



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter

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



‘In every walk with nature you receive far more than you seek’

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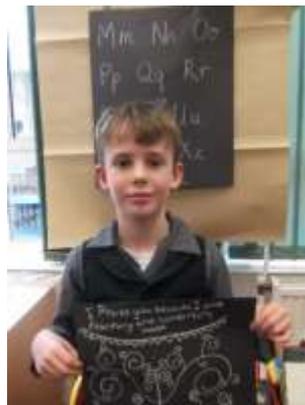
Attendance

Overall attendance in school last week was 92%. Well done to Cherry Blossom class who had the highest attendance at 94%

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been quite a week for our school, and we feel that we have been embracing the past in some very creative ways! Our years 1,2,3 and 4 children had an enjoyable and memorable trip to Rockingham Castle to start their units of work, and we were very proud that we were contacted by the Castle staff who spoke so highly of the engagement, interest and excellent behaviour of our children.

On Tuesday, the whole school joined together to mark the start of our new Day 10:10 unit, ‘Brigstock Through the Ages’. To celebrate the 400th anniversary of education in Brigstock we are learning about 400 years of Brigstock history, and we started by learning about how schooling has changed during that time. We want to thank all children (and staff!) for dressing up in each of the time periods. Everyone really enjoyed their schoolroom sessions and we all think that school has changed for the better! We are writing up our experiences which will be shared- and perhaps even published!



Our next Brigstock 400 Meeting is on Wednesday January 22nd at 2.30pm. You are welcome to join us!

MATHS CHALLENGE

This week, Miss Kirby took four children to take part in the regional Maths challenge in Peterborough.

The children tell us more...



“At the Explore Centre we had so much fun using our skills to answer the questions. The focus of the task was based on the area of a rectilinear shape. We had two challenges: the first one required 20 sticks and the second 14.

Task 1: to create one odd and one even area using the 20 sticks

Task 2: the second challenge was to find as many areas as we could using 14 rods.

We had an hour to complete these challenges and at the end had to talk through our findings and explain the systematic approach we had used to solve the problem and ensure all possible solutions were listed and explored.”

We do not yet know the results of the challenge, but Miss Kirby was very proud of the commitment and resourcefulness shown by all of the children.

KINGSWOOD GOLDEN TICKET

This week, two of our children won the ‘Kingswood Golden Ticket’ for their excellent behaviour at lunch-times. Romilly and Mia had a special cooking session, and also won a chef’s hat.

“I felt very excited and proud. I was a bit scared at the start as I didn’t know who would be there, but it was so much fun! We made beef burgers and they tasted really good. It was an unusual prize but I am so happy that I won it and it has made me want to do more cooking. I would really like to go again.” (Romilly)

“I had been before at Christmas, and it was lovely to go back. This time we made different food and it was really delicious. Now I want to do more cooking at home.” (Mia)



LOOKING FORWARD...

On Monday of next week it is, of course, Young Voices! Our children have been doing lots of rehearsing and are all very excited about practising and performing in the concert at Birmingham. A separate letter has gone out and we ask everyone to read this carefully. We aim to be back in school at approximately 10.30pm, although this is dependent on how quickly we can leave the arena, and on the traffic on the way home. We will communicate through our Twitter account which is accessible through our website, and we also ask parents to communicate with each other if they receive news of any changes to our arrival time.



MESSY CHURCH WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH, STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL IN THE HALL. WE HOPE THAT MANY OF YOU WILL JOIN HEATHER AND THE CHURCH COMMUNITY.

PFA NEWS

This week the PFA met and we celebrated the many things that have been achieved as a result of their commitment. There are some dates in the diary to share for events that are taking place this term:

CURRY NIGHT is on 8th February at 7pm with ticket prices at £10. This includes fabulous curries, rice, poppadums and condiments. Tickets are available from any member of the PFA.

VALENTINE DISCO on Tuesday, February 11th, 5.30pm-6.30pm. Tickets will be available soon, priced at £2.

EASTER ART ATTACK on Tuesday, March 31st at 3.30pm.

We hope that everyone will enjoy these events and help us to raise money for some new outdoor seating and picnic benches for the children.

Thank you to everyone for your support this week,

Sandy Ettridge, Wayne Jones and the staff of Brigstock School



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Euan Dickens for his attitude towards school. He is so positive about all the activities and very resilient when completing them. Great job Euan!
- Year 1 – Hunter Wilcox for being ready like our school bee and settling beautifully!
- Year 2 - Nolan Holstein for always being ready to start his learning like our school bee. Nolan has settled beautifully and his eagerness to learn is fabulous!
- Year 3 – Ella Casswell for her enthusiastic approach to our topic work based on the Normans. Ella produced a detailed written recount following the trip to Rockingham
- Year 4 – Louie Robertson for his amazing drawing of Rockingham Castle and for his excellent mathematical knowledge demonstrated during this week's Number Challenges
- Year 5 – Oscar Mumford - Well done for setting out the percentage work perfectly and ensuring all your answers included the unit of measure. Great dedication and focus
- Year 6 – Jamie Keyworth – Well done for your confidence and success with the percentage work this week. You used the percentage bubbles to help work out a combination of answers and your lay out was perfect



WILLOW CLASS

A busy start back to the Spring term. We have been spending lots of time outside this week even when it's been cold and wet (that's when we like it the most!) On Monday afternoon, for Mucky Monday, we went into the bug garden to do some maths. The children had to find objects that were shorter or longer than other objects. They are all starting to use the mathematical language in context and accurately. They then had some free time where they made the most of the rainfall over the weekend!

We have been doing lots of Science since we came back from the Christmas holiday. Last week we did a science investigation about our heart rates and thought carefully about what happens when we are stood still and when we start running around. This week, we used our senses for another investigation. The children were blindfolded and had to listen carefully to where they thought the sound of an instrument was coming from.



There are some beautiful masterpieces displayed in our classroom this week – the children have created their own dragons... some ice and some fire. They then wrote sentences about their dragons. They look fantastic!

MAPLE CLASS

My goodness, what a busy week! To start our week, the children visited Rockingham Castle as a WOW start for their topic, Dungeons and Dragons. They had a fabulous time learning about the castle and looking at how things used to work many years ago.

The children have written a recount of their visit to Rockingham Castle as an independent write. Year Two had to think about how to include lots of different conjunctions and order their recount correctly. Year One really worked hard to make sure they included their capital letters and full stops and that their sentences were in order and the past tense – phew!

In maths, Year Two have been continuing their work with number lines to add a 2 digit number to a 2 digit number. They have been crossing tens and exploring numbers beyond 100.

In Year One, the children have been learning about money. They have been finding out what each coin is and what they are worth.

In science, the children have continued the exploration of materials and looked at an object that could be made from more than one material such as a glass. We then discussed what materials are manmade and which are natural.



CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASS

We have had an excellent start to the new term and all the children in Cherry Blossom Class have worked so hard. We began our new topic 'The Normans' by learning all about Motte and Bailey Castles. The children were amazing at recalling so many new facts following our class discussion.

In our shared reading sessions, we read and analysed factual extracts based on the Normans and the Bayeux Tapestry. Our reading comprehension was based on castles and the children extended their knowledge during our trip to Rockingham Castle on Monday. This was a wonderful day and all the children produced detailed written recounts back in school.

In our Art/DT lesson last week, the children produced detailed observational drawings and watercolour paintings based on sections of the Bayeux Tapestry. These masterpieces are now on display in our classroom. This week the children had the opportunity to sketch during the visit to Rockingham, an activity enjoyed by all. Our class model of a Motte and Bailey castle is a work in progress and the children have enjoyed creating the different parts with a range of media including Modroc. All the children will have the opportunity to continue this creative work next week.

In Maths, the children worked on number challenges and they were really successful at solving problems involving addition, subtraction and multiplication. The children had the opportunity to explain their mathematical understanding during class feedback sessions.

In Science, the children began their topic on 'Living Things' by grouping and naming living things in the local and wider environment.

In PSHCE, the children wrote their New Year Resolutions describing their goals and how they are going to achieve them.

OAK CLASS

Last week we compared fractions, ordering them in descending and ascending order. We also identified fractions that lay half way between and moved on to problem solving activities. This week we have calculated percentages of numbers and used percentage bubbles to help gather a range of answers.

We completed pre-topic quizzes for Vikings and Rivers and revisited the questionnaire we completed on our wonderful visit to Rutland Water. We looked at Viking Runes and designed the clay piece of jewellery we intend to make in art.

In literacy we have started our new focus on non-chronological reports. We have looked at an example text and used this to help write an introduction to rivers as well as a paragraph about meanders and waterfalls. The children's success criteria included many elements including: using passive voice, relative clauses, fronted adverbials, parenthesis and 'de:de' sentences.

In Science we have carried out a reading comprehension based on the history of electricity. We worked hard to recognise and draw scientific symbols in circuit diagrams and tried to challenge ourselves by remembering as many symbols as we could.

In ICT the children re-capped on our E-Safety lesson from last week thinking particularly about how to report issues that have arisen.

In Free-Write we wrote an account of our 'School Days' that the children participated in on Tuesday. From what they have written, the children have learnt a lot from this day.

In Spanish the children did their vocabulary assessment that included everything they have learnt from last term.