



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S  
SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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



**'Let all you do be done in love'** (Corinthians)



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Issue 19



## **Attendance**

Overall attendance in school last week was 93%. Well done again to Cherry Blossom class who had the highest attendance at 95.4%

Dear Parents and Carers,

**As we reach the end of half-term, we are looking back at many weeks of hard work and effort from the children, and so many varied experiences both in and out of the classroom. We have celebrated our Maths, Reading and Writing Champions today, and we are extremely proud of their outstanding achievements this term.**

**MATHS:** Charlie, Holly, Katie, Joshua, Olivia, Charlie

**READING:** Sarah, Layla, Lillie-Mae, Riley B, Molly, Martha, Oliver C, Lily B

**WRITING:** Oliver, Sami, Ren, Romilly, Ethan C, Sophie, Hattie



## **Well done to all of our Champions!**

We want to thank all of our children for working so hard, and for embracing all the opportunities that our school offers. This week we are particularly proud of our Year 4 children, who have spent three days in Derbyshire. We also want to thank Miss Griggs and Miss Munro for making this such a memorable trip for our children.

We are also so grateful to Mrs Mumford and Mrs Sinclair for their support on the train journeys. It is a really great experience for our children to travel on the train, but we couldn't do this without this extra help. Thank you so much!



## THANK YOU!

It has been a week of amazing fund-raising- and we know that there has been a lot of fun had by all, too. The Curry Night raised an incredible £1600, and this week we also had a lovely Valentine's Disco for the children which raised £264.

We all want to thank the PFA for these fantastic fund-raising events. They take such a lot of effort to organise, but they have such a positive impact on our children's experiences in school.



## BRIGSTOCK 400

Work is well underway for the commemorations marking 400 years of education in Brigstock. Please remember to share the memory form with anyone you know who might have had an association with the school, and to share dates of the significant events in the Summer Term:

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June-** BRIGSTOCK THROUGH THE AGES FETE, everyone is invited to dress in clothing from any time period, 1620-2020

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June-** ALL AGES CHURCH SERVICE, 3pm in St Andrew's Church. Again, everyone is invited to dress up, and we hope this will be a community event enjoyed by everyone- with refreshments at the end.

***Don't forget to send in homework linked to the Day 10:10 'Brigstock Through the Ages' activities by Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. We are looking forward to publishing some of the best homework pieces.***

## LITTER PICK

This week, Liz Searle came in to talk to us about the Litter Pick that is taking place in March. There is a competition to design a poster for this event, and we hope that everyone will contribute to this. The posters must include the following details:



**When:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 10am until noon

**Where:** Meet at the village hall.

Free cake for taking part

**All posters must be completed by Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, and there will be prizes for the winners.**

## HOME ACHIEVEMENTS:

Well done to three amazing gymnasts this week, who shared their achievements at the recent gymnastics competition with us.

Congratulations Isabelle, Oscar and Alyssa.

Well done also to Nevaeh for her achievements in horse-riding. She shared a very impressive rosette in assembly today.



**DIARY DATES:**

24<sup>th</sup> February: Back to school after the holiday. There is a Brigstock 400 Meeting at 2.30pm in school.

**25<sup>th</sup> February: PANCAKE DAY! Everyone will need to bring in a small, named frying pan for the annual Pancake Racing. We are all looking forward to this already!**

**26<sup>th</sup> February- MESSY CHURCH, after school in the hall.**

2<sup>nd</sup> March: Year 5, 6 at the KIDLIT event, as part of the Oundle Festival of Literature.

3<sup>rd</sup> March: Year 3, 4 at KIDLIT

4<sup>th</sup> March: Year 1 and EYFS at KIDLIT

5<sup>th</sup> March: Year 2 at KIDLIT

**5<sup>th</sup> March is also World Book Day- Costumes at the ready!**

**PARENTS EVENINGS-** a separate letter will follow

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 4pm-7pm

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 4.30-6.30pm

**12<sup>th</sup> March is SCIENCE DAY**

**13<sup>th</sup> March- SPORT RELIEF. Events will be organised by our Sport Captains.**

**25<sup>th</sup> March-27<sup>th</sup> March: YEAR 5 AND 6 CHILDREN AT NORFOLK LAKES**

**31<sup>st</sup> March- EASTER ART ATTACK**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Easter Events in School include Easter Gardens and an Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Easter Assembly in Church, 2.30pm**

**Term ends at 3.30pm on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**The school has a Teacher Training Day on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday, and we look forward to seeing you on 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

Sandy Ettridge, Wayne Jones and the staff of Brigstock School



## WILLOW CLASS

We have had such a busy and creative week in Willow Class.! In Maths, we have been doubling numbers and recording number sentences- everyone is getting so clever! We have also done lots of writing this week, linked to the 'That's not my Dragon' book. We think our own versions are even better! The wonderful dragon pictures that we have created have also been our inspiration for clay models of dragons, and this week everyone was very excited to paint their dragon- either a fiery dragon in HOT colours, or an ICY dragon in cold colours. The models look really wonderful and we are all very proud of them.



We have finished our week by thinking about the importance of kindness, and we have made Valentine Cards with kind messages inside.

It has been a lovely week to end this half term and we hope that everyone has a really happy half-term holiday.



## MAPLE CLASS

We finished our writing unit this week and concluded it with a letter with stamp to Saint George! The children did a wonderful job with these letters and writing them up so neatly!

This week has mostly been all about assessment. The children have completed reading, maths and grammar quizzes to show what they know and what they have learned.

In science, our focus was a Year Two learning objective to find out what different materials an object could be made from. They also had to discuss and explain which material for an object would be best, dependent on what that object was being used for, e.g. a rubber spoon would be best for a baby.

The children have worked terrifically hard this term. I hope you all have a wonderful restful break and I look forward to seeing the children after half term. Happy Valentine's Day!

## **CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASS**

We have all been working hard in Cherry Blossom class. We began the week by reading factual information about the Bayeux Tapestry and we linked this knowledge to our written work by producing Fact Files.

In Art and DT, we applied a range of sketching and shading techniques to our drawings of castles and more groups had the opportunity to apply their embroidery skills by sewing sections on our class Bayeux Tapestry.

As this week was 'Internet Safety Week' we continued to discuss the importance of staying safe when using the internet.

In English we worked on correctly punctuating direct speech and in shared reading we continued to look closely at new vocabulary and meaning. We added more new vocabulary to our Vocabulary wall and we discussed the meanings of these new words and put them into a context.

In Science, we identified the needs of animals, including humans, for the right types and amount of nutrition. We also discussed the fact that our nutrition comes from a varied diet.

We had our second Day 10:10 session and the children enjoyed working again in groups on a wide range of activities based on Brigstock through the Ages.

In Spanish this week we continued counting all the way up to 100 and started to learn the vocabulary for members of the family.

## **OAK CLASS**

The children edited their warm writes this week and used peer support to help identify and make improvement to all aspects of their work. We will continue with our recount work after half term.

In maths, Year 5 looked at reading train timetables and year 6 continued to draw 2D shapes using rulers and protractors. Within our geography lesson we used and developed our skills of data handling to draw a bar graph to represent the lengths of different rivers across the world.

We continued with Street Dance, focusing on Bhangra and Street fusion and after half term will move on to choreographing our own dances using the different styles we have learnt.

In Science we completed end of unit assessments on our topic of Electricity.

We celebrated Saint Valentine's Day in our Free Write session by learning about the origins of the day and discussing what Valentine's Day means to us today.

In ICT we learnt about sequencing and how to make an algorithm using code. We looked at how to make a cup of tea with very clear instructions.

We learnt how to talk about different family members in Spanish.