



BARROW 1618

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The end of January has been and gone leaving us with some fun snow filled memories. In school over the last few weeks we have been talking about the importance of gratitude and being thankful. In an assembly earlier this term we welcomed Reverend Mann who talked to us about what prayer is and why people pray. He also spoke of his personal experience of prayer and how at the end of each day he prays to God, giving thanks for not only the things which have gone right, but also those which have gone wrong. When things don't go the way we wish it is often a more important lesson than when things turn out as planned. It certainly gave us plenty to think about and perhaps the next time things turn out differently to how we hoped, we'll not get as angry or sad, but use it as an opportunity to learn.

We had a great time last week at the inclusivity festival at Bridgnorth Endowed School. What impressed me (and the organisers) most of all was the conduct of the pupils who attended. The children were told at the start of the festival that more importantly than the sport, they were there to make friends. It was great to see the confidence that our pupils showed in introducing themselves to the other pupils and quickly making friends. Well done to all involved and especially to Matilda, Charlie, Georgia and Amelie who were singled out as demonstrating the value of 'self-belief'

In Tuesdays assembly we welcomed Jennie Barnett who will be leading our after school French club next term. The children really enjoyed listening to the story of 'La Chenille qui fait des trous'. I'll leave you to ask them to translate what that means. (Hint: he turns into a 'papillon' at the end,)

Our Polar Regions topics are well underways and the children have been really enjoying learning about the coldest places on Earth. I was quite surprised to find out that there are actually places colder than our school playground in January, but I'm assured that it is so. One of my favourite projects so far has been Oak Class' amazing winter landscapes with striking blues and whites. I also loved reading Ash Class' diaries of Captain Robert Scott and his adventures on trying to be the first to reach the South Pole.

Keep up the good work everyone.

Last week we said goodbye to Mrs. Brown who has been with us from West Midlands Consortium in her role as an associate teacher. She now returns to complete the rest of her course and will be missed, especially by Ash Class and Mr. Holmes. Very good luck!

With next Tuesday being Safer Internet Day, we shall be launching our E-Safety awareness week. We have sent out a letter with E-Safety tips and updated our website. Which can be found here:

<https://www.barrow1618school.co.uk/school-life/keeping-children-safe/esafety>

During the week, children will be learning all about staying safe online and Mr. Holmes shall be hosting an E-Safety surgery on Friday morning after the start of the school day to which you can bring your devices from home to check they are internet safe and learn more about how to keep your children safe online.

On the final Friday of this half-term (February 15th) we shall be wearing a hat for Harry. Harry is a ten-year-old bubbly, smiley, very cheeky, but completely adorable boy. In 2014 his family were given the devastating news that Harry had Stage 4 Neuroblastoma, a very rare and aggressive children's cancer. They are now trying to raise money for his treatment. To support this appeal, simply come into school wearing your favourite hat and if you would like to donate bring your donation into school and we will collect and send the money to Harry's appeal. To learn more about Harry's story visit madaboutharry.org

Yew Tree Class hosted their Fairytale day on Wednesday and the costumes were stunning! They had a wonderful time creating their own stories and making delicious fairytale biscuits. Thank you for remembering to put one aside for your Head Teacher—yum!

Ash Class have also been busy over the last few weeks learning outdoor skills such as fire-lighting, first aid and den building. Come and join us in celebration assembly today to see more. Well done everyone!

Quote of the week: We learned about gratitude and humility - that so many people had a hand in our success, from the teachers who inspired us to the janitors who kept our school clean... and we were taught to value everyone's contribution and treat everyone with respect. **Michelle Obama**



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Step Right Up... Step Right Up... Are you looking for something special to do in the February half term? The Ironworks is thrilled to announce, Treasure Trove Puppet Company will be coming to the Ironworks on Tuesday 19th February to host a day of magical puppet shows.

Treasure Trove Puppets will be here performing an interactive Puppet Parade Show, using traditional hand-carved and glove puppets. An exciting and colourful show to ignite the imagination of both children and adults alike.

Each show has a running time of 30 minutes, and each child receives a beautiful soft hand puppet to use to join in on the show! Tickets are required for both adults and children. Recommended for 2 years and upwards.

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