



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S  
SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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



*'Joy to the world'*

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Issue 12



## **Attendance**

Overall attendance in school last week was 94.5%. Well done again to Willow class who had the highest attendance at 100%

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been so many highlights this week, as we celebrated the start of the festive season. First of all, we want to say a huge THANK YOU and WELL DONE to our amazing art Club, who contributed to the beautiful Advent Window, as part of the Brigstock Living Advent. We are so proud to take part in this village event each year, and our window shows and celebrates our love of reading at school. It also shows what we can achieve as a team, as every child at school has made a contribution to the window...which is DOUBLE-SIDED!! We hope that you all enjoy sharing our window throughout December, and you can even take part in the 'Book Character Challenge', which is at the side of the window. Thank you once again to everyone who came to the window-opening, and to the PFA for providing refreshments.





It's number 3, please take a look, our window is inspired by books,

We hope that you look carefully- how many characters can you see?

Look at the back, there are bookshelves,

We chose the books all by ourselves.

One thing's for sure, we love to read- a wonderful story is what we need.

**And at Christmas time we all recall the Greatest Story of them all.**



Well done, everybody, the window is something for all of us to enjoy and feel proud of.

### BOOK QUIZ

Prior to the Advent Window Opening, we had 15 teams taking part in a Book Quiz, which was written by the staff of the school. This was such a lovely event, with our book knowledge tested by some of the rounds...poetry in particular, Miss Kirby!



It was lots of fun, and the teams did really well- the final scores were VERY close!

**The winning team was TEAM SANTA- Well done to Darcey, Emma, Juno, Sally...and Huxley, of course! Thank you to everyone who took part in the quiz and the book swap- it was another fun way to enjoy books.**

### READING TEA PARTY

We are delighted that children are continuing to bring in completed reading journals, and this week we enjoyed another reading tea party to share favourite books and stories. We hope that everyone will continue to complete their journals- we will be sharing them with another local school in the last week of term, to celebrate the wonderful work that has been completed.



## **CHRISTMAS PLAYS**

We know that everyone is looking forward to next week's Christmas performances, and a separate letter has gone home with details of the timings. We look forward to seeing you in school on December 10<sup>th</sup> for the matinee performance at 2pm, or the evening performance at 6pm.

**Please note, only two adults per child can be admitted for the evening performance.**

## **WANDERING KNITIVITY**

We have been delighted to take part in the Wandering Knitivity and we hosted the knitivity for two nights in our school. We shared the prayer and the Christmas story in assembly, and we delivered the knitivity to Joan on Thursday. She welcomed the children, and said how lovely it was to see them.



## **BERYL SIMON PROJECT**

Thank you so much to everyone who has entered so far.

We have extended the deadline to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, and hope that this will enable others to complete their entries.

The Beryl Simon Cup will be presented in the Nativity Assembly in St Andrew's Church on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **CHURCH SERVICE**

This week the Church Service at St. Andrew's is an all-age service, and everyone is welcome to attend the service at 9.30am. There will be activities for the children, and Heather and Alan look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

## **PLEASE NOTE...**

There will be no teacher-led clubs next week, due to so many things happening after school at this busy time of year. Mr Marshall's clubs will run as normal.

## **THANK YOU!**

We want to say a big Thank You to everyone who has helped and supported us in our work this term. We have so many amazing volunteers who help with reading, classroom activities, fund-raising- and even sewing. It makes such a difference to the experiences that we can offer the children and we appreciate the support so much.

## HOME ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done this week to Barnaby, for his Basketball award, and to Chloe for her achievements and progress in swimming. We enjoyed sharing their awards in assembly this week. We are also really proud of Katie's gymnastics awards...two of them! Chloe also received a gymnastics award, and we want to say 'Congratulations'- again!



Mrs Ettridge and Mr Jones



### Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Oscar Pawlowski – for his AMAZING writing this week. He has been using 'and' to make his sentences longer and remembering to use full stops
- Year 1 – Bethany Hales-MacDonald for her fabulous work in maths. Bethany was resilient like out school tortoise to find the missing answers in a number sentence using a number line – brilliant work!
- Year 2 - Barnaby Marsden-Findlay for being a resourceful monkey in guided reading. Barnaby has been using the information in the text to answer questions. Great work Barnaby!
- Year 3 – Josh Jones for making an amazing start to school life in Brigstock. Josh has worked really hard this week and already made some good friendships
- Year 4 – Martha Mumford for some great work in Maths this week. Martha was able to identify horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines in shapes and capital letters Jack Read for some great Geography work
- Year 5 – Olivia Eyre for her excellent addition and subtraction of fractions and for her positive attitude to maths
- Year 6 – Millie Connellan for her engagement in literacy and her excellent answers using the correct terminology and showing great understanding



## WILLOW CLASS

This week has been all about the Christmas Story. We have used the story of the birth of Jesus in our writing activities and we have been preparing for a wonderful Christmas performance next week.

We read the story of the birth of Jesus all together and talked about why we celebrate Christmas now. The children had the opportunity to share some of their family traditions and we talked about the importance of them. We then looked a bit more closely at the visitors to the stable and talked about why they were so interested – the children had lots of good ideas and shared why they would also want to visit the stable. We used the Nativity to write sentences... 'Look at Mary and Joseph.' Mrs Clark was working with some children on creating their own nativity scene and remembering all of the different characters in the story.

Mucky Monday was as mucky as ever! We used natural resources in the bug garden to help us with counting. The children had to find 1 of something, 2 of something, 3 of something etc. We then put these objects into a number line. They worked really hard and then had some free time, where most of them managed to find the muddiest parts of the garden! **Please send your child with spare clothes on a Monday (including underwear).**



## MAPLE CLASS

The Christmas play continues, and the children have been fabulous! Thank you grownups for the children's fantastic costumes – they look amazing!

In our writing, the children have been collecting ideas for their introduction for their own version of 'A Tiger Who came to Tea'. They thought about sentence openers, the 'who', the 'where' and the 'what'. They chose the sentences they liked best and put them together to create an introduction.

In maths, Year Two children have been reading scales in measurements of 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. They have found some of these tricky but have discussed their ideas and thoughts to work out the answers. They have also been revisiting numbers to 100 to answer problems.

Year One have continued their work with generating their own addition and subtraction sentences with numbers up to 15. The children have had to think about their numbers and how to write them, the order of the number sentence and find the answer!

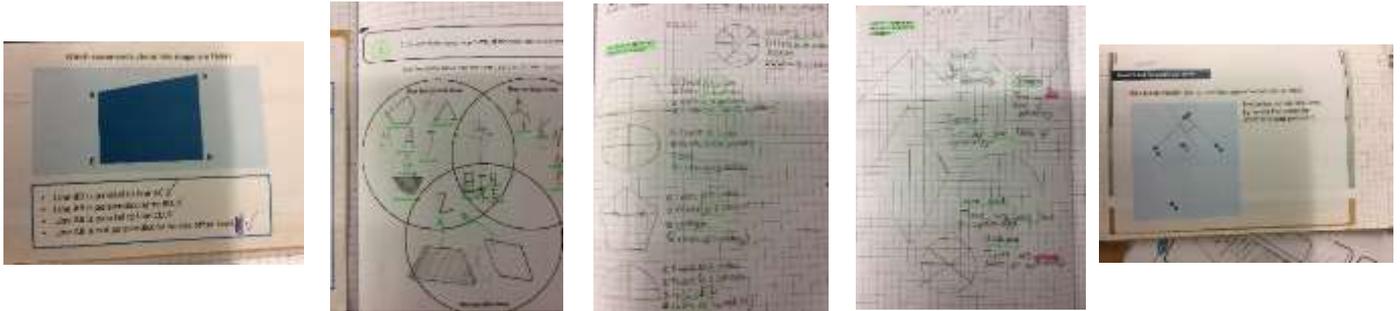
In ICT, the children have been adding algorithms to make the character move. They have to think about direction and amounts of steps and put the instructions in the right order for the character to follow.

## CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASS

This week, we have continued to practise our Christmas Play and I really do think you are in for a real treat next week. I know the children are really looking forward to performing for you and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday for the performances.

In Literacy this week, the children written their own traditional tales and, as I thought, they are making very interesting reading. We have also been practising our letter formation and in particular capital letters, especially making sure they are in the correct place in our writing.

This week in Maths, we started to look at 2D shapes. The children have been naming and describing 2D shapes by looking at the different properties the shapes have. Year 3 have been finding lines of symmetry and year 4 have been looking at horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines.



## OAK CLASS

We have enjoyed more sewing this week and have nearly finished our creations. Just a few more stitches and some more glitter and we will be there!

In literacy this week we have continued with our newspaper focus. We have altered the focus to a short clip about the Rocketeer and the children have relooked at the important of and the need for a succinct opening paragraph. We moved onto organise the events in to the structure needed for a newspaper. The children wrote a paragraph including the most important information and incorporated direct or indirect speech. This allowed for shift of formality in their writing and it was great to see lots of higher level punctuation.

We multiplied fractions by integers this week and the Year 6 children moved onto problem solving questions utilising the process we had been perfecting at the beginning of the week.

We completed our work on Oracle bones in history and also begun to practice our Nativity performance.

In Free Write today, we wrote our messages of kindness for our Advent calendars and stuck it altogether – they look great!

In ICT the children shared their Jane Goodall PowerPoint presentations. They have enjoyed this research project and have learnt a lot about Goodall's work with the chimpanzees.

We made a classification key for plants in Science, looking at the differences between mosses, ferns, conifers and flowering plants.

The children enjoyed learning the Spanish alphabet and spelling out their names.