

Barnes Farm Infant School

Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2018

Reception

Badger Class



Thank you to all parents and carers who celebrated our sports day with us this year. It was a lovely morning with plenty of cheering and support for all our lovely children.

We had an obstacle race, water and bucket race, running, egg and spoon and parachute games.

This event showed how much the children love being at school and working together as a team. Well done Reception! You are all winners!



Fox Class



The children had a super time at Boydell's Farm. We all became really involved trying our hands at milking a cow, feeding hens, and outstaring a llama.

The children all fed the baby lambs which were only 24 hours old!! After our visit many of the children wanted to become dairy farmers.

All the staff complimented the children on how polite and well behaved they were throughout the whole day. Well done children!



Rabbit Class



We enjoyed celebrating the Royal Wedding together. Rabbit Class watched a short clip of when Prince Harry and Meghan Markle got engaged and found out where they would be getting married. We made a Royal Crown to wear for the big day and wore them for lunch!



Year 1

Otters

All of year one had a fantastic morning at the local park, hunting for bugs and mini-beasts in the grass and hedgerows. Despite the recent dry weather, and the very short grass, we found lots and lots of tiny crawling, creeping and flying insects to catch in nets and look at under magnifying glasses. We also enjoyed the open space, and had fun with the bats, balls and skipping ropes we had brought with us before the walk back to school.



Hedgehog

Hedgehog Class at Sports Day.

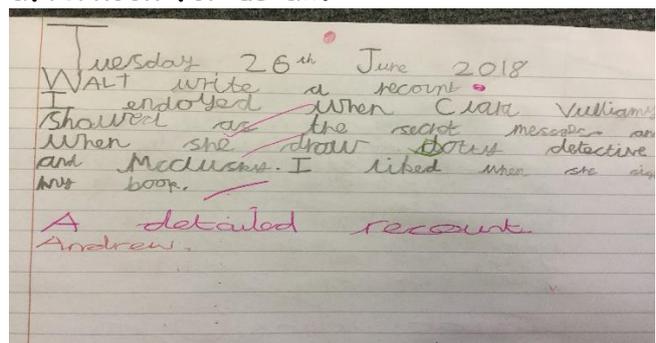
The children in Hedgehog class were very excited about competing in a range of activities throughout the morning of sports day. The morning started by the children being put into their teams ready to earn points for their house. It was lovely to see such a colourful school hall full of children wearing something to represent their team. Once they were in their teams off they went to the school field to begin a fantastic morning of activities. One of the favourite activities in Hedgehog Class was the water race, particularly because it was such a warm day. The children in hedgehog class worked great in their teams and can't wait to do it all again next year.

All the children in Hedgehog class would like to say well done to Pegasus for becoming this years sports champions.

Squirrels



Squirrel Class enjoyed our visit by Clara Vulliamy. We were fascinated watching her draw amazing pictures and sharing where she gets her story ideas from. Clara Vulliamy even showed us different ways to send secret messages to each other. Some of us even had one of her stores signed for us. After her visit we wrote a recount. What an exciting afternoon for us all.



Year 2

Tawny Owls at the Mini-Olympics

We had a fantastic time at Melbourne stadium last month.

Our afternoon started with marching behind a real brass band in a very noisy parade! We chose to represent Brazil and wore our colourful headbands and shouted 'BRAZIL' at the tops of our voices!

We all took part in lots of different activities around the track. Leaders from Great Baddow High School showed us what to do and kept our scores for us.

We loved the bikes and the giant cup-stacking!

At the end we sat down with all the other children for the medal ceremony. Barnes Farm came second so that meant that we were all Silver medalists!

As well as that amazing result we also gained an individual boys bronze medal and an individual girls gold medal.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon at the Mini-Olympics and are proud that we all helped our team to win silver.

This term the Year 2s have been Rainforest Explorers! We started our new topic by researching and writing about animals who live in the Amazon Rainforest. After half term the children had become such experts on the Rainforest that they received an email from a professor working in the Amazonian Rainforest! And so we launched the children into drama-based learning as they became explorers heading off on an expedition into the heart of the rainforest.



Professor Jayne Williams` s email invited us to join her looking for a mystery new species. We debated on whether it was safe to visit and the children wrote letters back asking their own questions. On receiving the Professor` s reply, we decided it would be safe to go. So, one morning, the children travelled into the Amazon Rainforest. They used their imaginations as they explored the forest (or school hall) looking for evidence of the mystery animal.



They found plenty of clues - a half-eaten mango, a piece of fur, footprints and claw marks on a tree branch. Then, after crossing the bridge over the raging river, we spotted signs of human activity. Keep Out signs warned us away, but we could see what looked like a poacher` s hideout! Then,

suddenly, Mrs White received an email on her tablet. There were poachers working in the area and we needed to leave. We decided to investigate first, but some of us thought we could hear the poachers coming. Eventually, we decided that it just was too risky, so we headed home.



This experience led the children onto writing persuasive texts to encourage the poachers to stop what they were doing and look after the wildlife and the forest instead. Then they created their own mystery animal and wrote a non-chronological report all about it. We were really excited and inspired by our trip to the Rainforest!