

Gripping Yarns - Key Stage 2 Children - This is what some of the children wrote for the newsletter:

On Wednesday 25th May, Key Stage 2 had a visit from the Internet Safety Workshop. The workshop explained the dangers of the internet in the form of an hilarious story. I look forward to learning more about E-Safety in Class. - Leon

On Wednesday 25th May we participated in an Internet Safety Workshop, with a man call Simon. He spoke to us about dealing with on-line problems and who to talk to if it did happen. He showed us how to be safe with a story (DRAMS). It was really interesting and everyone was properly intrigued. We hope to do it again soon - Grace

On Wednesday 25th May an Internet Safety Workshop came into our school. We learnt loads. They told us about how to stay safe, about how not to meet on-line people in real life and not to write to them and tell them personal information. We had a brilliant time and I'm sure we all enjoyed it. We hope to still discuss problems on the internet in class so we don't have any issues away from school - Seb

Dates for your Diary

June

6th - Library Resource Centre Day at Cromwell for children transferring to Cromwell in September.
Class 2 Trip to Snettisham Park Farm. Park lunch required, Children will be back at school at approximately 4:00 p.m.

10th - Queens Picnic Birthday Lunch - there will be no hot meals this day.

First of 5 swimming sessions for Class 4

23rd - Class 3 Trip to Moor Farm, Newborough. Packed lunch required

Week beginning 13th - Year 1 Phonic Tests

14th - Sports Day - 1:30 p.m. on the school field

16th - Whole school photograph

July

12th - KS2 performance. 1:30 p.m. in the village hall - Please note change of date

13th - KS2 Athletics at Parkfield

14th - Transition Morning for all children

KS2 performance. 6:00 p.m. in the village hall - Please note change of date and time

19th - Doody Circus Day

21st - Last day of term

Please remember the school office is open between 8:35 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. and 1:10 to 3:00 p.m.

BENWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL



MAY 2016

We welcome Mrs Goulbourne who has started teaching in Class 3. We hope she has a long and happy connection with our school.

It is with great sadness that we announce that Mrs Baker will be leaving us at Christmas after 30 years at Benwick Primary School. She will be sorely missed by everyone. However, until that time Mrs Baker will be working part-time from June. Mrs Hill will man the office during the Summer Term and will cover the days Mrs Baker is not in the office with Mrs North.

In September our new secretary will be Mrs Susan Spencer, a highly qualified secretary who currently works at Uppingham Community College in Rutland. Mrs Baker and Mrs Spencer will work together during the Autumn Term to make sure we pass on all of Mrs Baker's expertise.

Queens Picnic Lunch - Friday 10th June

Just to remind you that there will be no hot school meals on this day.

For children in KS2 (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6). If you have not ordered the picnic for your child/ children they will need to bring in their own packed lunch and drink . If your child has meals EVERY day a picnic has been ordered for them



Next Year

We have decided that next year the classes will be known as names rather than numbers. Therefore the classes will be known as:

Mrs Wood:	Robins (Receptions)
Miss Farquhar:	Swallows (Yr. 1)
Miss Garner:	Owls (Yr. 2 / 3)
Mrs Goulbourne:	Herons (Yr. 3 / 4)
Miss Wakefield:	Swans (Yr. 5/ 6)

Chicks in Class 1

After Easter Class 1 enjoyed the arrival of 10 chick eggs. The day after they arrived 4 chicks hatched overnight and we were able to watch 4 chicks hatch in the classroom. The chicks lived in our classroom for 2 weeks, where we were able to watch them grow bigger and watch their adult feathers develop. We spent time building a run for them to give them space to exercise.

Having the chicks in the classroom inspired us to do some amazing writing. After the two weeks Sophie's grandma took them and gave them a new home. We have seen some pictures recently and they are growing really quickly!



Paul Priestley - Artist Visit

On Monday 9th we invited an Art expert called Paul Priestley to come and teach us about the famous artist Andy Warhol. He started off with an assembly where he pretended to be Warhol. He dressed up and told the school all about Warhol's life and how he became a famous artist. The whole school then enjoyed a drawing workshop in the village hall, all the children used their sketchbooks and learnt how to draw a portrait. In the afternoon Paul demonstrated how to use paint to enhance the children's drawings. The children then had time in the classrooms to put these new skills into practise. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Maths Challenge

Kaiya, Jessica, Grace and Sam from Year 5 went to Glebelands Primary School for the local heat of the Annual



Cambridgeshire Year 5 Maths Challenge. The children tackled 4 rounds: 2 team rounds where they had to answer a range of mathematical questions, an estimation round and a memory round. We were awarded a certificate because the children particularly excelled in the memory round bonus. Overall we came joint 3rd with Mepal/Witcham behind Glebelands (1st) and Lionel Walden (2nd). We may be able to attend the finals at Duxford in July as highest scoring losers but we will have to wait until all the heats are finished. Fingers crossed!

Class 1 Wedding

As part of our RE 'celebrations' topic Class 1 enjoyed creating a wedding in the classroom. Every child had a part to play including caterers, a vicar and photographer. Kaylen and Archie did a fantastic job of playing the bride and groom. Jack was the vicar and he performed a beautiful ceremony.



After the ceremony and pictures the children had a wedding feast of cheese and ham sandwiches and cake! We finished the event off with a disco! The children enjoyed the afternoon and learnt lots about the wedding process.

Week Beginning 9th May - SAT's - Year 6 started the week with a special breakfast which helped to relax them before the stress of exams. Monday was the reading test, which you may have seen in the press was very difficult. Tuesday tested Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (known as SPAG!) and Wednesday and Thursday concentrated on three maths test. The children coped extremely well during the tests themselves but I would like to remind Year 6 that they do not end their time at Benwick now but in 9 weeks time! We still have a busy term ahead and I would like to see a significant improvement in behaviour from some of the boys if they are to participate in all the events we have planned. It would be a shame if they taint their memories of primary school with poor behaviour in their last ever term.

I would appreciate it if you could support us and your child at this difficult time. Year 6 are naturally concerned about their future, moving schools, changing friendships, growing up and so much more and we are here to help them through it. However if it affects their behaviour we will be contacting you.

Netball

Benwick netball team has been very busy recently. On Friday 22nd May, they took part in an inter-school competition which was held at Cromwell Community College. They competed in matches against a number of different schools, where they were given the opportunity to showcase their skills. Super shooters, Sam and Harrison, managed to get six goals between them in one game against Orchards School, Wisbech. Unfortunately, this was not enough for Benwick to go through to the semi-finals.

On Friday 29th May, the team travelled to Lionel Walden School to compete in the local Chatteris inter-school competition. They played brilliantly, and all of their training paid off - Benwick came second in the competition. Well done!

Fenland Youth Games

On Friday 20th May, eighteen KS2 children attended the Fenland Youth Games at Sir Harry Smith College. They spent the day participating in a variety of activities such as: tri-golf, mini tennis and athletics.

The children showed excellent team skills, and they worked together to encourage and motivate each other.

Eight schools took part in the games, and I am proud to say that Benwick School came third across the whole competition. Well done!



Dog Fouling Competition Winners

Class 4 were very lucky to be involved in a campaign to encourage people to pick up their dog foul. They created posters for the competition, which was organised by Fenland District Council as part of its continuing campaign against dog fouling. The whole class thoroughly enjoyed learning about why our paths and pavements must remain free from dog mess. They relished the chance to put their art skills into practice to encourage people to pick up their pets' poop. Jake won first prize, followed by Sam. Their eye-catching posters are pinned up in the village's dog mess hotspots.



Class 3 Assembly

Class 3 celebrated their knowledge of the topic 'Fabulous Food' in their class assembly last Thursday. They were very confident to share facts and their knowledge about food groups and also performed some wonderful poems such as 'Spaghetti! Spaghetti', 'Sounds good' and 'Dinner Time Rhyme'.

The whole class finished the class assembly by singing 'Food Glorious Food'. Well done Class 3!

Bikeability - Of the week commencing 18th April, several Year 5 and 6 children took part in the annual Bikeability training. They spent four days learning about how to keep safe when cycling on the roads, including how to safely pass parked vehicles and recognise typical hazards they might encounter when cycling. The children worked incredibly hard, and I am pleased to report that they all successfully achieved their Level 2 training.

Class 1 Assembly

Class 1 had their class assembly this half term. We wrote a play about all of our topics this year. We all dressed as bears, safari animals or pirates and went on a journey. We started the journey off at a teddy bears picnic, then going on adventure through a safari and ended up at the beach. The children worked hard to learn the songs and word off by heart. Well done!



FOBS News

We have a variety of events in the process of being organised to run over the second half of the summer term that we are very excited about!

We are opening our very first Present Room on Thursday 16th June and have already begun planning with the Year 6s for the end of year disco.

We are looking forward to finalising plans for a Summer Fayre and seeing you at the Village Sports Day on Saturday 25th June and during the summer performances with teas, coffees and biscuits!

Please look out for our end of year newsletter, coming out soon!

As always thank you for your continued support.

