

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.1%

[NEW Spring term Menu Week 2 beginning 6th Jan 2020](#) No 15 Thu 19th Dec 2019

Stars of the Week

13th December 2019



Y6 Ava Lambert
Katie Goodwin
Madison Parkinson

Y5 Jack Engwell
Lana Melton
Isabella Coles

Y4 Oliver Pye
Joshua Laybourne
Anesu Dzimati

Y3 Emma Radford
David Asoso
Joy Onibonoje

Key Dates

2020

Mon 6th Jan Non-Pupil Day
Tues 7th Jan Pupils return to school
Tues 14th Jan Parent consultations 3.40-6.10pm
Thurs 16th Jan Parent consultations 5-8pm

Non-Pupil Days 2019-2020

3rd Sept 2019 4th Nov 2019 | 6th Jan 2020

24th Feb 2020 22nd May 2020

Bank Holiday change – 4th May 2020 now 8th May 2020



House winners

With an impressive 7 weekly cups, Phoenix has emerged as the winning house this term. Congratulations to all the children who earned house points in a variety of ways which contributed to this success. We look forward to rewarding Phoenix early in the new year.

An End of Year Review - The Headteacher's perspective

As 2019 draws to a close, we tend to look back over the past year before contemplating a fresh start in 2020. I wanted to share some key highlights from what has been another busy and successful year at Barnes Farm Junior.

Sporting Success



From winning the District Athletics Cup and Girls' Football League through to representing the Chelmsford district at table tennis, boys football and cross country - it has been such a successful sporting year. Achieving the Gold Schoolgames Sportsmark yet again was down to the huge participation rate in intra-school and inter-school competition.

This year saw the first time of House football matches which were so popular with the children across the yeargroups.

Dramatic Achievement



Whether it was Barnes Farm's Got Talent this month, or a brilliant Y6 production in the Summer - our children have regularly wowed audiences with their confidence and ability to entertain. The Easter performances and Christmas concerts from Y3-Y5 have also kept important traditions and celebrations alive at the school. Throughout this, our dedicated BFJS Radio DJs have entertained children during lunchtimes with their pupil-led broadcasts.

Home Learning and Project work



Our children have regularly gone above and beyond in their enthusiasm and independent learning when it comes to investigating issues around their project work. Each yeargroup has hosted project outcome opportunities for parents and these have been superbly attended. We have showcased particular amazing work at our Home Learning Celebration assemblies throughout the year as well as particular progress by handwriters too. Our joint Display evening (with the Infant school) in July showcased the amazing breadth of our curriculum and the achievement within it.

Improving academic outcomes



Our attainment outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2 continue to be well above national and local averages and our progress measures have improved too. In September, our Y3 began a new approach to teaching Maths through Mathematics Mastery and our school has engaged with other schools within our multi-academy trust to challenge and support one another to improve further in key areas.

2020 will be a year where we work to overcome the following challenges:

- to improve our relationships for learning further across the school community
- to share our approaches to combatting bullying more widely
- to strive to improve the rates of progress yet further at our school

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire staff at the school who constantly strive to deliver outstanding provision to the children in our care, to our Governors who devote their time to challenging and supporting the school in many varied ways, to our parents who bring so much support and expertise to the school community and finally to the children for being such wonderful representatives of the school's values.

I wish you all a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break and am already looking forward to sharing 2020 with you as we aim even higher at Barnes Farm Junior School.



Ross McTaggart
Executive Headteacher

School games update

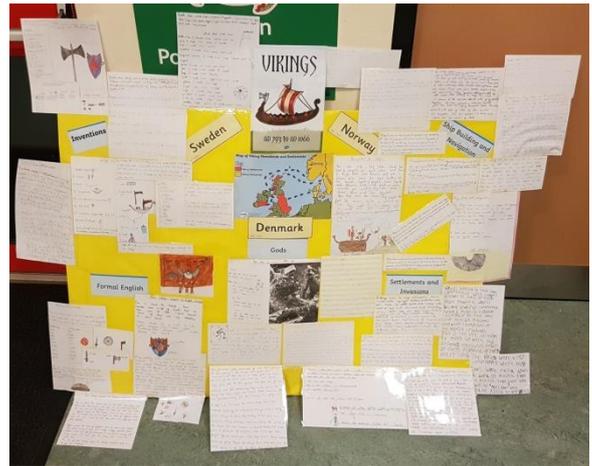
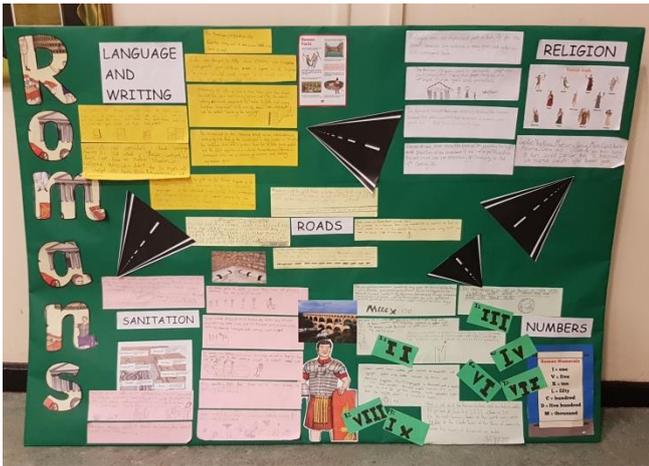
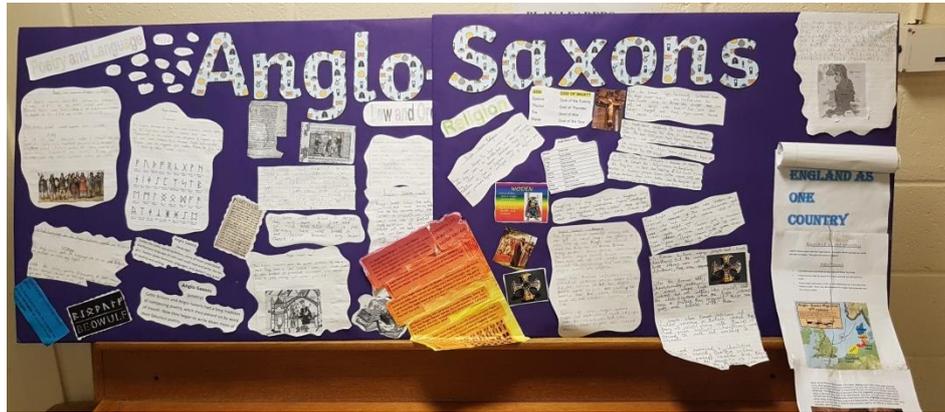
Football

Our Year 6 boys' football team, with a couple of Year 5 additions, were invited to compete in the EFL Kids Cup, organised by Colchester United last Friday.

The boys were unlucky to lose their first group stage match, which they dominated, but this served only to spur them on and they won 4 of their remaining 5 group games to qualify for the semi-finals.

In the semi-final, they went 1-0 up, thanks to a very well taken goal from Dola, before conceding an equaliser very deep into injury time. Sadly, they lost the ensuing penalty shoot-out, but they all played fantastic football and approached every game with drive, determination and superb team spirit. Well done!





Year 4 curriculum presentation

The whole of Year 4 presented some of their Autumn term learning about invaders and settlers through persuasive arguments to pupils in an assembly and to parents and family members. The audience were invited to consider the question *'Which invader had the greatest impact?'* by listening to the children discuss certain areas of the legacy left by the Romans, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. Everyone was invited to vote for their own choice and we can reveal now that the Romans secured the most votes. Well done to all three classes for their informative presentation and the hard work that went into preparing it.



'Return from the Past'

On Tuesday, Year 4 got to watch a play from Freshwater Theatre Company based around The Romans. The show was themed around a TV show called 'Return from the Past' hosted by Dizzy Sparkle. Three Roman contestants, plus a mystery guest, were presented to Year 4. The mystery guest was Boudicca who came on stage with a massive sword and chased the host around the hall. It was very entertaining and educational. Over all, it was so much fun!"

Reported by Anesu from 4CK

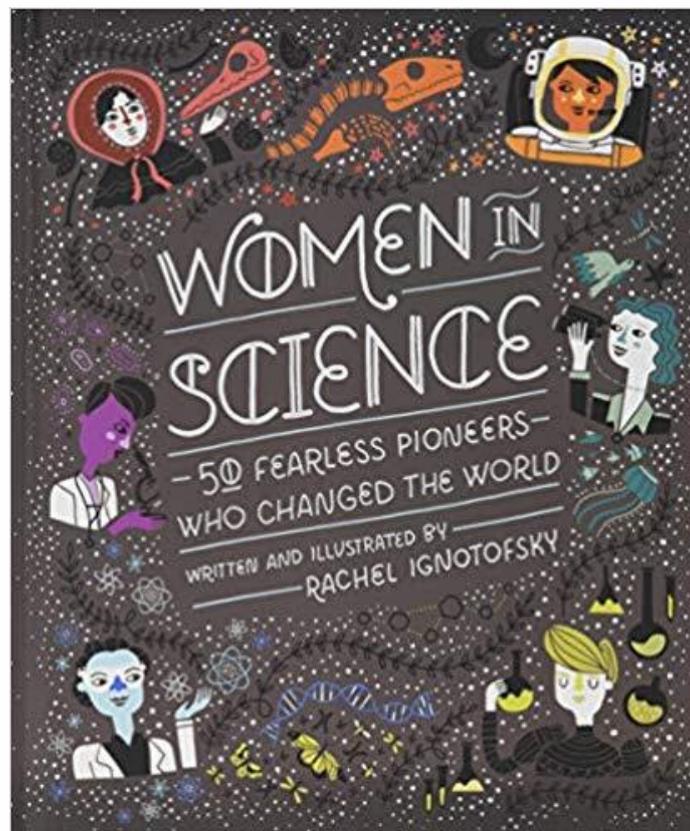


Women in science Book review by Zoe from 4W

I liked this book because it has inspired me and I really enjoyed reading about women that have changed the world. I learned that many women have had a career in science, which then lead to many of them receiving awards like peace prizes.

I would recommend this book to my friends because it has lots of interesting facts about women that aspired to be scientists. This book has detailed and colourful illustrations and quotes said by the famous scientists included in it.

My favourite part is the timeline because I liked to look at when the new everyday things we use were discovered and made. Women in science is suitable for all ages, including adults, because I think that everyone would like to know about all the brilliant inventions and people in this book.



Christmas events

We enjoyed a very festive day on Wednesday!

Children dressed in a Christmas jumper or a favourite jumper of their choice. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Save the Children via ParentPay for this privilege.

As usual, our Christmas lunch was delicious and lots of fun! Class teachers ate with their pupils and enjoyed the music and sharing terrible jokes from crackers! Many thanks to all the staff who pitched in to serve, clean up and supervise.

There are few things more festive than singing carols and Christmas songs together and it was brilliant to see parents and family members gather outside the Barn on Wednesday. Staff members and pupils led us with wonderful voices and enthusiasm!



Barnes Farm's Got Talent

The final round of the talent show formed the bulk of our final assembly on Thursday.

We had enjoyed watching the following contestants take part: Aaron with a gymnastics routine; Zoe and Anna-Rose with a variety act; Jessica with a gymnastics routine; Ava with a flute solo; Freya and Sophie with a dance routine; and Sammy, Tafara and Kai with dance. They were all hugely entertaining and after the votes from the staff and the school council were counted, the winner was Aaron from Year 4. Well done and thank you to everyone who has put themselves forward right from the first round.



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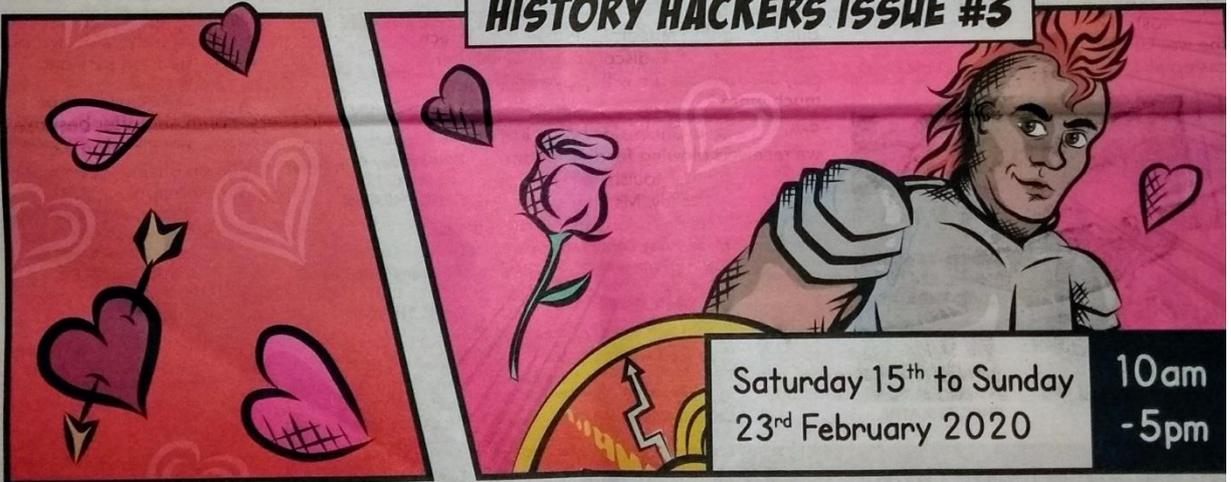
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Saturday 21st December 2019
to Sunday 5th January 2020

10am
-5pm

HISTORY HACKERS ISSUE #3



Saturday 15th to Sunday
23rd February 2020

10am
-5pm

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Saturday 4th to Sunday
19th April 2020

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