



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter

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



“I do not cease to give thanks for you...” Ephesians

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Issue 8



Attendance

Overall attendance in school the week before half term was 95%. Well done to **Oak** class who had the highest attendance at 98.4%

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have all been learning about the significance of Remembrance. Our youngest children have been creating their own poppies to wear on Monday, and we have learnt about the significance of the poppy and the importance of remembering the bravery of soldiers past and present.

Thank you to everyone who helped to create the Remembrance bunting; we hope that you will take time to look at the display on the front bank of the school



Next Monday we hope that you will join us in the church for a service of Remembrance at 9.30am. We will walk to the memorial after the service to remember the fallen soldiers of Brigstock, and we hope to share this important event with many of you. More details are on the letter that was sent home earlier this week.



WE WILL REMEMBER THE BRAVERY OF EVERYONE

If you would like to join the Church and Village communities this weekend, there is a Church Service with children's activities at 9.15am, and an open-air commemoration at the war memorial at 10.45am. Thank you to the pupil leadership team for representing the school.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard to complete their reading journals. This week we celebrated a number of reading 'Bingo' lines, and we also had a number of completed books, too. Well done to Layla, Martha, Poppy and Robyn who have all received special awards this week for completing their journals. Everyone who has completed their journal will be enjoying their special story-time on the 12th November at 3pm, and they can bring in some favourite reading material from home if they would like to.



GARDEN UP-DATE

Over the half-term we did a lot of work in the garden, displaying and installing the artwork and creative contributions of our children. We created our outdoor story area with the story-teller's chair and the wooden benches purchased with the money from the sponsored read. We want to thank everybody for their time and commitment to this project- it will be such a fantastic area for our children, now and into the future.



PFA EVENTS

This week we held the PFA AGM and it was a chance for our school to say thank you for the amazing fund-raising efforts of the past year. There are some more events coming soon and we hope that you will enjoy supporting them:

November 25th- Art Attack, straight after school- all children and welcome to attend with their grown-ups to celebrate the start of the festive start.

29th November- Village Pantomime at 7.15pm, all welcome at this fun and festive event, tickets £7 with discounts for families. Tickets are available from Rosy Briggs or Sarah Owen- and there will be refreshments and a raffle.

3rd December- Book Quiz at 5pm for all families, followed by the Advent Window opening. More details to follow soon.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

On the 21st and 22nd November there are opportunities to celebrate your children's work, either in the classroom or within a class assembly.

Thursday 21st 9.15am- Year 5 and 6 Class Assembly 3.00pm- Year 3 and 4 Class Assembly

Friday 22nd 9.15am- Open Classroom in EYFS 3.00pm- Open classroom in Year 1,2

EXTRA ACHIEVEMENTS TO CELEBRATE

Well done to Tilly for achieving her Level 1 Swimming certificate.

"I feel very proud of myself"

Evie was awarded a certificate this week for her excellent work in Street Dance- well done, Evie!



Well done to Riley and Louis who had individual art pieces on display in the Alfred East Art Gallery, following the Open 19 competition. Their work was highly commended and they were awarded certificates in recognition of this. Congratulations to them both!



Next week we will look forward to seeing all of you at the Parents Evenings which will be held in the school hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

As always, thank you for your support,

Mrs Ettridge and Mr Jones



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Isla Casswell for her positive attitude towards her writing. She is so much more enthusiastic about her work which is lovely to see!
- Year 1 – Isabella Phillips for always being resourceful monkey to remember her alphabet and pairing her lower case letters and her capital letters. Brilliant work Isabella
- Year 2 - Tilly Tsigas for always being ready like our school bee. Tilly always works hard to be ready to start her learning. Excellent work Tilly!
- Year 3 – Imogen Davies for amazing effort in Maths and Literacy. Imogen is trying really hard to apply the skills she is learning to her independent work
- Year 4 – Solomon Brownlee for brilliant work on fractions and decimals this week. Solomon was able to find the decimal equivalent of tenths and hundredths quickly and accurately.
- Year 5 – Sophie Owen for identifying her own errors and the steps she needs to put in place to achieve the correct answers in maths. So reflective – well done
- Year 6 – Ryan Miles for his recall of previous learning about squared numbers and using this to support his work in class. Well done - very well explained



WILLOW CLASS

We have had a busy first week back at school. We started of our new topic this week; Treasure. The children have been thinking about treasure linked to pirates and also their own personal treasure. In Literacy, the children completed a number of activities linked to Pirates. They created their own treasure map and labelled the different things they came across, designed a pirate flag and drew themselves as a pirate on a 'Wanted' poster.

We had our first Forest school experience this week and it was so exciting! The children went down into the bug garden and found unicorn hair that had been left hanging on trees. They used the unicorn hair to create friendship bracelets.



The children also used natural resources to make shelters for the little people they found in the bug garden. There was lots of discussion about how the little people would survive without shelter. The children had to collect sticks and leaves to make the shelters. There was lots of teamwork involved!



MAPLE CLASS

That was a quick half term! Welcome back Maple Class!

Our new literacy unit is all about recounts. The children are learning this word and what it means. We are also revisiting the vocabulary 'fiction' and 'non-fiction'. For our recounts, we are using time connectives and learning how to use these to write a recount remembering to include when, where and who with. Year One are learning their alphabet in order and matching lower case letters to their capital letters whilst Year Two are learning about co-ordinating conjunctions and past and present tense.

In maths, Year Two children are continuing their work to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. They keep practising the new maths vocabulary 'repeated addition' and revisiting equal groups to ensure a good understanding of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Year One have been busy creating their own number lines to count in 2s, 5s and 10s too! They have been working terrifically hard to begin to recognise pattern in numbers and use resources to help them count.

In my group for science this week, we looked at the scientific vocabulary 'carnivore', 'herbivore' and 'omnivore'. We talked about what these words mean and considered which one we were. The children were then given a sea animal (as our topic is Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!) to draw and consider whether it was a herbivore, omnivore or carnivore. We then discussed common animals we see in our environment. We discussed squirrels and dogs. The children talked about what they thought these two animals ate and which one they would be.

In Mrs Hunter's group for topic, the children were learning about the United Kingdom. They had their own UK maps which they had to label to show the four countries of the UK, their cities, flags and symbols. Some children also included the seas that surround the UK and looked at landmarks that they would find in the four different countries...the children have been busy!!

CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASS

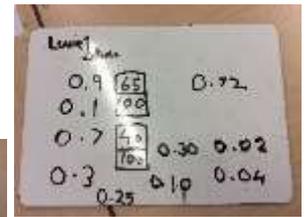
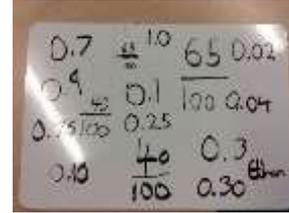
Welcome back! The children have had a great start to the new term and completed some brilliant work.

In Literacy, we have continued exploring traditional tales. We began the week by looking at different traditional tales and finding the common features these stories have, such as goodies and baddies, repeated phrases, animal that talk and many more. The children then retold the story in a small group, using expression and story language to make their retelling interesting and exciting. They then began to rewrite the story of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears but using fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, adverbs, connectives and speech. This is making the story far more exciting and interesting and the vocabulary the children have used is really very good.

In Maths, the children have been exploring fractions and remembering that each part of a fraction has to be **equal**. We began by looking at tenths and hundredths and year 4 went further by finding the decimal equivalents of these fractions. Then, the children looked at other fractions and recognising these by writing down the numerator and denominator of each fraction. This was tough at times but with perseverance the children were successful.

In RE, we have begun to look at the religion of Hinduism and what beliefs Hindus have. We also looked at the Hindu festival of lights; Diwali and had great fun tasting India sweets and dressing up in traditional Indian costumes.

In Science, we had a very interesting (and quite long!) class discussion on the muscles in our body and the jobs that they do. They found out there are over 600 muscles in our body, they work in pairs and some work involuntary. Next week, the children will investigate which muscles they use for different activities



OAK CLASS

The children worked in pairs to complete a problem solving activity based on Isambard Kingdom Brunel, a British engineer.

The problem: The children were presented with a range of chain lengths however there were several miscalculations in the lengths of these chains and one length of chain was completely missing. The children were directed to remove different links in the chains, work out the new length and then identify the missing measurement.



In Literacy we began thinking about our warm write. The children identified a range of features they would include in their writing and selected words and phrases that would enhance their work. We completed work on plurals to support the weekly spelling test.

We continued with our work on the Shang Dynasty thinking about the hierarchy of the people. The children read information about different members of this civilisation. They identified and underlined key facts and then wrote a summary.

In maths we continued with multiplication using the formal or the expanded method. The year 6 children went on to multiply decimal numbers.

In Free Write, our focus this week was to 'remember'. The children concentrated on their non-fiction skills to produce a leaflet all about Remembrance Day.

In Science we looked at our knowledge organisers with a focus on classification and characteristics of different species. The children carried out their 'beginning of unit' assessment. At the end of the unit we can then see how much the children have learnt.

In ICT we began our PowerPoint presentations about Jane Goodall, a British scientist who is considered the world expert on chimpanzees and their behaviour. The children have already written down their facts ready to go into their presentations.

We continued with days of the week and months of the year in Spanish with word searches and word puzzles.