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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 12th May 2023

We are so very proud of how well our Year 6 children have approached their SATs this week. They have shown a mature, resilient and dedicated attitude all week; working their hardest to show what they know and remember in all of their tests. Well done to all of Year 6.

It was really lovely to see so many families joining us for our Coronation Family Picnic last Friday and, although it was a shame that the weather didn't hold out for an outside event, there was still a lot of fun being had in all of the classes. I know that the children were really excited to have family and friends joining them for lunch and activities. Thank you to Otters class, who had organised lots of games and activities for outdoors and even though rain stopped play on the day, we look forward to you teaching the children your games on a different day.

Nursery Consultation Update

As you know, our nursery consultation finished on Friday, 14th April and we would like to update you with the information we currently have. There were 33 responses, of which the majority of 22 agreed with the need for a nursery at Narborough. We are so pleased and thank you for your support. We have now submitted the results to the (DNEAT) Trust Board who will review the results and make an application to the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office via the Headteacher Board to extend our school age range to 3-11 years. We will keep you informed of the outcome and any progress.

PTFA

Just a reminder that the last Friday of each half term is a school non-uniform day. For a donation to our PTFA fundraising the children can come to school wearing non-uniform on the day. At the end of this term on Friday 26th May, we are asking if you could donate a second-hand teddy bear so that we can have a teddy tombola at a future event. You can of course also donate money if you prefer. We will also have our usual end of half-term sweet stall on the playground on Friday 26th May.

Our next PTFA meeting is going to be on Friday 19th May at 3:30pm so that we can discuss future events and a Summer Fayre. We warmly welcome you along and look forward to your support.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for last week, 1st May to 5th May 2023, are:

Hedgehogs: 98.86%
Squirrels: 100%
Foxes: 100%

Allergy Aware Schools – Please do not send nuts into Nar Valley Federation Academies

NB. Please note that we try and include in the newsletter local events that may be of interest, but inclusion in the newsletter does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation of any such event from ourselves.

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Otters: 93.75%
Whole School 96.40%

Well done to **Squirrels and Foxes** for not only achieving the highest attendance of the week, but also achieving **100%**. Keep up the excellent work.

Children's Worship

Ellie-May and James from Squirrels took an alternative approach to worship this week. The children asked for volunteers from across the school to pose in photos, acting out what disagreement and forgiveness look like, to guide the children on thinking about how they mend friendships.

A big thank you to Noah and Theo from Otters who volunteered to read the story of Joseph and his technicolour dream-coat, that made us think about jealousy and how we can calm our jealous, angry minds. The children reminded us to use strategies such as deep breaths, going to a quiet space and talking about our feelings.

Class Information

Hedgehogs

We have had a really interesting week this week learning about bees in Science and using information texts and videos to gather information about bees in English, so that we can write a report about them. We are considering three very important questions for our report:

What do bees look like? How do bees pollinate flowers? How can we help bees? Please ask your children what they have found out and how they can help our bees. In Maths, we have been working hard on finding halves and quarters in Year 1 and explaining now, then and next problems in Reception. We had to work out how many objects had been added or taken away and how many there were before and after. In Art, we have been printing repeating patterns and in our own learning, making stunning flowers.

We have no reading certificates this week and some children have only added one or two reads this whole week. Please remember how important it is to listen to your child read every day and record it for them so that they can earn their rewards.

Congratulations to our Shining Light this week, awarded to Samuel for hard work and effort in writing and Mathematics. He has produced some really impressive work this week.

Squirrels

Squirrels have been in siege mode this week! They have immersed themselves in the world of medieval warfare - making the frame for their lolly stick trebuchets and writing their explanation texts on the weapon, explaining how the parts interact. Some fabulous group and independent work seen on these tasks. The children were very excited (and responsible) when using glue guns on their project.

In Science, they have been experimenting on eggs to understand the impact of sugary foods and drinks on their teeth; investigating also what difference toothpaste makes to a tooth's health.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: James Lewis for 100 reads

Tackling Tables: Oaklie Marshal for his purple phase subtraction missing numbers, purple phase addition missing numbers and purple phase mixed addition and subtraction

Shining Light: Bow Voutt for being kind and caring, making others feel welcomed and supported.

Foxes

In Foxes this week, we have welcomed our Year 5s to learn alongside us in our core lessons. This has not only been a valuable collaborative learning exercise but has also shown off what wonderful learning behaviours we have at Narborough CE Primary Academy. The children have really flourished with independent learning in Maths, using their partner's knowledge and learning environment to help them if they get stuck. We have started a Maths unit on shape this week which looks at identifying, ordering and comparing angles. Next week, we will continue to apply this knowledge while looking at lines of symmetry in polygons. The writing focus this week has been a lot of fun! We have entered into a national poetry competition run by Young Writers. The Year 4 & 5 children have each created a monster and written a narrative poem about it to be entered into the competition. They have included sophisticated descriptive phrases, narrative plot lines and rhyming schemes. I look forward to updating you on our progress after the 26th May.

Congratulations to:

Reading: No reads this week again. It is so important that the reading records get signed by grown-ups so that the children can receive their well-earned certificates when they have read.

Tackling Tables: Lucy - blue mixed mini test.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Sophie for being an independent and responsible learner in all her lessons, especially Maths.

Otters

The big news this week has been the Year 6 SATs. Although some of the questions have been really tricky, every single child has worked their socks off, persevered and tried their absolute best. I couldn't be more proud of them! Daniel stated, "I've enjoyed SATs this week. Although they have been a little stressful, they have been fun." Lola added, "I've really enjoyed SATs because I felt really excited about starting them and am now excited that we only have one left." Isabella reflected, "I've enjoyed SATs this week, because I think it has helped me with my long division."

Meanwhile, the Year 5s have been working in Foxes with the Year 4s. Macie stated, "I've enjoyed poetry because we have been looking at different poems and are going to write our own monster poem." Theo commented, "I've enjoyed Maths because we have been learning how to use a protractor." Art has also been a highlight this week. Izabel stated, "I've enjoyed Art because we have been making paints from things we found outside." Noah agreed, "I've enjoyed Art because we have used things found outside in the environment to make our art."

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Unfortunately, there are no reading certificates this week.

Tackling Tables: Ashden for achieving his red level multiplication certificate; Jayden for achieving his green level multiples certificate.

Shining Light: It was impossible just to choose one person this week, so the Shining Light has been awarded to all Year 6 children for approaching their SATs with a brilliant attitude and truly letting their light shine. We are all so very proud of you.

Prayer for the Week

This week's thought is from the staff at Narborough CE Primary Academy:

Year 6,

We are all so proud of you and all that you have achieved.

Remember that you all shine a light that brightens somebody's life and that you will excel at what you love.

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

SATS;

I just wanted to acknowledge the superb behaviours, efforts and maturity shown by our Y6's this week. I've been invigilating at Sporle this year so haven't been able to get to Castle Acre and Narborough, but I know from the staff team how great everyone has been. SATS are mainly for school and are nothing to worry about, but they are something to do your best in and a good step in children's learning journey. To know that you can face something that makes you nervous and succeed by doing your best is a big step and a good confidence boost for the future. Well done Y6 children, you can handle these, you are definitely ready for your next step of Secondary school!

Nursery update;

The consultation to open our nursery at Narborough has now closed and was positive. As above, we are now awaiting confirmation that we are able to extend our age range and progress the nursery and will of course update you when we have any further information.

Finnbar's Force;

The above is a charity to support children who have cancer, and is a charity personal to a DNEAT colleague. You can learn about Finnbar here: <http://www.finnbarsforce.co.uk/about-finnbar/>

We would like our children to take part in fundraising for children who are just like them, except for the life-threatening illness they face.

Therefore on Friday 16th June, please could your child come to school wearing gold/yellow clothing, for a donation of any amount, enabling our children to let their light shine, and help others.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



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