

St. Barnabas CE Primary School SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

St. Barnabas
C of E Primary School

10TH
EDITION
FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER
2024

Congratulations to our fantastic debating team who were runners up in the Worcestershire Schools Debating Event this week. They spoke with real passion and knowledge and also made us all think and laugh!



You can check 'Dates for your diary' for November & December on ParentMail.



Name	Year	★ Star of the Week!
Karina Agrigoro Kodey Hill	Reception	Fabulous positional vocabulary in maths Super maths vocabulary and learning 
Jake Sibley Phoebe Shellam	Year 1	Super 'fact family' work in maths Amazing 'fact family' work in maths  
Orla McCann Matthew Tyrrell	Year 2	For fantastic narrative writing, based on 'The Storm Whale' Incredible independent writing 
Cooper Macintyre Harry Williams	Year 3	For super explanations when problem solving in maths For a fantastic mythical creature
Daisie Davis Seth Owens	Year 4	for her amazing oracy participating in a debate Fantastic representation of 'The Iron Man' 
Darcy Tout Finley Dixon	Year 5	For persevering with her fraction work in maths Super work learning and using spellings 
Kyle Atkinson Preston Locke	Year 6	For great editing with his partner For an excellent attitude to learning in all lessons 
Kali Lawson Saule Noreikaite Sofia Cenci	Sports Stars	Super Robot Toy dancing and responding to the music Always being respectful and helpful in PE Fantastic work balancing in gymnastics 



Worcestershire Debating Competition

To mark UK Parliament Week, we hosted the Worcestershire Debating Competition. Eight schools battled it out using their voices to debate around current issues. We were so proud of our St Barnabas Debating Club who displayed superb oracy skills throughout as well as being the ultimate hosts! We were delighted to welcome our local MP, Tom Collins, the Mayor of Worcester, Councillor Mel Allcott and the Chief Executive of Voice 21, Kate Paradine as judges for the competition. Other schools competing were: Cranham, Pitmaston, Northwick Manor, Perrywood, St. Clements, Warndon Oasis and Nunnery Wood, who were the overall winners this year. Well done everyone!



We want every child to leave our school being able to speak with passion and meaning. Keep an eye out for our oracy workshops for parents in the new year.

Other news...

Snow Day!

We had so much fun in the snow - every child had the option to go out and play. What a lovely surprise that was! Well done to everyone for making their way to school and remembering warm clothes and boots!



The Pearson National Teaching Award Final takes place next Saturday and Mrs Hanson is set to travel up to London to enjoy this exciting and prestigious event after receiving the Silver Award for Primary Headteacher of the Year in June.



Our first **Opal Play Assembly** is on Friday this week, when we will share outdoor play ideas with children and start to introduce them to the new **outdoor play activity areas**. These areas will grow and become more adventurous as children and staff learn the **new outdoor play rules and routines**.

Thank you to everyone who filled in the **parent Opal survey**.

Our aim is for **every child to experience high quality and inspiring outdoor play every day, whatever the weather** and we are excited to be at the start of our Opal journey. If you are thinking of buying your child a new school **Winter coat** please choose one that is **waterproof and warm** and one you won't mind getting dirty or can put in the washing machine now and again. In the coming months children will need **wellies in school** too but we will also help with that and have our own 'welly library' so please don't throw away any outgrown boots without asking us if we can use them. We will let you know with some notice when wellies will be needed.

Our lovely photos above out in the snow show just how much children need and love time spent outside and quality play.



You can learn more about Opal via their website <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>






November is Cut Your Carbon Month. Our Eco Team says 'can you help?'



We are taking part in Cut Your Carbon month this November. here's a reminder of easy things that can be done at home to help reduce carbon. All schools are aiming to be carbon free from 2025, which is a big ask but one we have to try to do for our children's future world!



		
1. Make at least one journey more sustainable <input type="checkbox"/>	2. Go meat-free for a day <input type="checkbox"/>	3. Have a no food-waste weekend <input type="checkbox"/>
		
4. Turn down the heating by 1° for a week <input type="checkbox"/>	5. Design a flight-free holiday <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Say 'no' to a new item <input type="checkbox"/>
		
7. Donate something you no longer need <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes <input type="checkbox"/>	9. Share carbon-cutting advice <input type="checkbox"/>
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Our excellent **Year 5 Kho-Kho team** demonstrated skill, strength and teamwork when they played the Indian tag game Kho-kho against other local schools at a friendly event, organised by Droitwich and Worcester City School Games. Well done team!



Parent & Carer Maths Workshops this week for Years 1-4

Years 1 & 2: Friday 29th Nov 9-9.40 The Hall
Year 3: Thursday 28th Nov 9-9.40 The Hall
Year 4: Thursday 28th Nov 9-9.40 in class

KS2 Choir will be singing at The Victorian Fair this Thursday 28th November at **1 pm. Cathedral Square.**

THANK YOU
We raised **£371** for the BBC Children In Need Appeal



PTA Friends Events

Tickets available from Monday:

School Christmas Disco Friday 6th December £2.50
Years R-3 4.30-5.30
Years 4-6 6-7 pm

Tickets on sale from the Huddle before school or the school office from 25th November or send a named envelope with the correct money in, your child's full name and class to the school office.



Eco Bauble Competition

Decorate or make a bauble using any recycled materials

50 p entry- all ages, prizes for each class.

Please see the PTA Poster for details. Closing date December 9th

