



Castle Acre Newsletter for week ending 22nd March 2024

The Nar Valley Federation of Church Academies

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Anne Neary
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Dear Parents,

A huge well done to our children who represented us at football at TNHA yesterday. A group from Whitebeam and Oak class played in a number of different matches against different teams. They did really well and scored a number of goals. A big well done has to go to Brody who played in all positions (which apparently does not mean different poses but player positions!).

There has been lots of learning going on in classes. Rowan Class are thoroughly enjoying their learning about seeds. We have learned that cress seeds are completely resilient and have grown despite swimming in water. Whitebeam are using amazing vocabulary in their Greek Myths and Oak Class have created some fabulous information texts on tigers.

With just 3 days left, next week is a busy week so keep an eye on the dates. Please note the School Council fundraiser. All that is left for me to say is a very Happy Easter. Thank you greatly for your continued support. Emma Spaul

Upcoming Events this week

See Diary Dates for details.....

Mon 25th - Bikeability Day 1 - cycle training for Year 6 who have signed up. **Gym club with Premier (last one)** - please see 'Reminders & information Section'.

Tues 26th - Bikeability Day 2 - cycle training for Year 6 who have signed up.
Hi 5 Netball Competition at TNHA for Yr 4.
Rowan Class Parents/Carers Cafe 2pm - Maths

Wed 27th - Easter Service at Church, 1.45pm. After School Multi-Skills Club (Y3 - 6) with ICS.

'Guess How Many Stitches in the Basket' fundraiser, 50p a guess available on the school gate Tues AM/PM and Wed AM. In support of the School Council's charity of the year - Cancer Research UK.

Reminders and Information.....

Change to After School Club with Premier on Mondays from Summer Term

Gymnastics club will finish on Monday 25th March. For the summer 1 half term it will instead be an Athletics Club and for Summer 2 it will be Tennis. A link to book for Athletics will be sent out soon.

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school, including their PE kits and shoes. We all have a dress code we have to follow and it is important to show that they belong. We, of course, know that things happen sometimes but this should be the exception. Do come and speak to us if you have any queries about this. Please note that the hoodies are for PE and trips or when it is particularly cold on top of a jumper, and not an alternative to a jumper, thank you. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in from Monday to Friday.

Before School Care is available Mon - Fri from 8am to 8.40am at £2 per session. **After School Care** is available Mon - Fri 3.10pm to 4.30pm at £6 per session.

Tuck Shop - Wednesday and Friday morning break - 40p per day

Attendance Awards w/e 22/3/2024

Class	%	
Rowan	88.93	
Whitebeam	98.67	
Oak	98.26	

Well done to Oak Class,
with great attendance
this week!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



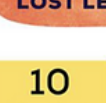
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19
days lost
EACH
YEAR!

30
minutes late
per day

EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS!

LOST MINUTES
= LOST LEARNING!

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!



AWARDS



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Rowan Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Indy	trying really hard to focus and read new words in phonics
Writer of the week 	Oliver L	working really hard to write sentences in English and new sounds in phonics
Mathematician of the week	Bobbi	showing perseverance in maths when learning about money
Shining Light	Noah Skyla Isla B	trying his best to join in in phonics always being helpful, working hard and being kind showing all our school values and seeing them in others too
Tackling Tables 		None this week
Reads at home 	Mila Tia, Oliver L Ella	10 reads 25 reads 75 reads

Whitebeam Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Rowan	regularly reading at home and achieving his 100 reads certificate
Writer of the week 	Charlie	for super vocabulary choices in his Greek Myth
Mathematician of the week	Brody	for his work on fractions
Shining Light 	Alexander Lazenby	for playing in all positions during the Football Tournament for taking responsibility for his own learning
Tackling Tables	Lola	Red Check 1
Reads at home	Rowan	100 reads





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Oak Class

Award	Goes to...	For.....
Reader of the week	Nataniel	reading with enthusiasm
Writer of the week	Pearl	beautiful presentation of her writing
Mathematician of the week	Marley	practising his times tables
Shining Light	Banjo Isla	consistent kindness and empathy being calm, responsible and ready to learn
Tackling Tables	Roxanne Finley Isla Declan	Green phase missing numbers Yellow phase subtraction Purple phase subtraction missing numbers Purple phase subtraction missing numbers
Reads at home	None this week	

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Help with online safety::



The CEOP website, run by the National Crime Prevention agency, gives helpful advice about when and how to report your concern.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Get-help/Reporting-an-incident/>



See these links for further information, games and tips:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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Safeguarding.....

According to a recent Ofcom report*, what percentage of children below the age of 11 have had a social media account setup for them by a parent?

Fifty-eight percent - the top five most popular being: YouTube (33%), TikTok (18%), WhatsApp (17%), Snapchat (14%) and Facebook (9%). It's worth noting that on 11th April 2024, WhatsApp is changing their minimum age to allow children aged 13+ to use the service (down from 16). WhatsApp offers end-to-end encryption - a security feature that scrambles messages to ensure no one can view the contents.

How much do children (aged 8 - 17) spend on video games (including in-app purchases)?

The Insights Family* data (Ofcom, 2023) suggests that children aged 8-17 who spent money on video games (including in-app purchases) had spent an average of £38 in the past month.

Further research

*The Ofcom report makes fascinating reading across a number of areas of children's media use. You can download it here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens>

You can interrogate the data here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2023/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2023-interactive-data>

Message from the Executive Headteacher....



Congratulations to the Nar Valley Federation Dodgeball Team, a group made up of all 3 of our schools, who despite not having played together before, came together fantastically at the tournament this week, demonstrated all our school values, and are through to the final! Really well done to all our participants - and I think you can see from the photos they meant business!



Naming of some streets in Narborough; well done to our Head Pupils, Macy and Theo, pictured here with David Williams, Chair of the Parish Council and the Community Centre, Helen Pipe, Vice-Chair, Cameron Harris, Burmor Quantity Surveyor and Oleg Barsoukov, Senior Project Manager at Flagship Homes, who worked with those people to present our children's ideas for naming some of the new roads. Oak Tree Way and Willow Way were chosen, so very well done children!

It's been a fantastic week across the Federation, with our Trust very pleased with the standard of the children's learning, excellent learning behaviours and super spelling! Well done NVF Team!

Friends of Castle Acre School (FOCAS).....

We would love to hear from any Parents/Carers who are interested in joining Friends as we are currently a very small group of volunteers. Please just speak with me on the gate or phone me on: 07825 229345, Libby Firth (Chair), thank you.

The next large fundraiser we have planned is the Annual Duck Race in the summer term.

Prayer for the Week....



Dear Lord,

Thank you for all the animals and the birds that sing in the day and the night. Please help the people who need more than they have.

Amen

By: Marley, Aleashia and Isla T

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

Head of School
Castle Acre C of E Primary Academy

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