



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter

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



'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid...' (Isaiah)

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Attendance

Overall attendance in school last week was 96%. Well done again to Cherry Blossom class who had the highest attendance at 98.5%

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been so much going on in school this week with a number of significant events in school that have been really enjoyable for the children. We had an excellent Day 10:10 session, with activities that are really helping to develop the children's understanding of how life has changed in our community since 1620. We will have some lovely work to share, and we hope to publish some of our work as part of the 'Brigstock 400' Commemorations.

We also had a special day to focus on Science, as part of British Science Week. All classes spent Thursday learning about a specific area of Science, and we all enjoyed being Scientists for the day.

"I loved all the Science learning. It was fun to find out and be a scientist for the day".

"I loved the Science walk outside. We collected lots of signs of Spring."



Thank you to everyone for supporting this day, and for helping your children to dress as 'Mad Scientists'! We will be doing more follow-up in class next week, and we hope the day has had a really positive impact on the children's learning and Science knowledge.

SPORT RELIEF

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. The children had lots of fun planning activities, and at the same time raised money for this important charity. Thank you to the School Council and to our Sport Captains, Isaac and Eliza, for organising a range of sporting events. As Ms Ovenden has been absent, some of the planned events will continue into next week.



BRIGSTOCK 400

There is a lot of work going on 'behind the scenes', and we are all working hard on a range of activities and events. We are hoping to share our work in a range of ways, including a publication and various events for the school and village. Our Day 10:10 activities all link to the 400 commemorations, and staff and children are working so hard and so creatively.

LITTER PICK

DON'T FORGET THAT TOMORROW IS THE BRIGSTOCK LITTER-PICK!

Everyone is welcome to meet at the Village Hall at 10am, all equipment supplied, and refreshments provided.

Many of our children entered the poster competition, and we are delighted that Liz Searle came to present prizes to everyone who entered and certificates and an extra award to the three winning entries:

1st- Juno

2nd- Emi

3rd- Evie



HOME AWARDS

Well done this week to Chloe for achieving her Gymnastics Award 4. She has shown so much commitment, and it is lovely to share her achievement with the school.



CORONAVIRUS UP-DATE

Advice on the Coronavirus changes daily, and we continue to follow advice from Public Health England. We ask that all parents ensure that children have washed their hands thoroughly before coming to school, and that we all confirm the importance of good hand-washing and hygiene practices. We also ask that parents keep us fully informed of any health concerns relating to the virus.

The following information and advice is offered to schools and academies in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak, and we have written a full risk assessment for the school that takes into account all this advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

It is anticipated that Public Health England will issue additional information as may be necessary so we will continue to refer to their website, and to keep you informed as necessary. We have also attached the summary of guidance, and hope this is useful, practical advice for everyone.

PFA

Next week we have a PFA meeting at 7.30pm at the Green Dragon on Thursday, 19th March. Everyone is welcome to attend and share the many exciting projects that are planned for the rest of this term.

MESSY CHURCH

There will be no Messy Church on Wednesday 25th March. Heather will update everyone soon about future dates, and looks forward to seeing everyone soon.

Sandy Ettridge, Wayne Jones and the staff of Brigstock School



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Joshua Cloono for his amazing writing this week. Sounding out every word carefully, using finger spaces and remembering those full stops! Great job.
- Year 1 – Helen Nasturas for working hard with her writing, and using her sounds really well in her independent writing. Helen also re-told the story really confidently. Great work Helen!
- Year 2 - Renwick MacPhee for always being ready to start his learning like our school bee. Ren has also worked really hard in all aspects of Literacy with some excellent reading and writing. Well done Ren!
- Year 3 – Joshua Jones for working methodically and scientifically during Science day
- Year 4 – Martha Mumford for working methodically and scientifically during Science day
- Year 5 – Jack Robertson for his clear working out and systematic approach in completing perimeter and area work this week. Well done for using algebra to help find out the missing lengths of shapes
- Year 6 – Seth Ager for his amazing piece of poetry about a raging storm. Well done for using effective adjectives, figurative language and powerful verbs



WILLOW CLASS

Zog's eggs hatched! We were so excited when we came into school on Monday to see the eggs had started to crack and we could see inside. We could see that they were baby dragons... And, the children are allowed to take them home for adventures!! Thank you to everyone for taking the time to complete our dragon books, we look forward to sharing them in a few weeks time.

Once we knew what had hatched from Zog's eggs, we had to tell Zog. This week, the children have written letters back to Zog to let him know what hatched from the eggs, how we feel about it and what we are going to do with the baby dragons. The letters were beautifully written, really focussing on using many great describing words.

Our Maths activities focussed on number recognition this week, the children have been working hard to recognise number 0-12 and count objects to match each number. We did many fun outdoor activities to keep us active during Sport Relief week too...

MAPLE CLASS

This week, the children have worked so hard in their Maths and Year 2 have been developing an understanding of Time. Year 1 have been developing an improved understanding of number facts, and have been looking for related addition and subtraction facts.

Everyone has continued to do well with their phonics and spellings, and we are seeing a big improvement in the application of learnt phonics within their independent writing. Year 2s have had a big focus on Reading Comprehension work this week, and we are so pleased with their improved inference skills. Year 1 children have enjoyed sequencing stories and acting them out- Mrs Hunter has been very impressed with their acting skills!

Mrs Boyers has also enjoyed teaching RE this week, and the children have used the story of Jesus calming the storm to write their own responses. She has been very impressed with their hard work.

We all enjoyed the Science Day, and we had a particular focus on learning about living things and their off-spring. We also enjoyed history sessions linking to the Brigstock 400 Commemorations, and have worked very creatively in all of our activities.

Well done to everyone for working so hard this week!



CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASS

It has been another busy week in Cherry Blossom class with Day 10:10, Science Day and Sport Relief activities.

Last week the children really enjoyed listening to the 'Superhero' descriptions at the Oundle Festival of Literature and this week they created their own Superhero characters as part of our creative writing. Each child designed their own superhero and described the appearance and super powers.

In English we continued our work on Homophones and near Homophones and these different spelling patterns.

We have been learning two poems for the Oundle festival, 'At the zoo' and 'Grim and Gloomy'. All the children have enjoyed added the actions and using intonation during our class performances.

In Maths, we completed times tables challenges. In Year 3, the children worked on recognising fractions and counting in tenths. Year 4 continued recognising unit and non-unit fractions.

In Spanish, the children continued working on pets by describing animals using colour.

The children all enjoyed the Science day activities including experimenting on rocks to test permeability, durability, denseness and hardness. Following these experiments the children were able to categorise rocks into igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. The children also discussed fossils, how they are formed and the living things that once lived and were trapped within the rocks.

All the children took part in our Day 10:10 activities working on many different tasks linked to 'Brigstock through the ages'.

OAK CLASS

In maths we have continued our work on area and perimeter, including rectilinear shapes. The children also carried out two investigations:

Investigation 1

In 1940 the Spitfire was one of the RAF's most important fighters and played a key role in stopping the Nazis from invading Britain.

Task

It is wartime so recycling is even more important than normal. The children were given six rectangles drawings of perspex which needed to be reshaped. They had to match the area of the rectangle to the area of a section of the Spitfire's canopy. This required them to work out the area of rectangles, parallelograms and triangles.



Investigation 2



The de Havilland Comet was the first jet airliner in the world and it was made in Britain at the Hatfield Aerodrome in Hertfordshire.

Task

The departure board has malfunctioned! Several departure and expected times are missing. The children had to use the flight times on the map to work out the missing times on the departure board. They used number lines to support them with these calculations.

In literacy we use 'The Storm on the Island' by Seamus Heaney as a stimulus for writing. The children created poetry that included adjectives, figurative language and powerful verbs. They wrote in the style of Seamus Heaney by using the second person and present tense.

The children worked really hard on Science Day learning all about the circulatory and digestive system. We began to look at healthy living and the effect of diet, exercise and drugs on our body.

In Science this week Year 5 discussed why it is not a good idea to look directly at the sun and demonstrated planetary motion. Year 6 focused on sources of light, drew diagrams to show that light travels in a straight line and made periscopes to see over walls, around corners and behind themselves.

In Free Write we looked at inventions and created our own sport or game as it is Sports Relief this week. Some of the children focused on inventing their own planet in keeping with our Science topic.

We wrote sentences about our family and pets in Spanish.