

Barnabas Oley Newsletter



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So long , Farewell, Aufwiedersehn, Adieu!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably we are reaching the end of a very exciting year for the children at Barnabas Oley. We will soon be saying farewell to our lovely Year 6's and wishing them the very best in their new schools. We know that they will take happy memories with them and we look forward to hearing about their next adventures .



We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Gill Elwood, our school Administrator. She will be leaving us over the summer to take up a new post at Chesterton Primary School in September. Mrs Elwood has been with the school for many years and will be greatly missed. There is a collection being made and if you would like to contribute please send any donations in to the office to Mrs Day.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and friends for their support to the school over this year. It has made a huge difference to have valued community support and the children have really benefited as a result. Many , many, thanks!

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith

Film Awards



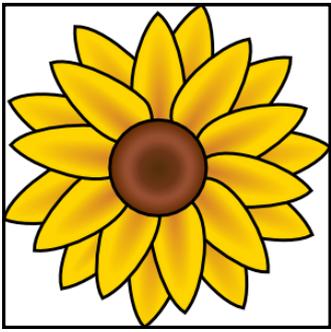
On Thursday 11th July a group of staff, pupils and parents attended the 6th Annual Filmstarz Award ceremony at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge. We all 'dressed to impress' and took our seats. The school had been nominated for three awards and we were very pleased to receive two during the evening.

For 'Our School' made by Holly children, we were given a special commendation.

For ' Florence' made by Maple class, we were given another special commendation.

Silver Birch were also nominated for an award.

Congratulations to all staff and children for all their efforts. We are already looking forward to next year's competition.



Dates for your diaries

Saturday 20th July	PTA Jazz Evening
Monday 22nd July	Children's MAD (Make a difference Day)- no uniform– please come dressed in clothes suitable for gardening, painting, clearing and sorting! Leavers' Picnic (Year 6)
Tuesday 23rd July	Last Day of the School Year ADVANCE NOTICES
Tuesday 3rd September	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 4th September	Back to School
Monday 9th September	3.30pm and 4.00pm Meet the teacher meetings
Tuesday 10th September	Parent Helper session for all parents wishing to help in school this year 9am in the Hall
Thursday 26th September	Harvest Festival @ Church 9.30am
Saturday 28th September	Home Front Festival @ Stibbington (see newsletter) Gransden Agricultural Show

♪ I vow to thee my
country ♪

Home Front Festival @ Stibbington

Following our visits to Stibbington for our Evacuee Experience we have been asked by the staff at the centre to join them for their annual Home Front Festival on Saturday 28th September. This is an event for families to find out about life in WW2 and to take part in lots of hands on activities as well as experience a WW2 lesson! We have been asked to take a group of up to 16 children, in costume, to sing some WW2 songs.

Lots of children have been to see me to say they would like to take part. We will be performing at 11.00am so there should be time in the afternoon to visit Gransden show which is happening on the same date.

I will send out a letter in the new term asking for confirmation of children who would like to take part as well as travel arrangements.

News and Up-dates



During school hours all parents/carers should enter through the front door and report to the school office. Packed lunches and PE Kits etc should be sent in with your child in the morning. If something has been forgotten please give it to the office rather than going directly to your child's class.

Please can we remind parents to take children around the hall, across the school playground for Willow, Silver Birch and Cedar Classes and **not** to cut through the school building, which is very busy with children hanging up coats and bags. Please try not bring push chairs and buggies into the school building.



End of Term arrangements

On Monday 22nd July we are encouraging all children to take part in a M.A.D day (Make a difference day). Children will be helping to 'put the school to bed for the summer' by tidying, cleaning and sorting areas inside and outside. This is a non-uniform day when children are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes– but not their best clothes please. All children will have an additional swimming session either on Monday or Tuesday so please make sure swimming kit is brought to school on Monday and Tuesday.



All children will also be designing plans to bring to life the area of the playground that used to have the pirate ship using re-cycled materials.

Term finishes on Tuesday 23rd July at 3.15pm. Children are allowed to bring named games to share with their friends on the last day. Please can you check that all P.E and swimming kit is taken home and don't forget pencil cases and musical instruments and lunchboxes!

Most children will be bringing school work home during the final week. We need to keep a range of work in school to share with any inspection team who may visit the school and so you may be approached by your child's class teacher to request this.

THE GRANSDEN NEWS

£1.20

The Best Local News

16th July

Scorcher Sports



It was that time of year again, the sun was shining and there was not even a breeze to blow the flags. It was the day of the Key Stage 2 Sports Day!

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 met at Great Gransden sports field. All the years had houses (teams) that they were put in at the beginning of the school year. The teams were Dragons, Unicorns, Gryphons and Phoenix's; they all had different coloured t-shirts. Dragon were in green, Unicorn in red, Gryphon blue and Phoenix yellow.

Each house took turns on each event. The first event that I watched was the standing jump. Phoenix were on that event, they had some good jumpers, and some even jumped 1.8m. They had good starting positions, bent knees and arms swinging ready to jump.

Next I watched the running, years 3 and 4 ran 75m and years 5 and 6 200m! When running the children had determined faces on and were racing to beat the score they had set last year. Years 3 and 5 were setting new scores. I think that most children beat their previous score. Everybody enjoyed the race. I then needed a rest and joined the Dragons at the refreshment tent where a variety of drinks were served. I asked a child what they thought of the two events they had done so far. "I had great fun and would like to do it all over again," she said.

The last activity was the long distance throw. There were some good throws and aims, some throws reached over the 20m line.

All the individual events were now over and there was just the relay race to go. They were split into boys and girls and the oldest raced. Nobody dropped the baton and all changeovers were good. Dragon won the boys race and Gryphon won the girls, but both races were a close and exciting finish. I don't think that anyone was too disappointed though.

Then the scores were ready. They were announced in reverse order. I could see all the nervous faces just waiting for the points to be announced. In last place was Unicorn, third was Dragon, second was Phoenix and in first place was Gryphon.

I asked a parent how they thought sports day went. "They all behaved very well and supported each other, a very good sports day for key stage 2," she said.

Everyone did very well and an enjoyable sports day was had by all.

Reported by Katie Elkington

Founders Day 2013

On the 12th July Barnabas Oley held their annual Founders day at Saint Bartholomew church. Founder's day celebrates Reverend Barnabas Oley who founded our school. It was a service full of fun, celebration, emotion and tradition day for the Year 6 who are leaving this year. For everybody else it was a fun and exciting afternoon.

First of all Mrs Smith gave a lovely introductory speech. She encouraged the year 6's about going onto secondary school and got everyone very excited about the service that was to follow. Then everyone stood to sing the first verse of National anthem.

Once everyone had sat down Richie and Eva then welcomed everyone to the service and thanked them for coming. Then everyone stood and sang our school song.

Mrs Whinney, our Chair of Governors, then read out her speech about the amazing things that have happened at Barnabas Oley in this school year. She then read out a beautiful poem that she had written. It was about this school year and encouraging the year 6's to enjoy secondary school and to remember all the amazing things they have done at Barnabas Oley.

Key Stage 1 were introduced by Henri and James. Holly Class performed a song called 'Here we go to Victorian School, and Maple performed 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat' accompanied by acting to help them remember the words.

We then sang 'It's a long way to Tipperary' which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Key Stage 2 then did their performances. Willow Class performed to the theme tune of Dad's Army. They were all dressed up in the Home guard uniform, including a cardboard gun! Silver Birch sang their version of 'The Blitz', which was originally written by a school teacher in World War 2. It was beautifully sung and had actions to the whole song.

Next up were the Cedar Class Year 5's performing the 'GI Jive'. This was hilarious and very good.

After that the choir sang 2 songs 'We'll Meet Again' and 'Alleluia'. They were sung beautifully.

The Year 6's then performed 'How our school used to be'. This was a comedy sketch from the Victorian era to present day. It looked at the difference in standards and expectations of life at Barnabas Oley.

After this there was a speech from one of the fellows from Clare Col-

lege. She gave a lovely positive speech on learning different languages and how they can change your life. It was very interesting, full of encouragement and positivity about moving on to secondary school.

The Year 6's were then presented with their 'Oley Bibles' and the annual awards. This is an emotional time for the Year 6's, their teachers and parents. However, it is also an exciting time as most of the Year 6 were looking forward to getting a Bible, because it one of the last things you get from Barnabas Oley before moving on to secondary school.

Then Year 6 read out two prayers. They were very touching and sweet.

We then sang 'I Vow To Thee My Country' which is a lovely, famous hymn.

Then last but not least Mrs Smith said a thanks and everyone joined in for the Holy Grace. After that Year 6 left and formed an arch outside the church. This was for people to walk through as they leave church. It is a Barnabas Oley tradition.

Mrs Mansell said about founder's day 'I really enjoyed the variety of themed entertainment and the standard has remained high. It was a little emotional at times but overall a lovely entertaining experience.'

'As a Year 6 pupil I really enjoyed my last founder's day. I found it quite emotional but really fun. I really liked the speeches made by Mrs Smith and Mrs Whinney they were very encouraging. I also enjoyed performing my last founder's day performance about how our school used to be. Overall it was a lovely afternoon.'



Reporter Emily Saul.