HEATHER GARTH STAR
Monthly News

ISSUE 14

Autumn Term (2) 2019

OUR 2019 WINNING CHRISTMAS CARD

By Alex L, Y6

If you have any old or outgrown Christmas jumpers, that are still in a good condition, we would be most grateful if you would consider donating these to school to sell on our good as new rail. This not only helps many of our parents and to raise additional funds for school, but also goes towards helping the environment. You may have seen in the news recently, 95% of Christmas jumpers are made using plastic and consumers are urged to buy them second-hand or to swap old ones with friends. Thank you for your continued support.

HOLIDAY CLUB

CHILDREN FROM OTHER SCHOOLS WELCOME
CHILDREN AGED 3 - 11

FLEXIBLE DAYS AND SESSIONS AVAILABLE

BREAKFAST
AFTER SCHOOL
HOLIDAY CLUB

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

OPEN TO ALL HEATHER GARTH CHILDREN FROM FS1 - YEAR 6

FLEXIBLE DAYS AND SESSIONS AVAILABLE

CONTACT US ON: 01709 894149
ASK FOR MRS QUINN
DURING THE HOLIDAYS PLEASE PHONE 07516047294

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR EXCITING SESSION ACTIVITIES:
WWW.HEATHERGARTH.ORG

Heather Garth Primary Academy
Stars Aiming High

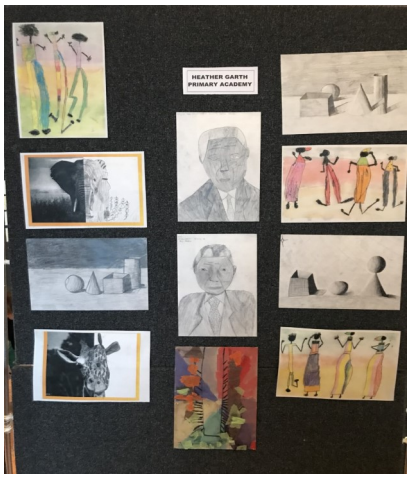
Barnsley Rockley Rotary Club Art Exhibition & Competition

Barnsley Metrodome

Judged by the internationally renowned Yorkshire Artist, Ashley Jackson

We are delighted to announce that Eadie G, Y1, is the proud winner of the **KS1 Award** for her piece of artwork entered in to the **Barnsley Rockley Rotary Club Art Exhibiion & Competition**.

WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS EADIE!



Christmas Card Competition, 27 November 2019

Winners are:-

FS1 - Jacob T and Serin B

FS2 - Calum N and Robyn L

Y1 - Ben L and Sophie G

Y2 - Jude M and Olivia J

Y3 - Ollie G and Cherry S

Y4 - Logan L and Mia L

Y5 - Dominic SE and Megan S

Y6 - Alex L and Gabriella HG

Alex L card has been

chosen to be Heather Garth's Christmas card for 2019

A BIG Thank you to Sue and Jeanette from our RE Team for taking the time to judge the competition.

The winners won a selection box and every child who entered received a chocolate treat.
Well done and a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who sent in a card.

CLASS TOPIC NEWS

FSI

In FS1 we have been very busy exploring the world around us and finding out about people who help us. We have been watching carefully for signs of the changing seasons and have become amazing weather forecasters. We enjoyed making messy painting pictures with lots of different things including shaving foam when finding out about the weather! We have found out about firefighters, doctors, nurses and post office workers. Our roleplay area has been a post office and a hospital. It has been lots of fun being doctors and bandaging the patients.

FS2

FS2 have had lots of fun painting self portraits and finding out about each other. Miss Bull and Mrs Sagar were really impressed with our paintings.

We joined in with the rest of school thinking about Remembrance Day.

YEAR 1

Our Autumn term topics in Year 1 have been Splendid Skies and Memory Box.

In Splendid Skies we have learnt all about the weather and the seasons and had lots of fun creating rain catchers and wind socks.

In memory box we have learnt all about toys from the past and present and created some beautiful observational drawings of teddy bears.

CLASS TOPIC NEWS

YEAR 2

This half term Year 2 have loved learning about the Great Fire of London. On Monday 2nd December we invited parents in to join us for the afternoon where the children showed off their knowledge of Tudor houses and life in 1666. Then we all had a lovely time recreating our very own Tudor Houses with our grown ups.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been looking at the topic of Ancient Egyptians over the past term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Egyptians including the process of mummification, discovering the different Gods and Goddesses and writing about different Egyptian stories.

We had a particularly lovely parent session where the children were able to make Egyptian Death Masks. They all looked fab and everyone really enjoyed it, particularly the children. They are really proud of what they have been able to create. A big thank you again to all the parents who came to support.

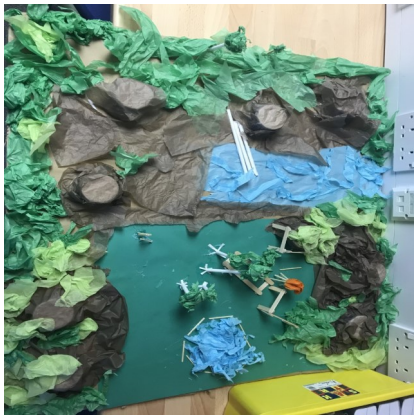
YEAR 4 - I Am Warrior

This term, Year 4's topic has been 'I Am Warrior'. During this topic we have learnt about the Romans, Anglo Saxons and Vikings and their impact on Britain. We have located settlements in Britain and looked at how and why Hadrian's Wall was built. In history, we have developed our chronological knowledge of events from the Romans through to the Vikings. We have also looked at the sophisticated Roman road system and bathhouses that the Romans created. We have also learnt about what life would have been like in Anglo Saxon times.

Before half-term, parents were invited in to help us make Viking Long Boats. What a fantastic afternoon that was! The results were amazing! After the holiday, in the torrential rain, we ventured to the Jorvik Viking Centre, in York, where we learnt lots about what it would have been like to be a Viking. We also took part in a battle tactics workshop and had the opportunity to be archeologist where we unearthed various artifacts including Viking poo!

CLASS TOPIC NEWS

YEAR 5 - The Stone Age to the Iron Age



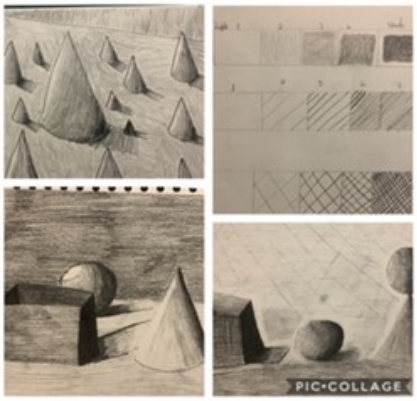
This term, Year 5 have been studying 'The Stone Age to the Iron Age'. During this they have learnt about prehistory, hunter gatherers, risks and assets of Stone Age life and how settlements were formed. The children realised how lucky they were in modern day life, and how times have really changed. Through the term the children learnt why some of the locations were chosen in geography, as well as mapping them.

During Autumn 2, the children in groups carefully planned and created sketches of their own settlements. The children then invited their parents into help construct small settlements. To finish off our afternoon, the children offered their parents cakes and buns to buy to help raise money for our school trip. The afternoon was very successful, (some of the parents even got very competitive).

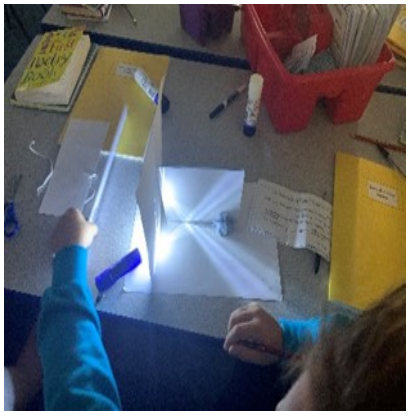
YEAR 6

As part of our World at War topic, Year 6 have been learnt about life during World War II. We learned about many aspects of the war including the reasons why the war started and the countries involved. The children learned about the Sheffield Blitz and wrote newspaper reports about the bombings. We created our own propaganda posters encouraging people to grow their own food. Year 6 visited Kelham Island and took part in workshops about: evacuation, women in factories and the Home Front. We were also lucky enough to be visited by Meryl White, who taught us all about rationing during WWII.

During Black History Month, we learnt about Walter Tull, who was both a professional footballer and soldier during WWI, becoming the first black officer to lead white British soldiers into battle.



In Art, we learnt about different techniques of shading, tone and values.
The children produced some fantastic pieces of work and have continued to use these skills in their artwork.



In Science, we have learnt about light and shadows, the circulatory system and with the help of Barnsley Football Club, we have learnt about a healthy diet and exercise.

Extra Curricular Clubs Spring Term (1)

January & February 2020

Year Groups	Day of club	Club activity	Teacher	Amount of Sessions
Year 1 & Year 2	Monday (13th January to 10th February)	Sports	Mr Higgins	5 weeks - £10.00
Year 4 & Year 5	Monday (13th January to 10th February)	Baking	Mrs Wilson	5 weeks - £10.00

Year Groups	Day of club	Club activity	Teacher	Amount of Sessions
Year 3 & 4	Tuesday (14th January to 11th February)	Sports	Mr Higgins	5 weeks - £10.00

Year Groups	Day of club	Club activity	Teacher	Amount of Sessions
Year 5 & Year 6	Thursday (9th January to 13th February)	Football *	Mr Higgins	6 weeks - £12.00
Year 5 & Year 6	Friday (10th January to 14th February)	Netball **	Mr Higgins	6 weeks - £12.00

* If your child is interested in joining the existing football club please contact the office.

** There are still places available in the existing netball club please pay via Schoolcomms.

Young Voices – Please note that there won't be a Young Voices Club on Monday 6th January, the Concert is on Wednesday 8th January.

Swimming

Year 3 will be swimming on

Wednesday afternoons

from Wednesday 26 February 2020

further information to follow.

MAY WE REMIND PARENTS & CARERS OF OUR POLICY WITH REGARDS TO FAMILY PETS

TO MINIMISE THE RISK TO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL, ANIMALS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PREMISES AT ANY TIME WHATSOEVER.

The definition of animals includes all pets including insects, fish and birds. The only exceptions to this rule are assistant animals (dogs for the blind etc) and the animals that have permanent residence in the school.

PLEASE REMEMBER, NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES WHATSOEVER, WHETHER THEY'RE ON A LEAD OR BEING CARRIED.

NOTE FOR PARENTS

The school Facebook page is for notifications only.

It is not monitored and therefore any questions/comments left by parents/carers will not receive a response.

Please contact school either by telephone or email.

Thank you

CHILDREN IN NEED 2019

WOW – We raised a fantastic amount of £337.00 for Children in Need

THANK-YOU to everyone who made buns and biscuits to sell they looked brilliant and tasted amazing.

Thank you for your continued support.

KEEPING YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION UP TO DATE IN SCHOOL IS VERY IMPORTANT

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PARENTS AND CARERS

OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING

YOUR CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY CONTACT

INFORMATION

UP-TO-DATE

AND

ACCURATE AT ALL TIMES

IF YOUR ADDRESS, ANY OF YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBERS OR EMERGENCY CONTACTS, PLUS YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR HAVE CHANGED RECENTLY, AND YOU HAVE NOT LET US KNOW, PLEASE DO SO AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

THANK YOU

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NEXT INSET DAY IS ON

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2019

FOLLOWED BY

MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020 - (NO HOLIDAY CLUB ON THIS DAY DUE TO STAFF TRAINING)

OUR LAST INSET DAY IS ON MONDAY 20 JULY 2020

SCHOOL MILK

Please remember if you pay for your child's milk and wish to order for the first day back you will need to do this before Wednesday 1 January 2020. Log onto the School Milk UK website:- www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk

CALENDAR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2020

January 2020	
7 January	Parents - Learning to Read Meeting
8 January	Young Voices
15 January	Year 3 Visit to the National Coal Mining Museum
17 January	FS2 & Year 1 Family Reading Session
24 January	Year 2 and Year 3 Family Reading Session
27 January	Year 4 Parent Session
28—30 January	Year 2 Parent Lunch
31 January	Year 4 & Year 5 Family Reading Session
February 2020	
5 February	Year 2 Visit to the Victorian Kitchen, Cannon Hall
7 February	Year 6 Family Reading Session
11—13 February	Year 1 Parent Lunch
11 February	Safer Internet Day
11 February	Year 2 Valentine Crafts
12 February	Year 2 Parent Session
13 February	Year 5 Visit to the York Chocolate Shop
14 February	FS1 Family Reading Session
	FEBRUARY HALF TERM
17 - 21 February	**School breaks up on Friday 14 February 2020 and we are back on Monday 24 February 2020**
	OUR HOLIDAY CLUB WILL BE OPEN - see flyer attached
24 February	Fairtrade Fortnight
5 March	Year 4 Visit to the Ewden Treatment Works
6 March	FS2 & Year 1 Family Reading Session

Further information for future events

7 January **Parents - Learning to Read Meeting**

From January, our Home Reading system will change in line with Government recommendations and the coloured book bands (as you know it) will no longer apply for FS2, KS1 and any other children working through the Learn to Read programme. As per the recent letter sent home you are invited to attend a meeting in the school hall on **Tuesday 7th January at 2.30pm** where Mrs Sagar will explain these changes.

On arrival please go directly to the school hall.

8 January **Young Voices**

The Year 5/6 children who have been attending the Young Voices Extra Curricular Club will leave school after lunch to arrive at the Arena early afternoon. They will practice in the afternoon with all the other schools; have their packed lunch and the concert will start at 7.00 pm. We will arrive back at school at approximately 10.00 pm. The children are working hard to learn the songs and are really excited and looking forward to the concert.

15 January **Year 3 Visit to the National Coal Mining Museum**

Children will be visiting the National Coal Mining museum as part of their 'Mining' topic. On this visit they will have the chance to explore different mining exhibits and learn more about mining life. They will also take part in a tour of the mine where they will experience some 'hands on ' activities about mining and areas of science.

27 January **Year 4 Parent Session—Sewing**

Parents will be invited into school to join the children in sewing a book mark sampler.

28—30 January **Year 2 Parent Lunch**

A letter will be sent out to Y2 parents for you to acknowledge whether you wish to join us and order your lunch. We look forward to seeing you.

5 February **Year 2 Visit to the Victorian Kitchen, Cannon Hall**

After Christmas Year 2's topic is Riotous Royalty. Part of this topic will involve them learning about life in Victorian Britain. To link with this we have arranged a visit to Cannon Hall Museum. During the visit the children will experience life as a servant first hand, explore the working Victorian kitchen and hall, prepare and taste a meal cooked on the range and take part in a variety of jobs. To add to the experience, we would really like it if the children could come dressed in Victorian costumes. Further information on the visit will follow.

Further information for future events

11—13 February **Year 1 Parent Lunch**

A letter will be sent out to Y1 parents for you to acknowledge whether you wish to join us and order your lunch. We look forward to seeing you.

11 February **Year 2 Valentine Crafts**

A session making Valentine crafts with your child, running after school from 3.00 pm until 4.00 pm in the blue building. A letter will be sent out with more information nearer to the time. Places are limited and are on a first come first served basis.

11 February **Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. This year's slogan is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

12 February **Year 2 Parent Session—Victorian Kitchen**

Year 2 would like to invite parents to join us as our classroom becomes a Victorian Kitchen for the afternoon. A letter with further information will follow.

13 February **Year 5 Visit to the York Chocolate Shop**

Year 5 will be taking a trip to the York Chocolate Story Shop, to learn more about the Original Chocolatiers - The Mayans, and to help learn more about the Mayan Civilisation. A letter with further information will follow.

24 February **Fairtrade Fortnight**

Fairtrade Fortnight sets aside two weeks every year in which the principles and products of fair trade are promoted and the links between consumers and producers are highlighted.

5 March **Year 4 Visit to the Ewden Treatment Works**

As part of our topic Raging Rivers and Wonderful Water we will be visiting the Ewden Treatment Works where we will learn about the stages of the water cycle, the importance of having clean drinking water, the need for conservation of water and understand how flooding occurs and its effect on communities. A letter with further information will follow.

Parental Engagement Team

Don't forget to visit our coffee morning every Wednesday

8.30am—10.00am in the Blue Building

EVERYONE WELCOME

FIRST COFFEE MORNING IN 2020 WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2020

Our Parent and Toddler runs:
Tuesday 8.30am—10.00am
PARENTS/CARERS/GRANDPARENTS -
If you have a toddler and would like to join us, please come along to the Blue Building.
YOU WILL BE MADE VERY WELCOME!

Once again, our Family Reading Sessions have proved to be a great success and were enjoyed by all. We hope to see you again soon. More Family Reading Sessions have been arranged and a letter will be sent home, with your child closer to the time giving more information.

HEATHER GARTH PRIMARY PTA

HAVE YOUR SAY

WATCH OUT FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

EVERYONE WELCOME!

THEIR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS

GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

Be There. Be On Time

BARNSLEY rough

100% ATTENDANCE IMPROVES YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

190 DAYS

100%

185 DAYS

97%

172 DAYS

<90%

Merry little Christmas Party

Heather Garth Primary Academy

Childcare is available for children aged 3-11 years. Children from all schools are welcome to join us. Flexible childcare is available 8:00am-5:00pm.

To book, contact us on 01709 894149, ask for Julie Quinn.

Alternatively in the holidays please contact:

07516047294

Inset day Friday 20th December

Christmas party day!

Disco

Party food

Christmas party games

Create your own sparkly bauble

Our session times:

£15.00- 8:00am-12:00pm (Includes breakfast)
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£30.00- 8:00am-5:00pm (Includes breakfast, lunch and a light tea)

Spacetastic Adventure

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Please contact the Holiday Club Mobile Number:
07516047294

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17th February	18th February	19th February	20th February	21st February
Make galaxy playdough Space rock cakes Asteroid dodgeball with Mr Higgins	Make rockets using toilet rolls Make yummy alien cupcakes Out of this world team games with Mr Higgins	Cosmic Disco Play solar system bingo Make delicious rice crispy marshmallow stars	Make stained glass earth catchers Make night sky cookies Movie- Wall-e with popcorn	Create marbled planets Make chocolate galaxy bark Make moon and star mobiles

The setting provides activities throughout the week for children to take part in.
The children have the opportunity to choose their own games and activities as well as taking part in what has been set out for them.
Activities are suitable for children aged 3-11 years.

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