers.

When you are little like Year 1, you get 17 maths questions.

But Year 4 get 42 questions.

Big maths is easy but for some people it is hard. But for us it's easy well sometimes it's kind of easy!!

By Gabriel and Kacey.

HOLIDAY DIARIES

In the summer holidays we had to write a diary about our holiday. We all brought our diaries in on Wednesday 6th September. We wrote about everything we did in the holidays.

It was really interesting to see what everyone had been doing!

There will be a prize for all those who brought in a diary.

Mrs Nightingale has a lot of reading to do!

By Daniel Corble and Christopher Gomer

PARKING

We have had a polite request from our 'neighbours', the church, asking if parents could leave the spaces next to the church steps clear please.

Could I add to this, asking parents and carers to only park at the village hall or the school side of the road please.

Parking on the pavement opposite school makes it particularly dangerous for everyone arriving at/leaving school. Thank you. Suzanne Halliwell

HARVEST FESTIVAL by Destiny and Hamish

On 9th October, we went to the Church to collect food from Harvest Festival to give to the Riversdale Centre in Thetford. We dropped off all the food at the Riversdale Centre, admired the beautiful building and the fish tank.

One of the pumpkins rolled under the car and Mr McGahan had to get it from under the car!

We had got all of this food from the parents who had donated it to the Church. We are very grateful for all your donations and so are the Riversdale Centre workers, so thank you very much. The Riversdale Centre is all about making meals for homeless, elderly and people who cannot afford to cook for themselves. All the food you've given will be devoured by the people.



Art in Rowan Tree Class

In art we did mark making. We then used this to colour in trainers and we had to do cross hatching because Lorraine said we were not allowed to colour. Our trainers look very pretty when they were finished. The next week we did these trees with foil and we had to dip the foil in the paint. The tree leaves had red, yellow and orange leaves.

It looked a bit like this but our work had one big brown stalk. Once they were finished they looked amazing and got put up on our class wall on a grey background.

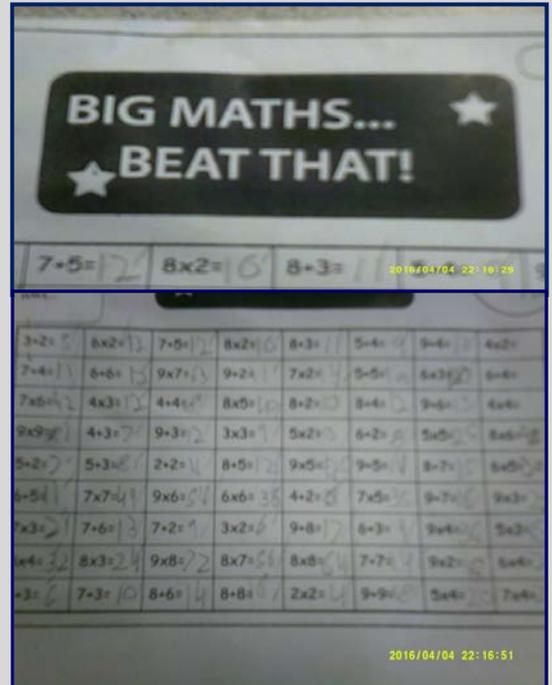


By Laila and Scarlett



BIG MATHS BEAT THAT!

In Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 we do Big Maths and every time we do it we are encouraged to do at least one more than yesterday. Here is a sheet. By Hamish



GARBOLDISHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL RUGBY

Dave is our rugby teacher. He does after school club too. In after school rugby we do full contact and we play really cool games. In rugby at school with our friends we play rugby matches and lots more.

We do tag rugby EVERY Wednesday and today it is RUGBY!

By Ashton Godfrey



YEAR 3 AND 4'S TRIP TO THE FOREST by Isaac and George

Yesterday Year 3 and 4 went to the forest with Mr Jones [the teacher]. We stood in a circle and Mr Jones told us the rules. After that we played the game where we closed our eyes and our friend took us to a tree which we hugged. Then we got taken back to the circle and we had to go and find the tree ourselves.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We must say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in any way. Special thanks to the ladies who helped to set up and sell cakes, sell raffle tickets, help the children to promote their class games, to Clare for making the pretty table decorations, to Marnie and Natasha for providing the refreshments and to everyone who generally helped make the afternoon run smoothly. But we couldn't do it without you thank you so much for all the cakes (there were so many delicious cakes!) and for coming along for a cup of tea and a chat. We raised over £200. Well done everyone.



Class harvest poems

In Rowan Tree class we have been doing acrostic poems for the harvest festival. On Friday 6th October 2017 we will be reading the acrostic poems out in church. Some of us wrote our own poems.

By Sienna, Jess T and Jess O

CROSS COUNTRY by Debbie Raven

On Monday 16th October all of the children in KS2 went to Diss High School for a cluster cross-country event. All of the children did extremely well – it was very hot and the course had increased in size!

In all, 20 children qualified for the next round at Fritton Lake on 2nd November.

Well done to everyone! This is a fantastic result!

Both Lucia and Dresden led their respective fields all the way, securing a 'first' place each. Jess T came second in her race and both Megan and William got a third.

QUALIFIERS:

Y3 Boys: Isaac

Y3 Girls: Megan, Calypso, Annie

Y4 Boys: William, Theo, Fraser, Sam B, Ben

Y4 Girls: Jess T, Rosa, Jess O

Y5 Boys: Dresden, Jacob

Y5 Girls: Alice

Y6 Boys: Sacha, Zach

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, help and support during my first half term acting as Headteacher. As you can see from this newsletter, it has been a fantastically busy couple of months and, as we look back, it is lovely to see how well our new children and staff have settled. Have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October.

Suzanne Halliwell