

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.1%

[NEW Spring term Menu Week 2 beginning 24th Feb 2020](#)

No 21 Thu 13th Feb 2020

Stars of the Week

7th February 2020



- Y6 Emeilia Pratley
Chloe-Marie Armitage
Tyler Bensley
- Y5 Aaron Roman
Ellis Browne
Charlie Gosling
- Y4 Logan Walpole
Oliver McIntosh
Violet Mould
- Y3 Lukas Lefkaditis
Mel Amponsah
Samuel Hhier

Key Dates

2020

- w/c 10th Feb 3PR week
- Fri 14th Feb 'Green' Day (to include non-uniform)
- w/c 17th Feb Half term break
- Mon 24th Feb Non-Pupil Day 4 – pupils do not attend
- 3rd & 4th Mar Chinese enrichment days
- Thu 5th Mar World Book Day
- Fri 3rd Apr Healthy Schools morning & End of term
- Mon 20th Apr Summer term begins

Non-Pupil Days

2019-2020 (remaining)

24th Feb 2020 22nd May 2020

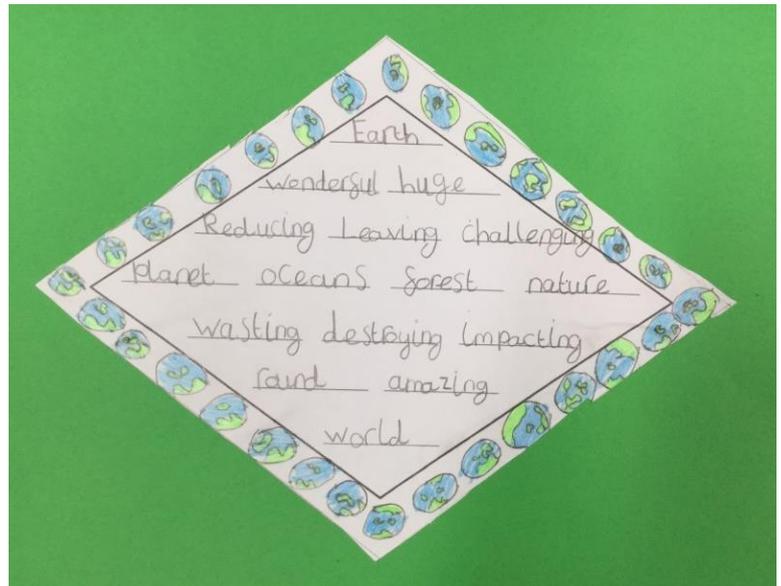
2020-2021

2nd Sept 2020 23rd Oct 2020 4th Jan 2021

22nd Feb 2021 28th May 2021

Green Day work

Some classes have been completing work during the week related to Green Day - here is a 'Diamante' poem by Grace in Year 3. Diamante poems use nouns, adjectives and gerunds to describe either one central topic or two opposing topics. More of these poems from Year 3 are within the newsletter and other examples of Green Day-related work will appear in the first newsletter after half term break.



Safer Internet Day

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>

Safer Internet Day (promoted by the UK Safer Internet Centre) was officially on Tuesday 11th, but we acknowledged it in different ways throughout the week, including:

- Class discussions on how to stay safe on the internet
- Completing an internet safety rules activity
- Considering what makes a perfect password and why it is needed
- Watching internet safety information videos
- Listening to a Safer Internet Day assembly on Thursday by Mrs Hollick

Internet safety is something that is explored with pupils throughout the year, particularly through computing and PSHE lessons.

There is a wealth of internet safety information for parents available on our website and we would encourage you to have a look. These can be found under the 'Teaching + Learning' tab > 'Keeping Children Safe at BFJS':

https://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/keeping_children_safe_at_bfjs/89997

Included is the assembly presentation from this year and previous years, as well as a presentation and links to useful websites shared when we had a parent workshop last March.

One particular set of parent resources by Childnet International that you may find useful has been sent out by email as PDFs with this newsletter.

Parents of Year 6 pupils will be interested to know that Year 6 will have individual class sessions in March about internet safety delivered by Essex Fire and Police education service, specifically geared towards the eldest children in a primary school setting and covering social media, online gaming, cyber bullying and identity theft.



Safer Internet Day 2020

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches use

As a school, we recognise the part mobile phones have to play in helping provide an element of safety and reassurance for parents of pupils in Years 5 & 6 who have permission to walk to and from school on their own (no pupils in Years 3 & 4 are allowed to do this). We have recently reconsidered how best to manage this for everyone's personal safety and privacy and a policy for pupils, staff, parent helpers and visitors has been approved by the Local Governing Body. This can be found on our website here:

https://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/mobile_phones_and_smart_watches_policy/449755

There are only two changes to our current practice, so very little has changed from the set of rules we have had in place for some time.

1. The first key point is that Smart Watches are not allowed to be worn by pupils at school. This is to prevent misuse of the connectivity they allow with a mobile phone. Fitness tracker-style watches may be worn, so long as their functionality is only related to fitness.
2. The second key point is that pupils are not allowed to use their mobile phones on the school grounds. This includes in the playgrounds before school or a pre-school club starts and following school or an after-school club finishes. The purpose of the phone being brought to school should only be to notify parents about their child's independent journey to/from school and this can be achieved just before they enter/once they leave, right at the gates if they wish to. This is to help ensure appropriate use of the phone, particularly of the camera and the internet facilities.

Please help us reinforce this responsible use by talking to your child about it. Teachers from Years 5 & 6 have shared this with their classes so they are aware. Staff will give reminders to children if they are seen using their phones at school and hopefully there will be no persistent misuse. This also applies in the circumstance where a pupil has brought a mobile phone to school but is actually being brought/picked up by an adult - the phone needs to remain unused on the premises.





Uniform



We are usually so impressed with the way in which our pupils take pride in their school uniform and would like to reinforce the high standards that most children meet each day, particularly at this point in preparing for a new half term.

Our uniform policy is in each child's Pupil Passport as well as on the school website here: https://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/school_uniform/32905

We want to ensure everyone is following the same rules and some recent examples seen where this has not occurred include wearing below-the-ankle socks, inappropriately large or elaborate hair accessories, nail varnish, boots instead of shoes and long hair not always being tied back.

We look forward to seeing all pupils properly dressed and presented on our first day back after the half term break.

3PR week

Thank you to everyone who has made the extra effort to keep as many cars away from the school as possible this week. We know that the token system has some limitations in how it rewards, but we trust you will agree that it is worth doing something to incentivise and encourage good travel choices. We're very happy to hear from any parents who have some alternative, practical ideas going forward.

A big word of thanks goes to our House Captains and Vice Captains who have been involved in giving out tokens on these cold winter mornings and ensuring accurate records of class totals are made each day.



Chinese Cultural Week w/c Monday 2nd March

As has become customary at Barnes Farm Junior School, this year we will, once again, be holding a Chinese Cultural Week, commencing on the 2nd March. This supports the wider cultural benefits of the pupils learning Mandarin as their modern foreign language. Each year group will take part in different exciting activities, which will include Cookery, Calligraphy Writing, Shadow Puppets and Chinese Song and Folk Dance. We will be welcoming Chinese instructors from the Essex Jiangsu Centre to lead on most of these activities.

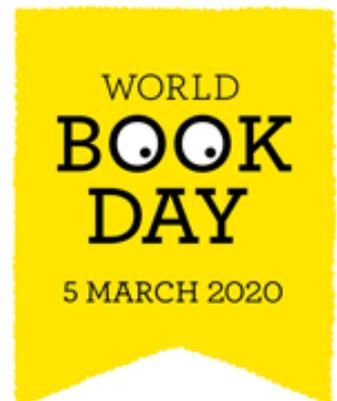


As we see this as a fantastic opportunity to broaden the pupils' horizons and to expand their cultural awareness, a large proportion of the cost of the activities will be met by the school. However, we would very much appreciate a voluntary £2 contribution from parents to help ensure that we are able to continue providing such opportunities and this has been added to ParentPay.

Mr Smart

Subject Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

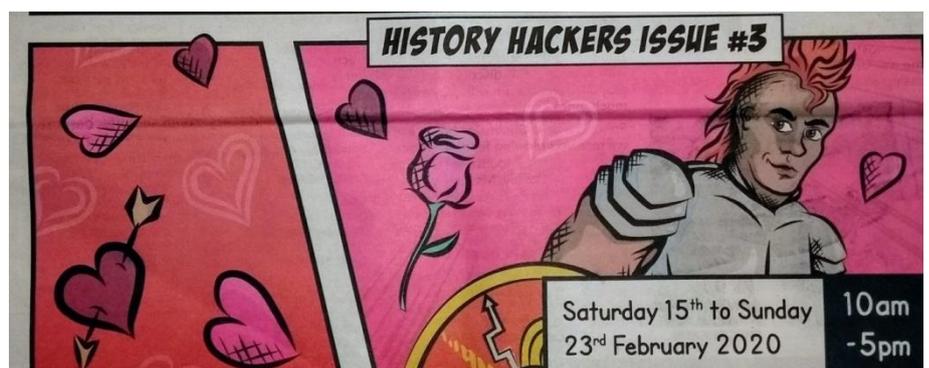
World Book Day this year will be on **Thursday 5 March**. As always, we are inviting children to come dressed as a beloved book character from either a fiction or nonfiction book! We encourage the children to bring that book to school to speak to their class about their choice. There will be a prize for the most creative costume in each year group! We look forward to celebrating our love of reading!



Mrs Crumlish

Subject Leader for Reading

Taking place at
Chelmsford City
museum over half term:

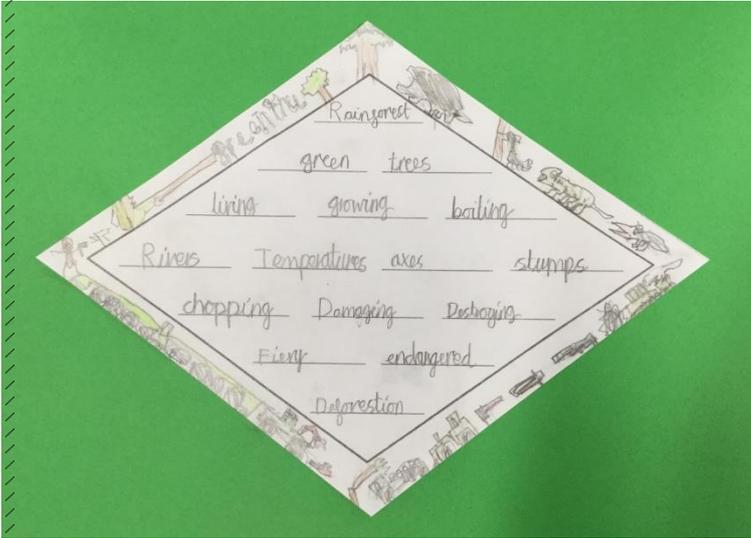


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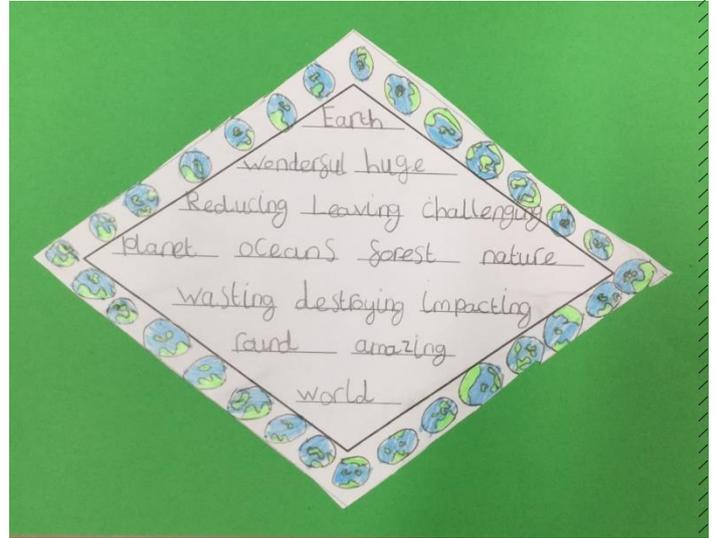


Year 3 Diamante poems

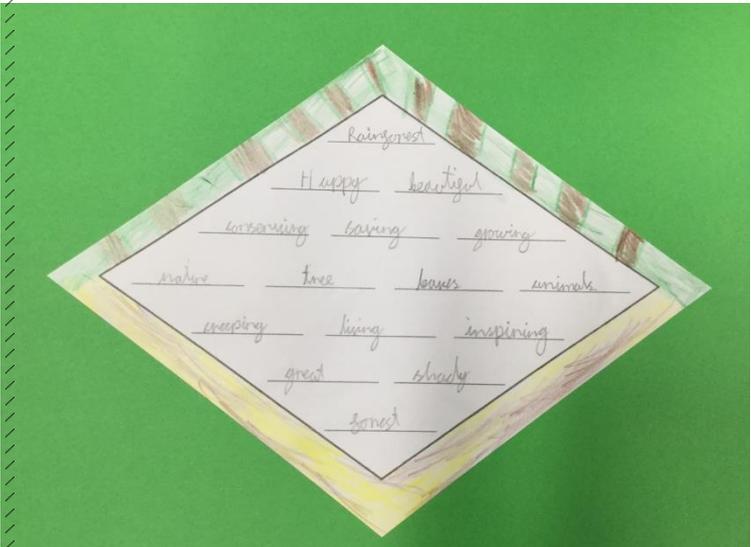
Year 3 have been writing Diamante poems about planet Earth and conservation in the run up to Green Day and linked with our question 'Are we too small to make a difference?'



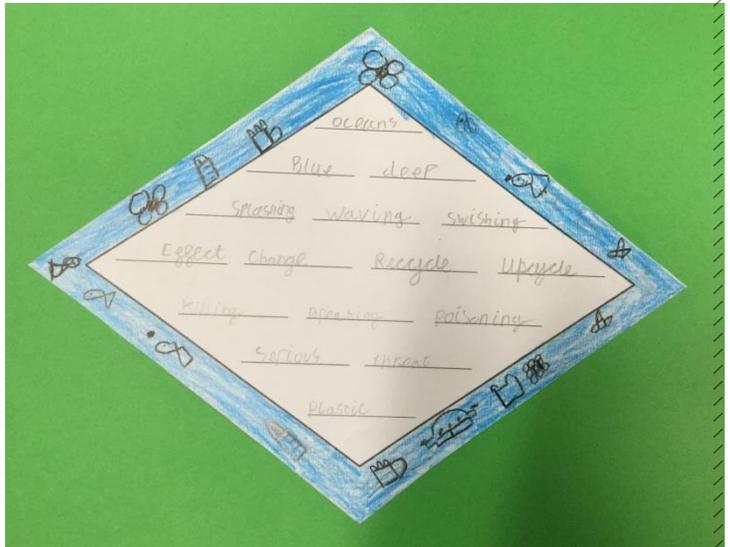
Rohit



Grace



Harry S



Liam



Department
for Education

Coronavirus – UPDATED ADVICE for all early years providers, schools and further education providers

The government is monitoring Coronavirus and taking action at home and abroad. The risk to individuals remains low.

Advice to those who have travelled recently

Public Health England has changed the advice for individuals who have travelled recently:

Travellers from Wuhan and Hubei Province

If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei Province to the UK in the last 14 days you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area

Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus.

Travellers from other parts of China and other specified areas

This advice applies to travellers who have returned to the UK from the following areas:

- Elsewhere in China
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country

Encouraging good hygiene

If you have symptoms of a cold or flu, then there are measures you can take to stop germs:

- always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Latest information

Updates on Coronavirus: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

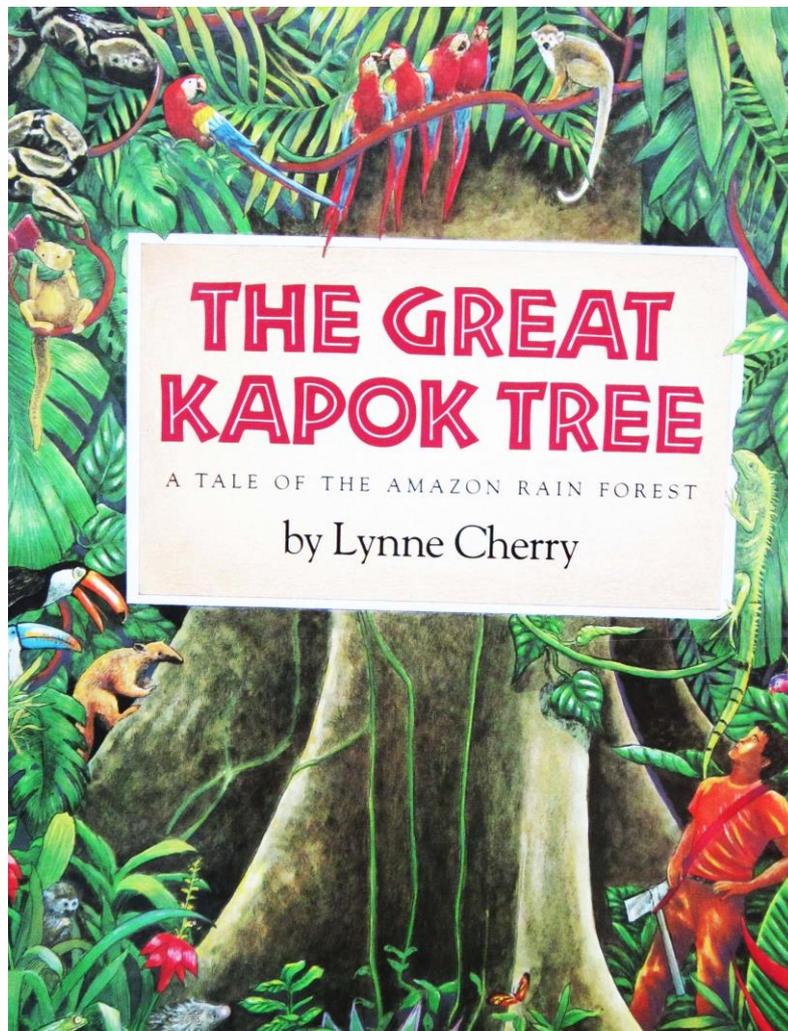
Public Health England blog: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

The Great Kapok Tree **Book review by Class 3J**

We enjoyed reading *The Great Kapok Tree* because the animals talk and persuade the reader to not chop down the trees in the Amazon rain forest. This book has a special message, how one decision made by one person, can affect others. This is happening around the world today and it can encourage use to change our decisions which we make every day. There is no planet B.

We would recommend this book for others who are interested in rain forests, animals and the worldwide effects upon the environment.

Rating 5/5



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Parent Workshops

**Wednesdays
10am-11am**

**@ Chelmsford Family Hub, Lower Ground Floor,
County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH**

A range of workshops available for parents/ carers of 5-19 year olds.

Workshop 1: SEND- Support/information	26 th February / 22 nd April
Workshop 2: Puberty/growing up	4 th March / 29 th April
Workshop 3: Healthy/Fussy eating	11 th March / 6 May
Workshop 4: Enuresis/Bed wetting	18 th March / 13 May
Workshop 5: Parenting strategies	25 th March / 20 th May
Workshop 6: Anxiety/Self-esteem	1 st April / 3 rd June

(Adult only workshops – No crèche facilities)

Please call 0300 247 0014 (opt 2) for more information or to book a space.

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Can you guess
the weight of the
Army and Navy
flyover?



To mark the removal of the Army and Navy flyover, we are giving primary school children in Chelmsford the chance to win a £75 voucher for Evans Cycles, as well as a scooter storage pod for their school.

All entrants will also get a 10% discount code for Evans Cycles in Chelmsford.

* Terms and conditions apply

To enter the competition, simply guess how heavy the flyover is before the deadline on Friday 20 March.

- A. 217 tonnes
- B. 317 tonnes
- C. 417 tonnes
- D. 517 tonnes

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