



Newsletter

"Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith, tradition, community and achievement"



I am the good shepherd. JOHN 10:11

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we began the week with such an exciting event for the school as we celebrated 'British Values' at Brigstock. We all dressed in red, white and blue and focused on 'What it means to be British'. The children have held mock-trials, created beautiful artwork and have written so creatively in all the classes.



We finished the day with singing and tea parties in honour of the 70th wedding anniversary of the Queen and Prince Philip. Thank you for the donations of cakes- and thank you, too, to those of you who came and shared our tea parties and enjoyed looking round our classrooms.



CHILDREN IN NEED

The school council organised some really fun and valuable activities for us in school, and they raised a fabulous £161.55. Thank you to everyone who supported this important event.

The school council ran a competition as part of their fund-raising, and are pleased to announce the following winners:

KS2- Emi



KS1- Alyssa

Well done to them...and well done to those of you who took part.

CD OF SONGS

This week we recorded a CD of songs with Paul Rogers. The CD includes our school songs as well as some Christmas songs and other songs that are 'Brigstock favourites.'

We hope to sell the CD at the start of December for £5, and we hope that you might like to buy a copy for yourselves...or as Christmas presents for others.



Next week we look forward to the start of the Christmas season! We hope lots of you will support our Christmas Art Attack. We will be creating Christmas decorations, Christmas snacks and enjoying a raffle, of course (thank you Mrs Briggs!).

We would also like to confirm that the Christmas performances will involve all children this year. Reception will perform a very traditional Nativity, with Year 5 and 6 narrating and singing. Year 5 and 6 will also have a big summer performance at the end of the year, after the success of last year's show. Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are working together on a performance of 'The Christmas Jigsaw.' Letters will be out soon with details of times and costume requirements. The dates for your diary are 12th December for the matinee performances, and 13th December for the evening performances.

Invitations will also be sent out soon inviting everyone to our 'Kindness Tea Party.' We are hoping many of you will be joining us for our tea party in the school hall, with singing and Christmas snacks! It will be followed by the grand opening of our truly fabulous Art Club Advent Window. We are looking forward to it already...

Thank you for all your support.

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



Upcoming Events

28th November – Art Attack

6th December – Kindness Tea Party and Advent Window Unveiling

12th December – Nativity and Xmas Play at 2pm

13th December – Nativity and Xmas Play at 6pm



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 95.1%. Well done to **Cherry Blossom** class who had the highest attendance at 96.8%.



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Nell Rainbow for her amazing work on 3D shapes, describing them in a very clever way
- Year 1 – Ezra Ansell for excellent effort in his handwriting and for great contributions to class discussions
- Year 2 – Mia Taylor for working so hard in maths and for contributing to class discussions
- Year 3 – Jack Robertson for being a reflective learner. He listened to feedback and used it to improve his writing
- Year 4 – Eliza Fincher for her positive attitude towards all of her learning
- Year 5 – Ella Anderson for creating a very well thought out set of rules and suitable consequences to support them
- Year 6 – Elsa Ansell for her progress in comparing and ordering fractions and the great presentation she achieved in this piece of work



WILLOW CLASS

Wow! What an exciting time we have had in Willow class this week. The week began with British Values Day. The children really enjoyed learning all about our Queen and her husband Prince Phillip. The children made models of Buckingham Palace with 3D shapes and enjoyed making party hats and party clothes. They also completed some amazing writing about our queen, remembering some facts that they had heard in our assembly. Of course the best part of the day was our tea party which the children decorated biscuits and cakes for. They did share some with the mums and dads!



We were also visited by Queen Erin and King Jayden who came to visit the Queen and Prince Phillip in their castle. I think they might have had afternoon tea with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip.

We have also been learning about 3D shapes and Naughty Nine, a naughty elephant who sprays water at everyone. We have been looking for 3D shapes around the classroom and around the school and searching for lots of things to do with 9.

MAPLE CLASS

The children have had another busy week and have begun to practise some wonderful singing in time for Christmas.

In Literacy we have been enjoying another Julia Donaldson story, A Squash and A Squeeze. So far the children have done some planning for the writing a diary as if they are the old lady in the story and for writing about another character in the story. They have practised using adjectives and similes to make their writing interesting.

In Maths we have begun to explore the multiplication, first of all by practising our counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and then moving onto applying those skills in multiplication. We have used practical objects to help the children to understand the concepts, then moving onto applying this in a pictorial and then written way.

In Science the children have been finding out lots of interesting facts about materials and properties. They have carried out some experiments and learnt about the language we use when we are describing materials and their properties.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

We started off our week by celebrating our British Values. We did some art with Mrs Ettridge, thinking about words that describe what it is to be British. The children produced some fantastic work. Then we used 'Giraffes can't dance' to discuss our differences and we all agreed that we should embrace those differences. The main value we looked at was 'Individual Liberty'. We talked about being free to be whoever we want to be. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us at the end of the day for a tea party and to those who donated cakes for us to enjoy.

British Values day linked in nicely to our topic lesson this week where we learnt about Democracy and made comparisons between Ancient Greece and our modern democracy.

In Literacy, we have started looking at Newspaper reports. We started off by working in groups to find the features of a newspaper. Then we used a video 'The Lighthouse' to begin thinking about why we write newspaper reports and what we should include. We will be having a go at writing our own newspaper report next week.



We have also been extremely busy getting ready for our class assembly. The children are really excited to share what they have been doing so far this year.

OAK CLASS

Monday was all about British values and what a lovely day we had. The children were engaged throughout and worked hard. Our focus was 'The Rule of Law', we started by creating 5 new rules. These were both funny and serious ranging from banning porridge due to its stickiness to reducing speed limits and plastic waste. (Great to see so many children taking an interest in the Blue Planet series) We then acted out a mock trial, Harry Potter and Luke Skywalker were accused of very serious crimes. The children all had a significant role in the trial and had to reach a verdict by the end. This sparked a number of debates which was fascinating. They finished the day with some art work which will go towards a whole school piece and a tea party. Thank you for the cake donations they were VERY gratefully eaten!

In maths this week we have continued our focus on fractions. We have compared and ordered fractions remembering that we need to ensure the denominator is the same and have therefore been reliant on our times table knowledge. We have moved on to addition and subtraction of fractions.

In literacy we have looked at the use of repetition in our persuasive writing and also thought about rhetorical questions and the use of statistics to support our argument. We will write our letters next week showing how we can incorporate all the vital elements in our persuasive writing.

We enjoyed Day 10 on Wednesday and are trying to squeeze in Young Voices practices – remember to keep learning your words at home. In geography we completed a multiple choice quiz to identify facts about Antarctica.