



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter

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



'Forgive and you will be forgiven' Luke 6:37

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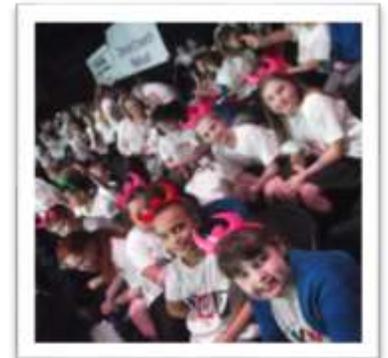


Attendance

Overall attendance in school last week was 85.7%. Well done to Maple class who had the highest attendance at 95.9%

Dear Parents and Carers,

The big event of the week has been Young Voices! We were very proud of our Key Stage 2 children, who performed so well in Birmingham. It is always such an exciting event to be a part of, and everyone really embraced the opportunity to perform in such a big choir. Well done to everyone involved...



"I liked how there were so many different schools but when we sang together we all sang as one big group. We sounded amazing together." (Sophie)

"I loved how much fun we had whilst singing. I loved all the songs, and I thought Tony Hadley was amazing." (Olivia)

Mrs Boyers also thoroughly enjoyed her first Young Voices experience, "It was even more amazing than I thought it would be. I keep waking up singing the songs!"

BRIGSTOCK 400 UP-DATE

We have been holding regular meetings to begin planning for the Brigstock School commemoration of 400 years of education in the village. We have now set the date for the 'Brigstock Through the Ages' fete, and we will be planning an event for the whole village to share on Saturday, June 13th. It will be another chance to dress up in a time period of your choice, from 1620 to the present day. On June 14th there will be a family service in the church, with another chance to dress up and share a service with our church and village communities. There will be a number of events throughout the Summer, and we look forward to sharing them with you.

We are trying to collect together as many memories as possible from anyone who has had a link with the school. If you know anyone who would like to contribute, we have attached a 'Memory Form' to the newsletter- or you can collect one from the school office. Thank you!

BUDDY BENCH

The cinema club raised an amazing £200, and we have spent the money on a Buddy Bench for the playground. The bench is engraved with 'A place to sit together, talk together, laugh together', and we hope that it will encourage everyone to look out for each other and to be friends with each other.



MESSY CHURCH

Next week it is messy church on Wednesday in the school hall at the end of the school day. Heather Lowe has sent home a leaflet with some details, and you are welcome to join her in the school hall from 3.30pm for a range of activities linked to the theme of Epiphany.

DON'T FORGET...

Curry Night on February 8th, 7pm in the Village Hall, tickets available from the PFA.

The Valentine Disco is on Tuesday, February 11th, 5.30-6.30pm, with tickets priced at £2.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Isabelle and Oscar for finding the most book characters in the Advent Window.

Sandy Ettridge, Wayne Jones and the staff of Brigstock School



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Blake Casswell for his fabulous work in writing. Blake is using his sounds to help him sound out words and he is remembering that a full stop comes at the end of a sentence!
- Year 1 – Gabriella Wade for being a resilient tortoise with her reading. Gabby is working hard with her sounds in phonics and using these in her reading and writing. Brilliant work Gabby!
- Year 2 - Willow Long for being a reflective owl. Willow is working hard with complicated number lines. She is thinking about what she needs to do and although tricky, keeps working hard. Amazing work Willow!
- Year 3 – Romilly Sharp for writing an excellent set of instructions based on how to make a model castle and for always producing work of a high quality
- Year 4 – Solomon Brownlee for his enthusiastic approach in all subject areas and for achieving 100% in weekly Spelling tests
- Year 5 – Oliver Combrink - Brilliant – well done for listening carefully to the feedback you were given about plotting co-ordinates and then implementing this perfectly into your next translations
- Year 6 – Lily Bailey – Excellent co-ordinate work in all for quadrants. Well laid out and accuracy in plotting and recording positive and negative positions on the grid. Well done



WILLOW CLASS

We have had a great week in Reception. The children have been busy learning how to take away in Maths and they have been writing about Chinese New Year in Literacy. The children were given a range of resources to help them subtract including numicon, cubes and 100 squares. We started to think about subtract being the opposite of adding.

The story of Chinese New Year was used for our writing this week... the year of the rat. The children thought carefully about using finger spaces and full stops at the end of their sentences. There was also lots of creative activities throughout the week. The children ordered the animals from the great race and used ordinal numbers to describe their position in the race. They made their own Chinese lanterns, following instructions, using the lucky colour red. The children found out which animal their Zodiac was... sheep or horses. Watercolours were used to write Chinese numbers and write the word 'school'.

MAPLE CLASS

The Year Two children had their work cut out this week as they had to write the recount of Rockingham Castle out neatly including the corrections and editing – easier than it sounds! Year One wrote lovely recounts and we looked at their writing now compared to the beginning of the year.

In maths, Year Two have been using number lines to subtract and what a fabulous job they have been doing! They have been working hard to remember all of the steps to help them find the answers to different subtraction number sentences.

In Year One, the children have been continuing their learning of money. They have been practising adding amounts using a number line.

In science, the children have been grouping and comparing materials to understand their uses and that an object can be made from different materials.

In topic, the children have been finding out why the Queen has two birthdays, who began this tradition and what the Trooping of the Colour' parade is all about!

CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASS

This week in Cherry Blossom Class we have been linking our learning across three subject areas, English, History and DT. The children worked in pairs, applying their historical knowledge, to add details to the class model of a Motte and Bailey Castle. This creative work was then used as a stimulus for our written work as the children produced detailed written instructions on how to make a model castle.

In Art, we have been developing our sketching and sewing skills. The children produced detailed drawings for their topic work based on the Normans and most children had the opportunity to learn a range of embroidery stitches in preparation for our class Bayeux Tapestry work. There will be more opportunities to work on this class project next week as the remaining children will have a turn to sew. We look forward to sharing this work with you once completed.

In Maths, the children have been completing Times Table challenges.

In Science, the children have begun work on 'States of Matter' involving discussing solids, liquids and gases.

In RE we have been continuing our study on Hinduism through our discussion work based on 'How do Hindus show their faith at home?'

At the beginning of the week the children performed so well at the Young Voices concert and to finish the week the children enjoyed learning and performing songs in class including, 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in Spanish.

OAK CLASS

This week we have looked at co-ordinates and the year 6's have identified vertices of shapes in all four quadrants. We then moved on to translation of shapes and discussed the importance of accurate drawing and the need for a sharp pencil!

In literacy we have begun our warm write on the 'Story of Lego'. The children generated their own success criteria and have already begun to address some of these elements.

The water cycle was our focus in geography and the children labelled a cycle which included the elements of a water treatment plant. They then wrote about the process ensuring they incorporated as much topic vocabulary as possible.

We have continued with our comprehension work and the children have thought about ensuring they use evidence from the text to justify their answers as well as ensuring a clear explanation about their understating of vocabulary in the text.

We have continued our focus on street dance. I have had a request for the Street dance master class web link so have included a couple if any of the children would like to practice their moves!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/physical-education-ks1-ks2-street-dance-master-class-on-house-dance/zmf47nb>

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In Science we watched a video on series and parallel circuits and discussed the advantages of each. The children created their own circuits using batteries, bulbs and wires and added different components to understand how the light bulb illuminated. They drew circuit diagrams of their finished products and labelled the voltage used.

In Free Write we read the story of 'The Chinese New Year Zodiac Race'. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating short stories for the Reception children.

In Spanish we revised parts of the body and sang 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.