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Growth Mindset

The children are focusing upon becoming more resilient learners in school this term and there is lots of learning taking place about the how the brain works. There will be a parent session on Friday 12th February based around the growth mindset approach. This will start with a short information session in the hall after which there will be a range of 'learn a new skill' workshops for you to take part in with your child. There will be more information coming home about this next week but please save the date in your diary!

Science Morning

Your child may have told you about the Science morning that took place last week. The children worked in their school families- a group of 6-7 children from each year group in school. We provide regular opportunities for the children to take part in activities with their family group. This helps them to develop bonds with other children and gives the older children the opportunity to take responsibility for leading learning activities.

Neptune class have been busy reporting on the event – please see the article published at the back of the newsletter.

Request for Help

If you have any time to spare in the week, please consider offering your help to work in one of the classes. Reception and Nursery in particular are always desperate for extra helping hands and we are grateful of any adults available to listen to readers further up through school. All volunteers need to have a DBS check done which is a form that can be completed online. Mrs Kearns will be happy to help with this. Thank you in advance!

Attendance Update

I'm pleased to report our attendance has been fantastic since the start of the term. Well done to the children in **Earth, Mars, Saturn** and **Neptune** – these classes are currently on track for the 97% attendance target. We will continue to monitor attendance this term and hope to give out even more rewards and certificates.



Young Voices

Well done to the children in the choir who took part in the Young Voices 20th anniversary celebration at Sheffield Arena last week. They performed enthusiastically to a range of musical styles alongside many other schools from across the country. It's a great experience which I'm sure will provide lifelong memories for the individuals involved.

The photographs below show just a snapshot of some of the fun that was had! Thank you to Miss Stones and Mrs Morton who gave up their time to accompany the children on Thursday evening.



Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 27th January	New playground markings- thank you FoBBS!
Thursday 28th January	Mars class dodgeball tournament
Friday 29th January	Mars class open morning at 9.00am
Monday 1st February	Year 5/6 ChildLine workshop
Friday 5th February	Jupiter class assembly
Friday 5th February	NSPCC number day
Monday 8th February	Y5/6 Hockey Tournament
Friday 12th February	Parent open morning- learn a new skill with your child
Friday 12th February	School closes for half term
Monday 22nd February	School opens
Friday 26th February	Earth class open morning at 9.00am
Thursday 3rd March	Parents' Evening
Friday 4th March	Neptune class assembly
Monday 14th March	Last swimming session for term (Jupiter and Saturn)
Friday 18th March	Venus class open morning at 9.00am
Thursday 24th March	School closes for Easter

Adverse Weather Information

In the event of our school having to close due to bad weather, announcements will be made on BBC Radio York (103.7 FM). It will also be listed under school closures on the NYCC website at www.northyorks.gov.uk. You will also receive a text message via our Teachers2Parents messaging system.



Our School Family Science Morning

The Plan

The purpose of this event was to give the small children in the family groups an experience of science. A family group consists of approximately seven children: a leader (usually a year 6), a year 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and a Reception child. The quality of a leader must be patience because they have to look after small children who can't concentrate for too long.

By Tori



The Morning

Firstly, the whole school met in the hall for an assembly. All the leaders then went to get the Reception children. While the others went to the classroom where they would be working.

By Emily

Before the Event

We had to prepare the three activities which were a fair testing buggy, an electrical circuit and a mixture separating experiment. We had to test the equipment and think about how long each activity would last, (because there's nothing worse than finishing earlier than everyone else and having everyone in your group bored). Finally we packed our experiments into some large paper envelopes we had made.

By Mollie



Activities

The excitement was buzzing all around, as it was the day everybody was looking forward to. First of all, the Year 5 and 6 leaders collected the children from their family group and took them to the correct room. Afterwards, the group leaders explained the buggy activity to their groups. Everyone got involved including the younger children and behaviour was exceptional. This activity was followed by a conductor experiment which required lots of recording skills. This skill was important because the leaders needed to record information to see if the object was a conductor or a non-conductor. The final activity was to separate mixtures. The mixture included: iron fillings, woodchips and sand. Everybody had fun separating the iron filling from the mixture by using a magnet.

By Archie



In Conclusion

All of the pupils at Barlby Bridge School thought the day was a success. Lots of new scientific knowledge was learnt.

By Amber

Thank you to the children in Neptune Class for writing these wonderful reports about the morning. What a lot of fun was had by all!