



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S  
SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Learn, Care, Thrive.

## Welcome from the Headteacher

I hope that you have read the letter sent out by Steve Hone, the Chair of Governors that following a change of circumstance Ms Manssen has decided to leave at the end of October.

It is my honour to step in as Interim Headteacher from November 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of the Autumn term. I have already spent time at the school, getting to know the staff and pupils and I look forward to leading the school until Mrs Reynolds takes over in January on a permanent basis.

I will be on the playground most mornings so please do come over and say hello! I will also have two 'Meet and Greet' sessions with biscuits and hot drinks. If you have any questions about the school, then please do come. The sessions will be at the following times;

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9:00am-9:35am in the hall and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 15:30pm-16:05pm in Beech class.

I will also be available to speak to via telephone on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 16:00pm-17:00pm on both days.

Please email the office with your preferred time and day; with the telephone number you would like me to call you on.

### Halloween

Thank you so much to the PFA for organising all of the exciting Halloween activities that have taken place this week. The disco was a huge success raising over £300! I was also impressed with the pumpkins that entered the competition. They were amazing! Thank you so much for supporting your children with their creations.

### Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the children and the staff for all of the hard work and commitment that continues to be put into the school over the half term.

The school is going through a lot of change and I know that it can be unsettling for all. However, the children continue to show resilience- as do the staff and that is appreciated.

I do hope you and your families enjoy the half term break and I look forward to seeing the children again on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

## Attendance this week

Willow – 82.9%

Maple – 87.9%

Cherry blossom – 92.3%

Oak – 96.9%

Overall – 90.9%

## Coming up...



**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** –  
School Re-opens after half-term break.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents  
Evening

## Home Achievements

Ella has been awarded with 'Player of the Month' at Hotshots basketball club. Ella received this award for her listening skills, working as part of a team and for showing good sportsmanship throughout the sessions. Well done Ella!



Lucie has received 'Player of the Match' in her football club. She showed resilience and determination throughout the game and was praised by her peers for working as a good team player. Great work, Lucie!

## Brigstock Champions

We want to say well done to all of our children for working so hard to improve their Maths, Writing and Reading. We are very pleased to share the names of those children who have stood out for their class teachers to earn their 'Champion' status. Congratulations to all of these children:

EYFS Reading Champion - Archie  
EYFS Writing Champion- Harry  
EYFS Maths Champion- Jessica

Year 1 Reading Champion- Poppy  
Year 1 Writing Champion- Oliver  
Year 1 Maths Champion- Adam

Year 2 Reading Champion- Charlie  
Year 2 Writing Champion- Genevieve  
Year 2 Maths Champion- Lily

Year 3 Reading Champion- Hunter  
Year 3 Writing Champion- Jack  
Year 3 Maths Champion- Zachary

Year 4 Reading Champion- Ren  
Year 4 Writing Champion- Chloe  
Year 4 Maths Champion- Alyssa

Year 5 Reading Champion- Emily  
Year 5 Writing Champion- Autumn  
Year 5 Maths Champion- Jonah

Year 6 Reading Champion- Lucie  
Year 6 Writing Champion- Martha  
Year 6 Maths Champion- Louie

Well done to everyone who has worked so hard in school this week- it has been good to see so many credits and house points awarded.

### HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK:

Rockingham	Deene	Lyveden	Fermyn
116	158	136	120

Well done to Deene– our winning house this week!

### L M Academy Sports Clubs

Please find attached details of sports club sessions for before and after school during the Autumn term. Please book sessions directly with LM Academy: <https://lmacademy.org.uk/school-clubs-camps/>

## RESULTS OF THE BRIGSTOCK PRIMARY WELLBEING QUESTIONNAIRE

I Like School	
no	10.87%
sometimes	43.48%
yes	45.65%

I Like My Teacher	
no	2.17%
sometimes	13.04%
yes	84.78%

I know how I am expected to behave in school	
no	2.17%
sometimes	10.87%
yes	86.96%

I learn a lot in lessons	
no	4.35%
sometimes	21.74%
yes	73.91%

I can join in all the activities	
no	6.52%
sometimes	21.74%
yes	71.74%

I enjoy break & lunchtime	
no	2.17%
Sometimes	16.30%
Yes	81.52%

I feel happy at school	
no	13.04%
sometimes	26.09%
yes	60.87%

I feel safe at school	
no	4.35%
sometimes	16.30%
yes	79.35%

Adults listen to me if I need help	
no	3.26%
sometimes	14.13%
yes	82.61%

I have someone to play with at school	
no	5.43%
sometimes	20.65%
yes	73.91%

Thank you to all of you who completed the questionnaire.

### Halloween pumpkin winners

1<sup>st</sup> Leo - Year 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Arabella – Year 2

3<sup>rd</sup> Archie - Reception





## Willow class



We made it to the last week of term – it has flown by! This week has been all amount comparing amounts, sizes and lengths. We used the story of Goldilocks and the 3 bears to help us think about big and small. The children had their own picnic with Mrs Clark and had to think about which sized plate/spoon/mug would be best for each bear.



We went for a conker walk on Monday, around the village. We managed to find the last few conkers that had fallen from the trees and we discussed what the conkers looked like and felt like – they were very different to their shells that we thought were spikey and sharp! On our way back to school, we bumped into an Eagle called Sophia. The children were amazed by this incredible animal and could not believe how big her wings were.





## Maple class



We have had some wonderful stories to help in our understanding and application of words and their meaning through the themes from 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson to the creative adventures of 'Magic Boomerang' by Mark Greenwood and Frané Lessac to the biography of one of today's inspirational and proactive women - Mary Anning in 'A girl called Mary' by GD Waters.

We have studied the different types of beaches and activities surrounding the coastlines of the UK and Australia and have discussed the human and physical features of both countries.

In English Year One have been exploring the order of letters within the alphabet in preparation for our (illustrated) dictionary skills. We have placed ourselves in alphabetical order and written lists in the same way. It's so much fun to use our new skills.

Year Two have been stretching sentences, thinking of the composition and content (the who, what, where, when and why) for future sentence work. We continue to develop our independence and taking responsibility for the presentation and editing of our work. This week in Maple class we have been consolidating the knowledge and understanding of information learned so far. We have been retelling stories of the 'Dream Time' and recalling other cultural elements of the Aboriginal people.

In Maths Year 1 have continued work on number bonds, finding different ways of making 10 in a systematic way using conkers, pebbles, beads, counters and anything else to hand!

Year 2 have been adding tens and ones (crossing 10) practically using a sequence of steps to calculate the answers and record the number sentences. We continue to search for patterns and similarities within the number system.

In Science we have been categorising foods and identifying what animals eat according to their natural habitat, how they give and receive energy, the reason they have a variety of features, labelling them and so much more.

We've had a super start to the year and wish you all a lovely, well deserved half term next week.



## Cherry blossom class



This week in Cherry Blossom, the children have been completing math, reading, spelling and grammar quizzes. They had fantastic focus and really worked hard to do their best. Brilliant work, Cherry Blossom!

In English, the children found out about Julius Caesar and his attempts to take over Britannia! And Year Three have finished editing their instructional writing.

In maths, Year Three are now practising adding and subtracting crossing 10s and Year Four are practising adding 4 digit and 4 digit numbers.

The children enjoyed Day 10:10 with Miss Munro this week using digital recording to show 'I am enough', and the children have had a workshop about E-Safety. And in science, we began our learning to discover what friction is. This produced some wonderful questions from the children! Have a wonderful half term Cherry Blossom!



## Oak class



In Literacy this week the children have been working incredibly hard to edit and complete their non-chronological reports. The children have been including all of their new writing techniques they have learnt this term and displaying their warm write as a double page spread. Great job.

We have continued to explore multiplication using grid method. The children have been working hard to partition both numbers in the calculation to break down the calculation further. The children have continued to use counters and white boards to help them when using the grid method to multiply.

In science this week the children have been exploring the impact diet and exercise has on our bodies. To do this, we have conducted an investigation into our food energy temperature and compared it to the average room temperature. The children had to consider a number of different variables in order to conduct their investigation.

This week, we have started our new day 10:10 unit, 'I am enough'. My group worked incredibly hard to form sentences in the style of Grace Byers all about why they are enough. We then filmed ourselves as a contribution to the 'Brigstock is enough movie'.