



F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Tuesday 27th February 2024

This week is week 1 of the lunch menu

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all have had a wonderful half term! I hope you did not get too wet!

Over half term we had volunteers from Stansted Airport, Mr and Mrs Rider and our very own Mrs Curtis come into school to kick Spring off with a bang. We would like to say a huge thank you and well done. As over two very rainy days, John & Pam Rider and the volunteers from Stansted Airport, Faye, Margot, Holly, Charlotte, Justine & Ben got their hands mucky and rejuvenated the allotment area and also the large planter at the front of the school!

Can we also ask if any parent is able to replace for us the top of the planter outside the main office as it is rotten. We will be looking at running a second communality project during the Easter holidays if any parents are interested in volunteering to contact Mrs Curtis in the office.

Mr & Mrs Rider will be recommencing their popular Monday lunchtime Gardening club on Monday 11th March. If your child would like to come along and join the club, the more the merrier, they can just come along during their lunchbreak (no need to sign up).



Dexter



Olivia and Dexter had so much fun this weekend and he loved meeting her family. Together they enjoyed movie night, lots of fun games such as Bingo with Olivia's Nanny and Pops. He ate lots of yummy food, including a lovely roast dinner. Olivia shared her bed with Dexter and had lots of cuddles, he even got a cuddle with Olivia's dance teacher! Olivia and her sister showed Dexter how to swim and how to write his own name! Olivia and her family have loved having Dexter, even giving him a little repair as we noticed his top had a hole.

Dexter Travelled to Abu Dhabi with Miss Nerkowski: he danced in the dessert and met a camel!



AllSorts Year 2 Outreach

As part of our pledge to pupils and families, we strive to enable our pupils to have opportunities to support the local community and for the community to learn from our fabulous pupils. As part of this community outreach work we have made a wonderful link with **All Sorts Dementia Group**.

Directed by Kelly Felton, All Sorts run fun and relaxed groups for people with mild to moderate Dementia who want to socialise in an understanding environment whilst their loved ones gain some relief from their caring roles.

As a school we have the opportunity to take groups of children to All Sorts once a month, to work alongside their members completing Arts and Crafts based activities. This is an initiative that we started last year, and something that very quickly became a highlight of the Year 2 timetable.

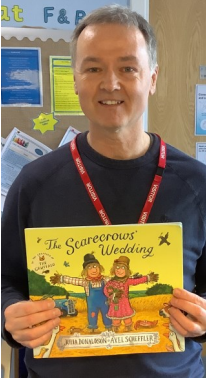
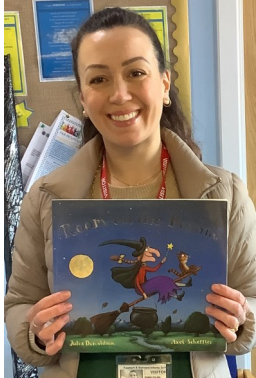
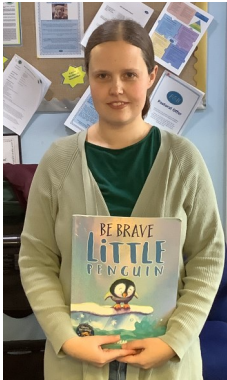
Just before half term, another group of pupils went to allsorts for the afternoon, supported by Mrs Jones and Mrs Crowhurst (James' Mummy). They completed water painting art work that you can see on display in the main entrance area.



Year 2 End of topic and Engage



Secret Reader / Poetry recital

	<p>"A massive thank you to all who support and develop our children at F&B. It was a joy and pleasure to read to the Hedgehogs this morning. I hope I get to do this again"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark D</p>		<p>"I read to the children; it was magic! It's amazing to see their eyes glaring in curiosity for what is about to come. I loved when they interacted with the story, guessing what would happen next. Thank you so much for this opportunity; I am pretty sure this will become a core memory for me and Bento"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Samia P</p>
		<p>"Thank you so much for having me to read to Squirrel class,. They listened so quietly and attentively, it was a joy to watch the. Nathaniel seemed happy to see me, if a bit overwhelmed."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Laura J</p>	

Focus on Oracy: Poetry and rhymes

Learning poetry is something we are focussing on this year at F&B. Through enjoying rhymes, poems and songs, and reciting poems or parts of longer poems together as a class, we can build children's strong emotional connection to language. The predictability of rhymes in poems and songs also helps children to memorise and re-use newly acquired words and phrases.

We were lucky enough a couple of weeks ago to have Ria Dongworth (from Diverse Performing Arts and one of our lovely parents) lead a staff training session on how to teach poetry for performance. The teaching staff found it very helpful with lots of useful tips that they have already started implementing. I will share one of these tips with you each week in case you want to use it at home.

Top tip: When your child is saying the last line of the poem, it can help to signify that it's the end by a slight pause before the last word and then lowering the tone of their voice for the last word. This way, everyone knows when to clap!

This fortnight's poem has been chosen by Mrs Jones and is one that uses British Sign Language. Here is a link to an online video on Cbeebies: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1w9eq0IRIM>
Please encourage your child to add expression and actions!

I wish I was a pirate (by Tony Bradman)

I wish I was a pirate
With a long beard hanging down
A cutlass dangling from my belt
My teeth all black and brown

A parrot on my shoulder
A patch upon one eye
A pirate ship to sail on
A pirate flag to fly



Otter & Gecko Class had an amazing experience when the Fire Brigade came to visit. They learnt all about the fire service as part of their 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic and even got to go inside the fire engine! Mrs Ogle even got to dress up as a firefighter!



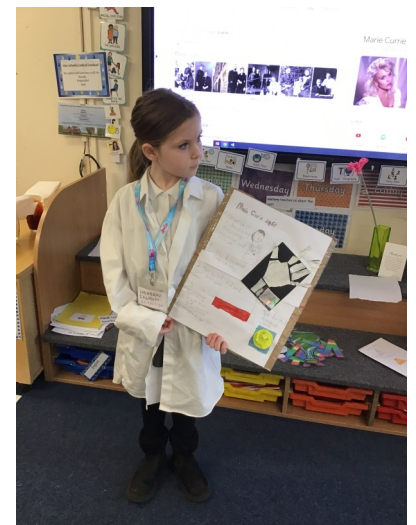
Year 1 really enjoyed their end of topic celebration and it was lovely to see so many of you attend.

YEAR 1 END OF TOPIC



YEAR 2 : SCIENTISTS DAY





Year 2 have had a great time today being super scientists! Below are some of the exciting experiments they have carried out:

Pouring warm water on M&Ms and observing what occurs to their colour.

Mixing food colouring with oil and noticing what happens when water is poured into the mix.

Mixing baking soda with vinegar and noticing how the balloon inflates and deflates.

Seeing if water can move across from one glass to another by using water, food colouring and kitchen towels.

Term Dates 2023/2024

Please click the link here: to find this years academic dates



Fawbert and Barnard Infants School Academic Year 2023-2024

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School days	School holidays	5 INSET Days/ 1 Occasional day	Bank Holiday	Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i> <i>School Occasional Day 01/12/2023</i>
Spring Term:	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>
Summer Term:	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May</i> <i>May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Premier Education are very excited to be working in partnership with Fawbert and Barnard Infant School to deliver Extra-Curricular opportunities to the children of the School again moving into the 2024 Spring term. With over 20 years' experience in the field our Activity Professionals will deliver a safe, exciting and fun learning experience for all children who attend. Our Sport Active Clubs are a fantastic way for children to develop new skills, keep fit and healthy, whilst also having fun with their friends. The clubs will be available for reception, year 1 and year 2 children.

Details of our upcoming clubs are listed below:

After School

Monday Football Club (15.15-16.15)

Year groups: Reception & Year 1

Start date: Monday 8th January 2024 / Last session: Monday 25th March 2024

Price: £71.50 for 11 Sessions

Tuesday Tennis Club (15.15-16.15)

Year groups: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Start date: Tuesday 9th January 2024 Last session: / Tuesday 26th March 2024

Price: £65.00 for 10 Sessions (No session on 19th March)

Wednesday Multi-Sports Club (15.15-16.15)

Year groups: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Start date: Wednesday 10th January 2024 / Last session: Wednesday 27th March 2024

Price: £71.50 for 11 Sessions

Thursday Gymnastics Club (15.15-16.15)

Year groups: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Start date: Thursday 11th January 2024 / Last session: Thursday 28th March 2024

Price: £65.00 for 10 Sessions (No session on 21st March)

Friday Football Club (15.15-16.15)

Year groups: Year 1 & Year 2

Start date: Friday 12th January 2024 / Last session: Friday 22nd March 2024

Price: £65.00 for 10 Sessions

To book please visit www.premier-education.com and click on book a course, please type in postcode CM21 9AX. Please, note that we only accept online bookings. The online booking system is limited to 20 places, so please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment. Please note the school office will not accept payments. Please contact aemmerson@premier-education.com with any questions.

Kind regards
Premier Education