



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter

*“Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith,
tradition, community and achievement”*



‘Encourage one another and build each other up’ (Thessalonians)

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Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 92.9%. Well done to **Willow** class again who had the highest attendance at 100%.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been busy doing such a variety of things. As well as working so hard in the classrooms, our children have also had so many opportunities outside the classroom too. These have included music, sport, walks round the village...and so many clubs are being enjoyed by our children.

The Year 3,4 children are really enjoying their drumming sessions and are really looking forward to sharing their musical brilliance with you later on this term. There will be a performance on March 25th at 1.45pm for all parents and carers, and we hope you will put this date in your diaries.

All of our Key Stage 2 have been practising the Young Voices songs, and we are proud of the commitment they have shown in learning the words and actions to so many songs. As you read this newsletter, we will be busy rehearsing at Birmingham, and we hope that many of you will be joining us later this evening.



LOOKING FORWARD

We have a number of events to look forward to over the coming weeks:

Thursday 31 st January	Roman Day for Year 3,4- costumes required!
Saturday 2 nd February	Auditions for the Brigstock Theatre Group musical, ‘The Sound of Music’ in the Village Hall- Spoken and singing, 10am-4pm, in the Village Hall
Sunday 3 rd February	Auditions for the dancing roles in the Village Hall, 2-4pm
6 th -8 th February	Year 4 residential to Derbyshire
11 th -15 th February	All children will have a focus on Mental Health and Well-being, with a Mental Health Day on Friday 15 th February
15 th February	school closed for half-term
25 th February	school re-opens after half term

Mrs Ettridge and Mrs Bull



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Jesse Green for his amazing work on rhyming words. Jesse was able to find lots of rhyming words of his own and then write them independently
- Year 1 – Katie Webster for being able to edit her work independently and using her sounds to spell her words. Fabulous work!
- Year 2 - Bella Malcolm for Improving how she draws her math number sentences! This has helped Bella with working out her answers. Great work Bella!
- Year 3 – Oakley Young for her constant effort to improve in maths. She is working more independently, listening carefully and learning new skills with confidence. We are so proud of you
- Year 4 – Olivia Eyre for her effort and enthusiasm during Young Voices sessions. You sing so beautifully and always with a smile on your face!
- Year 5 – Emma Hales- Macdonald for fabulous fraction work. Well done for following each step accurately and presenting work so clearly
- Year 6 – Jay Fraser for an amazing piece of writing about the Jewish boy who tried to escape. Wonderful vocabulary used and so engaging



WILLOW CLASS

This week, we have continued with our Space topic and have focused our work on the book *Aliens Love Underpants*.

The children really enjoyed listening to the story and found it very funny. The aliens get up to all sorts of silly things with the underpants, including wearing them on their heads. That might explain some strange behavior that might have been happening at home!

We looked at the rhyming words that were in the story and, from this, we made up our own rhyming pictures and our own rhyming sentences and lists. The children have also continued to explore our Solar System in a little bit more detail and continued to enjoying looking at and exploring the different planets. We have also started a moon watch, looking at how the moon changes shape throughout the month. This week it has been a beautiful big circle.

We are nearly at the end of our set 2 sounds and this week we have been learning the sound x, which is usually found at the end of words, which was really useful when we were thinking about rhyming words.

In Maths, we have continued to look at the teen numbers, focusing on number 12 this week. We have also been ordering numbers, forwards and backwards, up to 20.



MAPLE CLASS

This week in maths, year one and two looked at 2D shapes. We discussed what properties of a shape are, and using the properties the children had to guess which shape was being described. The children then drew around some different 2D shapes and found what they were called, how many sides they had and how many corners. They also turned the shapes into spaceships! Some children began looking at lines of symmetry. We found some shapes tricky such as the trapezium and the heptagon.

The children are finishing our current unit of work in English by creating fact files about their aliens. We looked at non-fiction text and discussed what the differences are between non-fiction and fiction text. We found out what the contents page does and what we use the glossary for.

For topic in my group, the children have been taking a walk around our village using a map to spot road signs and learn how to add a key. They have also been talking about what are human features (church) and what are physical features (brook).

In my group for science, the children have been using the iPads to find out what their chosen minibeast eats. We discussed what herbivore, carnivore and omnivore mean and which one their insect is.



NOTE: Many topic and science sessions require the children to go outside, so please could your child/ren have a coat/waterproof and wellies particularly if it is raining. Science is on Tuesday afternoon and topic is on Thursday afternoon. Thank you!

Also, if children bring their water bottles into school they can have them on their tables so they can access their drinks throughout the day.

CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASS

We have been using a written method to multiply this week in Maths. Children have to use their knowledge of place value, timestables and column addition to be successful with this method. They have picked it up really well and it's a fantastic method for them to use throughout life.



In Literacy, we started our new genre of writing; Myths and Legends. Children used drama to retell the story of Romulus and Remus (linked in with our Roman topic). They then had to cold write their own myth. We will be looking at the features next week and thinking carefully about what we need to include.



We had our second drumming session on Monday afternoon, children got to experience using the different instruments and had to try and remember the names of them. It was very interesting to see who was able to keep to their beat while everyone had to play different ones.

We have been focusing a lot on Young Voices this week, learning the dance moves and continuing to practise the songs. We are very excited for the concert on Friday evening!

OAK CLASS

We continued to look at elements of The Great Wave by Hokusai and created more sketches in our art books: adding and experimenting with pencil lines and colours. We moved on to creating our final piece ensuring we thought about the use of lines for depth and ensuring everything was appropriately proportioned. Our master pieces can soon be enjoyed by all.

We continued the story of Rose Blanche and completed a warm write about her discovering the children in the concentration camp and her mission to help them.

In maths we found fractions of amounts and then begun our new focus on decimal and fraction equivalents.

The children have been creating words that reflect our statement 'Life in all its fullness' for a whole school display. Their word choices have been thought provoking and interesting to see how they are making links.

We also reflected on our trip to the Cathedral and what we enjoyed and learnt.



We have learnt the moves to complement the Young Voices songs and are looking forward to the big event this evening.

YOUNG VOICES TODAY AT 2.30PM – ALL ARRIVED AND IN THEIR SEATS

