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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

The summer term is now fully up and running and what a fantastic and fun-filled few weeks it has been. There really is so much to celebrate, including... Mr Cunningham, our highly-skilled Site Manager, has done a brilliant job in painting the new Kelling library which looks fantastic as we get closer to it being ready for the grand opening (watch this space!). The Year 5 pupils who attended the residential trip to How Hill on the Broads last month had a brilliant time (check out all the pictures on your school's website!) and were a credit to the Federation, behaving impeccably and really engaging well with all of the activities. And our annual Founding Day celebration, this year held at Binham, was a triumph - we had a lovely service at Binham Priory and then the pupils all loved having a picnic lunch and playing together at the Village Hall.

And finally... good luck to all of the Year 6 pupils with their SATS next week. You've all worked so hard, stay calm, it is your time to shine!

Enjoy reading the newsletter and, as ever, thank you for all of your support of our wonderful schools.

Tom Snowdon

SCHOOL NEWS

To reiterate Mrs Snowdon's thoughts, the Summer term is indeed a busy and fun-filled time! We have added a few dates to the school calendar so please do check the upcoming dates overleaf. Letters with further information of visits and events will be sent home shortly.
The children very much enjoyed the Founding Day at Binham Priory and we have included some photos with this newsletter.
Year 5 pupils also had a great time at How Hill last month and we were very lucky with the weather. I was particularly pleased to see how brilliantly the children mixed with others in the Federation and very proud to receive comments from federation staff complimenting them on their manners. Well done Year 5!
Well done to Year 6 too for their continued efforts in getting to grips with all things SATS related! As Mr Snowdon has already said, they have worked very hard and we wish them the best of luck for next week's tests.
Just a reminder that, as we are hopeful for warm weather soon, children should bring a sunhat with them to school each day.






A polite reminder if your child(ren) are not going to be in school, please inform the school office by 9am. Many thanks.

CLASS NEWS - FOXES

The transport topic has really taken off with the children becoming fascinated with tales of the Titanic and the story of Amelia Earhart. This has led to some very impressive writing! Years 1 and 2 have also been testing out different ways to make a good paper aeroplane - so far the conclusions are: use a large sheet, card rather than paper, and add warped wings (as the Wright brothers did!) In Science the children came up with a theory - "the steeper a ramp is, the faster a car will travel" - which they tested and found to be true!
And we are coming to the last of the phonics monsters! The children have loved these and use them brilliantly in their reading and (sometimes!) their writing.







CLASS NEWS - BADGERS

This week, we have been learning about the Industrial Revolution and the impact of different Victorian inventions and ventures. Pupils have researched the life and work of famous Victorians - Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Barnardo, Charles Dickens and Isambard Kingdom Brunel, to name just a few. In July, we will be visiting Gressenhall museum to learn about what life would have been like in Victorian times and to take part in a Victorian 'Whodunnit'.
Badgers have been working hard on their 'Pathways' poems - a competition that was arranged by North Norfolk Literature and Landscape. We have made our entries and wait with fingers crossed to hear the results!

A FEW PICTURES FROM THE YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL.











KEY UPCOMING DATES

- Monday 11th Start of SATS week
- Friday 15th May - EYFS/KS1 Federation Art Morning @ Hindringham
- Friday 22nd May - Break Up Half Term
- Monday 1st June - Back to School
- Tuesday 2nd June (afternoon) – Year 6 STEM Event at Greshams
- Monday 8th June (morning) – visit to Federation Art Exhibition at Salthouse Church
- Tuesday 16th June – Badger to visit Norwich Cathedral for the Benedictine Project Art Day
- Tuesday 23rd June – whole school photos
- Wednesday 24th June- Whole School trip to Pensthorpe
- Monday 29th June (afternoon) – Sports' Day
- Wednesday1st July- Friday 3rd July – APHS Transition days
- Thursday 9th July- Badgers trip to Gressenhall
- Friday 10th July (11am – 1pm) – Federation Music Event at Blakeney
- Tuesday 14th July – Whole School trip to West Runton
- Thursday, 16th July (afternoon) – Year 6 Leavers' Service
- Friday 17th July – Break up for the Summer holidays.