



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday, Thursday 1st February, marked the day when we joined the Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust. Thank you all for your contributions throughout the consultation period, your patience and your ongoing support. In the letter to parents and carers, emailed yesterday, Diane Gaskin, Chair of the Trust, and Darren Beardsley, Chief Executive Officer, said:

"We are delighted that Barkston Ash has become the fourteenth academy in our successful and growing Catholic education partnership across Northern area of the Diocese of Leeds. We are grateful for the strength in educational performance, energy, ideas and enthusiasm that you and your school bring to the Trust. These are much valued in helping us provide mutual protection, nurture and growth for Barkston Ash and all our schools, and for Catholic education generally across the Diocese, particularly in these challenging times for education.

The partnership working and solidarity that Barkston Ash has already brought to the Trust during the process of becoming an academy gives me great confidence that together we will continue to fulfil our mission of bringing the benefits of Catholic education to all our pupils, parents, staff, parishes and local communities."

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our second virtue this half-term is '**Simplicity**'. By living simply, you will come to know what really matters in your life and be less afraid of not having more and more things. When you live simply you don't look out for the next thing to buy or follow. Little by little you realise that you don't need that many things to live a happy life. Living simply gives you time to think of others, do good and care for creation. Living simply helps you put more trust in God.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Weekly Mission To take some time away from busyness, knowing this helps us to grow, recharge and gain strength

Prayer of the Week The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **blue** team with an awesome average of 15.1 points! **Class 1** achieved the highest team point total with a fab 818 collected this week! Well done to blue team and Class 1.

Children's Mental Health Week Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. We will be having activities across school based on this year's theme, 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

Wellbeing Wednesday: we are encouraging all members of our school community to focus on wellbeing next Wednesday. Children and staff are invited to come to school in comfy clothes/pyjamas (bring slippers to change into, if you wish!) and there may even be a hot chocolate treat in store!

As parents and carers, you are the first educators of your children and we recognise the fundamental role that you play in supporting their mental health. Please take some time to check out the family resources on Place2Be.

[Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

Spring Dates Next week's dates are below. Please see our school website calendar for all dates.

Monday 5th February- Friday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February- Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February- Wellbeing Wednesday

10.30am- Class 2 attending Mass at Scarthingwell (*all parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to attend*)

Thursday 8th February- Netball tournament (*participant letters have been sent*)

Friday 9th February- Young Voices- KS2

2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (*Class 2 parents and carers invited to attend*)

School Closes for February half-term holiday (return to school on Monday 19th February)

Holiday clubs Please see the attached flyers from different providers.

Fundraising Friday A huge thank you to everyone who supported Izzy and Francesca in last week's 'Fundraising Friday' event. They made around £50, bringing their total to £150 to donate towards kit for the Katie Louise School of Dance trip to Disneyland Paris where Izzy will be performing in the Disney Parade. Thank you for your continued support!

Safer Internet Day Whilst every day should be Safer Internet Day, the 6th February is an international event and annual celebration to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, especially children and young people. We will be completing activities across school and you can also support the day by following the link below to see tips and guides when setting up security and privacy settings on devices in the home:

[Home Page - Our Safety Centre](#)

Helping Hands Dates for your Diary

Helping Hands' Meetings Thursday 29th February 2024 Thursday 18th April 2024 - TBC

Movie Night Friday 15th March 2024

Summer Fayre Friday 21st June 2024 - TBC

Newsletters, class curriculum letters, other useful forms & letters and the Wednesday Word are available on the school website.



Let's Celebrate!

In **Class 1**, the reception children loved exploring objects that float and sink.



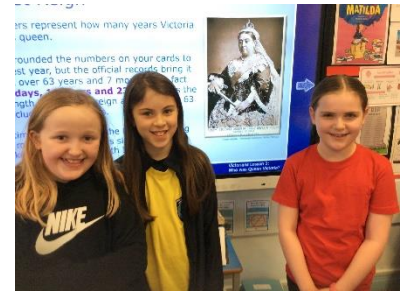
Class 2 have been Super Scientists this week! In our lesson, the children explored the work of Maggie Aderin-Pocock who was a space scientist and learnt about different satellites in space that measure our weather using lasers. They then created their own weathervanes to test out in the playground.



This week, in **Class 3**, we have created our Giacometti-inspired sculptures. We used and shaped crafting wire ensuring the limbs were elongated as in his original sculptures. We then wrapped them in foil and painted them bronze.



In **Class 4** this week, we have been looking at the Victorians and Queen Victoria in particular including some of her many achievements.



In **Class 5**, we have been creating art in the style of David Hockney.

First we investigated his life and his styles of art, following this, we looked closely at his choices of colour and tone in creating Landscapes here in Yorkshire. Finally we created art work using line, tone and colour to show our interpretations of his work.

🌀Thank you to Lacey and Dom for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

A huge well done to this week's award winners...

Class 1 Superstar: Lawrence	Class 5 Superstar: Hannah W
Class 2 Superstar: Oliver	Headteacher award: Alyssa C4
Class 3 Superstar: Esme	Lunchtime award: Alyssa C4
Class 4 Superstar: Poppy	

We have no new Times Table Champions this week. Please keep practising on TTRS at home!