

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

18/02/2022



'Let your light shine'

Message from Miss Hodgkinson

It has been another busy and extremely successful half term at St Barnabas! We have been thinking about the value of courage and it has been inspiring to see so many children living out this value by stepping out of their comfort zone and trying something new. We have a fantastic range of clubs on offer at our school – from drama, to dance, to gardening to art to football – and they are full of children eager to learn new skills and push themselves.

This week I have been impressed with fantastic use of vocabulary in reception, year 4 have written some outstanding descriptions of a river setting, drawing on their geographical knowledge and vocabulary to help them and year 5 have completed a full Design Technology project – planning, preparing, making and evaluating soup – which was delicious! Throughout the half term our children have taken on new learning challenges and persevered, and as a result produced work of a high standard across all subjects – check out Twitter to see great new examples posted each week. Our children and staff have worked their socks off and are all ready for a well-deserved break.

Have a lovely half term everyone – fingers crossed the weather will improve!

Miss Hodgkinson



Letting our light shine

Because of our Christian vision, we always try to find the courage to take on new challenges and to support our friends with their challenges too.



Waterstones Trip

At St Barnabas, reading is at the heart of our curriculum. We offer a high-quality Reading curriculum to all pupils and recognise the importance of promoting and inspiring a lifelong love of reading amongst our pupils. We have many ways of encouraging our pupils to engage in reading including inviting reading areas, outdoor reading spaces, book clubs, author visits and Reading Ambassadors, but our pupils especially look forward to our 'Superstar Reader' reward! At the end of every half term, all pupils are entered into a 'Superstar Reader' golden ticket draw for their reading efforts both in school and at home. The lucky winners from across the school are rewarded with a trip to Waterstones Bookstore in Warrington Town Centre. They have time to browse the books on offer and choose a book they would like school to buy for them to take home and share with their families. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to be able to have a memorable experience, have some time to appreciate all the books on offer and take home a book to be treasured!



Our Christian value for this half term is:

'Courage'

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

This week we pray that all those who are affected by Storm Eunice stay safe.

This week's big question is:

Should you trust what you cannot see?



Sunday School takes place every

Sunday at

St Barnabas Church

– all children over 4 years old are welcome.

Time: 10:30 – 11:15

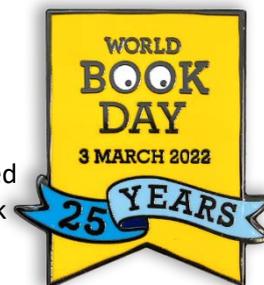
Parents can stay for the session or drop children off.

Jewellery

A quick reminder that the only jewellery pupils are allowed to wear to school are stud earrings (no hoops or dangling earrings) and a watch. No other jewellery is allowed for safety reasons, any pupils who arrive at school wearing any other items of jewellery will be asked to remove them and the teacher will store them until home time.

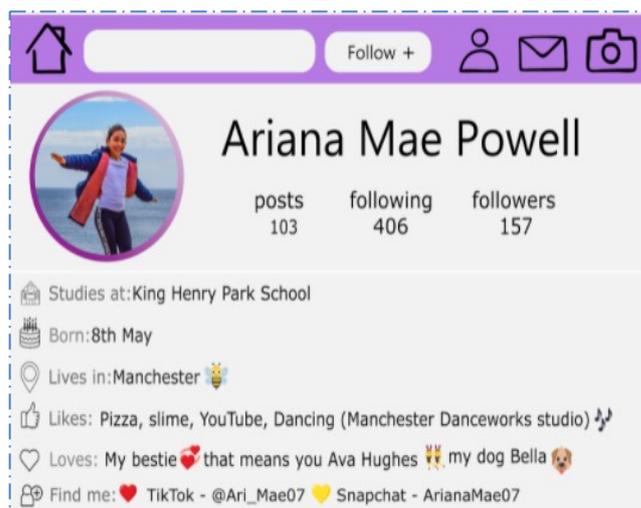
World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on 3rd March and this year marks its 25th anniversary! We will be celebrating by having a fun-packed day at school, full of exciting book themed activities. Children (and staff) can come to school dressed as a book character if they wish.



Staying Safe Online

Being online can be great fun, but one important thing we discuss with our children is identity online. See the attached picture and open up a discussion with your child about what parts of the profile should not be shared and why. Keeping a close eye on any profiles our children have is extremely important, so that we keep them safe from any unwanted interactions.



Dates for your diary

Friday 18 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 28 th February	School opens for Spring Half Term 2
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief

