



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S  
SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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



*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.” (Colossians 3:23)*

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Issue 2



## Attendance

Overall attendance in school last week was 96.5%. Well done to both **Willow and Cherry Blossom** classes who had the highest attendance at 100%

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week for our Open Day, and joined in with our Day 10:10 'Great Outdoors' afternoon. We also welcomed a number of new parents to the school and we had a very positive response from everyone who attended. It was good to share the garden project with everyone, and hopefully you will all enjoy watching our garden develop during this term.

Thank you to our leadership team who showed our visitors round. All the visitors commented on the lovely manners of our children, and said that they were excellent 'tour guides'.

*'It felt good to show people round and share the improvements especially the garden. Some people asked questions and they all liked the outdoors. I enjoyed going round and seeing all the work and I felt great about everything we do at school.'* (Seth)

*'I enjoyed showing the new outdoor area. It felt fun to show all that we do in our school and all the work we do here.'* (Isaac)



We have also had some Art success to report. Our art club were keen to enter the Alfred East Open 19 competition. With entries closing on September 14<sup>th</sup>, we only had one art club session, so we worked together to create a joint 'Tree of Life', with everyone creating a bird for the tree. There was a huge number of entries from around Northamptonshire and the surrounding counties, and we were very proud that our shared piece was chosen for display and will be in the Alfred East Gallery in Kettering until the end of October. We hope that you will enjoy visiting the gallery to see their work, and we will share some photos on next week's newsletter.

## SPONSORED READ

*Please remember to bring in your sponsored reading forms on Monday, ready for Tuesday's sponsored read. On Tuesday we also ask that your children bring in some favourite reading material, to read to themselves and share with others.*

## ROALD DAHL DAY

Our children really enjoyed 'Roald Dahl Day' last Friday, and all children had fun writing in his style, creating some fantastic new words of their own. Some children in Year 3 and 4 came to school dressed as Roald Dahl characters and we all enjoyed sharing our school day with some clever Matildas, fantastic foxes and characters from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory...as well as many others.



## FIRST LUNCH!

The Reception Class have enjoyed staying for lunch this week, and they have been well looked after by the older children. They have settled so well at school, and we are looking forward to our Reception children starting full-time on Monday.



## HOME ACHIEVEMENTS



Last week we shared the achievements of Evie, Isabelle and Sophie, and we enjoyed sharing their certificates and medals in assembly. This week, we celebrated the dance achievements of Anabelle and Amelia, who achieved medals in ballet. We also shared Darcey's achievements in 'Matilda'. Well done to everyone.

### Next week...

Our Year 3 and 4 children will visit Peterborough Cathedral, joining with many other schools in the diocese to share a service with each other. It will also be a great chance to see the beautiful installation of the world that our Year 5 and 6 children saw at the start of last week.

**Messy Church starts up again after school on Wednesday, and everyone is looking forward to sharing a session of activities in the school hall. We hope that lots of children will enjoy Messy Church, straight after school until 5pm.**

Mrs Ettridge



### Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

Reception – Genevieve Brooking – for working so hard to learn her sounds and form her letters. Such a super girl!

Year 1 – Lucy-Rose Hampson for being a reflective owl. Lucy-Rose worked hard to think about what we had learned about Mary Anning and tell us about her. Fantastic work Lucy-Rose!

Year 2 - Carter Young for being a reflective owl. Carter used what he had learned about Victorian bathing machines to understand why we don't have them now. Brilliant work Carter!

Year 3 – Bella Malcolm for being an amazing mathematician this week. Bella worked really hard to challenge herself and work through different problems. Well done Bella

Year 4 – Louie for attempting challenges given to him this week with perseverance and resilience. Well done Louie

Year 5 – Oliver Combrink for his determination and commitment in all our lessons. Well done for achieving fantastic results in spellings this week. Keep up the hard work

Year 6 – Charlie Bridgehouse for his wonderful written work. It was great to see him so enthusiastic about his writing. He had included: successful repetition; alternative words for said; high level vocabulary and a range of sentences types. Well done



### WILLOW CLASS

We have continued learning our sounds this week and have even started to blend some. We used s, a and m to name our class scarecrow; Sam. The children worked with Mrs Clark to paint a wonderful scarecrow and then wrote sentences... I am Sam. **We are entering the Rockingham Castle Scarecrow Competition, if you have any old clothes or accessories we could use, please bring them into school.** The Scarecrow has to have an autumnal theme and be made from recycled materials.

We have also used number zoo to start thinking about our numbers. The children have been forming their numbers carefully and thinking about what each number represents. Each number has a story, so far we have had penguin one and ticklish two.



We had our first PE lesson this week, the children were amazing at getting themselves changed! We had a go at balancing a beanbag on our feet and heads. Then we had a go at throwing and catching. This was lots of fun! Finally, we learnt how to do a burpee.



We stayed for lunch all week and it was a success! We sat with our friends in the lunch hall and got to know some of the older children.



We finished our week with a 'Signs of Autumn' hunt around the bug garden. We had to find animals, plants and other things that made us think of autumn. We then described the different things we found; brown leaves, small squirrel, prickly hedgehog. We also made our own Autumn leaves window decoration, you will be able to see these hanging from our classroom window from Monday morning.

## **MAPLE CLASS**

The children have done such a wonderful job with their first write. They worked independently to create their own Five Little Senses at the Seaside poem. They are now editing their writing ready to write it neatly.

In maths, the Year Two children have been portioning numbers into 10s and ones and different combinations of tens and ones. The children worked fabulously with part-whole models and the tens and ones dienes to recognise different ways to make numbers.

In Year One, the children have been looking at simple 2D shapes and trying to find them in our playground. They have been discussing how shapes have sides and corners and how to find out how many a shape has.

In science, the children who have been working with Mrs Hunter have been finding out about different seaside habitats and finding out about the animals that live there. They have been investigating and discussing why the animals live in those seaside habitats.

In topic with Mrs. Hunter this week, the children tested their bathing machines to check they worked. With Mrs. Hill, the children discussed why we had bathing machines and why we don't have them anymore.

## **CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASS**

This week, in Literacy, we have continued to look at poetry by investigating and finding rhyming words so that we can include them in our final poem. In the true style of Road Dahl, we also found some revolting rhymes that could add a little humour to our poems. The children finished the week by writing their own version of a revolting rhyme, based upon one of the traditional nursery rhymes. The children did really well at this and wrote some very funny poems!

In maths, year 3 have been using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help them answer different calculations, such as number bonds to 20 and number bonds up to 100.

In year 4, the children have been looking at rounding numbers to the nearest 10 or 100 and inverse operations and how to use these to check addition and subtraction sums. This has proved to be quite tricky so we will continue with this next week.

After finding out about different skeletons last week; exoskeletons, endoskeletons and hydro-static skeletons, in Science this week we looked at our own endoskeleton and specifically where the bones in our body are. The children began by drawing some brilliant diagrams of where they thought our bones were and what they looked like. They then went on to name the bones in our body and label the skeleton on our display.

In RE, we have been looking at how Christians develop their faith and beliefs from different stories in the bible. We listened to the Creation story and then looked at a poem written by James Weldon Johnson about the Creation story. The children looked at the language used in the poem which tells us what kind of God our Christian God is.

## **OAK CLASS**

We have continued with our focus on Macbeth and written narratives that have preceded a battle. The children had specific success criteria to complete which included: powerful vocabulary; alternative words for said; dialogue with correct punctuation; fronted adverbials; colons for additional information and the use of semi-colons to avoid comma splices. The battle will commence next week!

The children have worked through more spelling focuses which have included revising 'ough' as well as using their coordinate skills to locate words with silent letters on a grid.

We looked at some short pieces of text and continued to use our inference skills to find out answers.

In maths the children have looked at ordering and rounding numbers and we completed work on negative numbers on Thursday. We continue to use place value grids and number lines to ensure the children fully understand each step of the process and this way avoid any unnecessary errors. The children had a go at the online times table test.

We completed our history timelines and began to look at specific elements in the Shang Dynasty timeline. The children have enjoyed singing songs from Young Voices with Mrs Boyers. Swimming and Tag Rugby were the PE focuses this week.

We have written our own acrostic poems based on the topic of change. The children could choose whether the changes were about seasons or changes in classes. They produced some lovely poems.

In ICT we have started producing our Spanish posters related to classroom instructions. We learnt how to insert a watermark behind our work.

We have continued to learn about the reproduction of plants in Science. We focused on the advantages and disadvantages of asexual reproduction.

In Spanish we played a game based on learning the colours. We had a race to see who could find the correct colour first!