



# Weekly Newsletter

## Week ending 11/06/2021

### 'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

A special mention for our highest scoring 'Doodle Maths' superstars in each class:

Year 1- Lucy Waddington

Year 2- Liam Theasby

Year 3- Dan Woodbridge

Year 4 – Jack Dawson and Jack Holman

Year 5- Ameliya Buckle-Williams

Year 6- Tajana Baxter

Doodle Class of the week: Year 3!

### *A message from the Head:*

We hope you all had a delightful break and made the most of the abundant sunshine !

The children have certainly returned in high spirits and set about this half-terms work with great enthusiasm. Year 6 also had a visit this week from Mr Rinaldi of Barlby High, to discuss their impending transition to 'big school'. It is hard to believe that this will be their last half term here with us and while we are sure they are well prepared to make the move, given the choice we would quite happily hang onto them for another year or two!

One of the many things we have been unable to participate in this year was unfortunately the Young Voices concert in Sheffield. However, all is not lost as next week the whole school will be participating in 'The Big Sing' event organised by Young Voices. On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June hundreds of thousands of children, their teachers and families will come together all over the UK, the US and the rest of the world, in the safety of their schools and/or home to sing the iconic song 'Lovely Day' by Bill Withers. Our children have been busy rehearsing the song in preparation to smash the Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Simultaneous Sing-Along'. As well as learning sign language to accompany the song in order to break the 'Largest Simultaneous Signed Song' record too. If you would like to join in yourselves at home or help your children rehearse this weekend the song can be found here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5-vAeROCeQ>. On Tuesday teachers will be recording our performances here in school and these will be shared with you all via SeeSaw.

Just a final note in regards to the ongoing COVID 19 situation and its impact on us here in school. We are aware that nationally many restrictions are now being eased and here in school we are glad to see the situation improve and some glimmers of normality return. However, we continue to be subject to the Risk Assessment measures put in place by the Local Authority. One key stipulation of this is that we as a school are responsible for the safety and conduct of all stakeholders when they are dropping off and collecting children from school. A key part of that obligation is us asking you to continue to wear masks (unless exempt), practice social distancing and not to enter the school site. Should we be subject to a Health and Safety Executive inspection (as a number of local schools have) and it be seen that we are not making this request and / or it is not being met, then it is likely we would be judged as being in breach of our Risk Assessment and our ability to safely remain open to pupils brought into question. Like many of you I am sure, we are keen to see these measures lifted as soon as safely possible but for now we must ask you meet these requests as best you can and help us function safely. We thank you for your understanding in this.

Have a super weekend and let's hope the sun continues to shine !

## Reception and Year 1 Class News:

We have been so proud again of how our Reception and Year 1 children have returned after the half term break! They have been so excited about learning and busy all week!

This half term we are taking a focus on what it was like in the past and comparing to today's world, starting with toys and moving on to seaside holidays. We were amazed on Wednesday when we discovered we had a mouse called Mortimer, living in our classroom cupboard, who left us a letter asking about what we do when we leave school on an evening. He initiated a discussion about the passing of time, and we looked at days of the week and our daily routines. We wrote letters back to him, explaining what we do when we leave school!

In Maths, Year 1 have been investigating positional and directional language and have been describing turns, for example, half turn, quarter turn etc. Reception have been exploring doubling and playing games/ completing activities to secure their understanding of the concept! Later on in the week, we read the book 'Rosie Revere-Engineer' and we discussed the role of an engineer then designed our own humane traps to try to catch Mortimer! Our specialist yoga sessions have now finished, but we are still enjoying our weekly music session with Mrs Moulds!

Home Learning this week:

- Enjoy your home reading book/ practise your red words at least three times over the week and record in your home/school journal.

- Both Reception and Year 1 have Doodle Extras to complete on DoodleMaths this week, so aim for the yellow but reach for the green by Friday!

- To support our current topic of exploring toys from the past, we would like as many parents/ grandparents to take a photo of their favourite toy from when they were younger, describe it and upload to seesaw by next Friday, 18th. You can add as many parents/ grandparents as you are able! The more, the merrier! We will be making a display so the children can see a range of different toys! (We did something similar with cuddly toys over lockdown, but this can be any type of toy) Thank you and have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson

## Year 2 and 3 Class News:

What a brilliant first week back the class have had! The children have come back refreshed and full of enthusiasm! It has been wonderful to be outside more now that the weather is better and learn as practically as possible! In English, the class have learnt what a Kennings poem is, practised performing them and written their own which they will perform next week! In Maths, Year 2 have been consolidating their knowledge of multiplication and in Year 3 the class have continued to learn about fractions, specifically equivalent fractions. In P.E., the children are now learning orienteering skills as well as practising athletics in preparation for Sports Day later this term. In Learning for Life, the class learnt about their body and how it changes during their time in Y2/3 e.g. losing teeth and growing taller etc. With warmer weather now here, hopefully to stay, it might be advisable for the children to have both jogging bottoms and shorts for P.E. so that they do not overheat in lesson.

Homework: Spelling Activity on Seesaw

Doodle Maths stay in yellow but aim for green.

Reading 3x a week (recorded in the journal and signed)

I hope you have a fab weekend! Mr Hedges

## Year 4 and 5 Class News:

We've had such a busy first week back. In English the class finished designing their machine inventions inspired by the machines in 'Orphans of the Tide'. They selected various persuasive devices to present them to an audience. These videos should be on Seesaw by the end of today. Later in the week the class learned what a 'flashback' is in a story and why they are used. They identified a flashback sequence in a video called 'Monkey Symphony' and then went on to plan their own.

In Maths the class have been learned how to read, identify and draw different types of charts, including bar graphs, pictograms and line graphs. We had a good discussion about which should be used for what type of data (continuous or discrete).

This week we've been busy learning the song 'Lovely Day' for the Young Voices 'Big Sing' on Tuesday next week streamed live from the O2 arena, featuring the one and only Billy Ocean! Have a look at the Young Voices website for more details – it should be fantastic!

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/biggest-sing/>

Help your child learn the actions at home!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5-vAeROCeQ>

In Science the class kicked off their 'Properties and Changes of Materials' by identifying properties and exploring vocabulary related to the topic.

Homework:

Doodle Maths (get into the green for an extra 10 minute break!)

Reading 3 times per week (please sign at least one recording)

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

## Year 6 Class News:

What an exciting week in Year 6! On Wednesday two ladies visited us to talk about transition and how to manage change. They also spoke to us about the importance of sleep and making sure devices are off an hour before bed. On Thursday, Mr Rinaldi came in to talk to us about Barlby High School and what will happen on the induction day on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Those of us who aren't going to Barlby will have a different induction day. Today we completed a Live Lesson with the National Grid called The Power Challenge. We had to work as electrical engineers to create our own circuits to represent how we power our homes, towns/cities and country. We used play doh as wires to conduct the electricity between the battery, bulbs and switches. In maths we have been working out how to find the area of any triangle and parallelograms using formulae. We have also looked at finding the volume of 3D shapes. We have started our new History topic Vikings. We considered the effectiveness of Viking longships and then built a model and sketched our own in Art. As the euros is happening, we each chose a team out of the twenty four competing teams and the first game tonight is Miss Rose (Italy) vs Tyra (Turkey)! We are looking forward to Young Voices and swimming next week.

Have a great weekend!

Tajana

Homework:

- Read 3 x weekly and record this in your Home School Journal.
- Doodle Maths - stay in the yellow zone and reach for the green zone!

## Dates for the Diary:

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Young Voices Big Sing**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Class photographs**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Swimming starts for Year 6**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Year 6 Residential**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Year 4/5 trip to Filey**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – EYFS/Year 1 trip to Scarborough**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Induction day at Barlby High**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 trip to Jorvik and DIG**