

BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S  
SCHOOL

# Newsletter

*Learn, Care, Thrive.*

## Welcome from the Headteacher

Thank you to all of the parents who signed up to meet with class teachers and have a virtual Parents Evening. I know that there were technical issues (very sorry!) and parents have spoken to class teachers over the telephone to catch up. Your patience and engagement is appreciated.

Yesterday, I had the privilege of walking the school down to the War Memorial in the village to commemorate the fallen soldiers from previous wars and we also observed a minute's silence at 11:00am. It was lovely to see so many people from the community join us at that time. Over the past week, the children have been thinking and discussing what 'Peace' means to them in relation to the school's Christian ethos and the time for remembrance on Armistice Day.

Next week, I will be sending a whole school letter out regarding attendance. It is important that wherever possible, appointments are made outside of school hours and holidays are booked during non-term time.

I look forward to seeing all of the children dressed in their pyjamas next Friday for Children In Need (and perhaps some of the adults too?!) a voluntary contribution of £1 should be given to the class teacher by the children upon arrival in school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Morton

## Attendance this week

Willow – 92.1%

Maple – 98.6%

Cherry blossom – 95.9%

Oak – 91.1%

Overall – 94.8%

## Coming up...



**18<sup>th</sup> November –**

PFA AGM – 5.30pm in school hall

**19<sup>th</sup> November –**

Children in Need – dress up in your PJ's for a donation of £1!

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Would you like to become a Parent Governor?

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic parent to join our team of school governors.

Please find details of how to apply in the attached letter.

## Annual General Meeting for the PFA

The AGM for the PFA takes place in the school hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm, all welcome drinks and refreshments provided.

We would like to encourage more parents to join our committee to help organise events and raise funds for our school projects, trips and resources.

Please come along and join us.

## Star of the week

It has been a real challenge for teachers to choose this week's Stars because everyone has been working so hard but these pupils have just managed to show that extra little sparkle.

### Reception – Ronnie

For his AMAZING chalk drawing of his Monster Truck. Ronnie took so much care and added lots of detail to his picture. It really is fantastic!

### Year 1 – Liam

For being like our resourceful monkey in maths. You find things to use like blocks and cars which will help you work out problems. Well done Liam for working so hard!

### Year 2 – Frank

For setting a valuable example to younger children by always showing that you are ready to learn. You are a kind and thoughtful class mate, as well as a very hard worker!

### Year 3 – Jack

For being a ready bee! Jack is always ready to begin his learning and always ready to help his friend with theirs! He listens carefully and shows what he has learned. Brilliant work, Jack!

### Year 4 – Nell

For being a reflective owl! Nell has been incredibly focussed with her maths learning to use the manipulatives and 'draw' her number sentences when exchanging. This helped her to work more accurately. Wonderful work, Nell!

### Year 5 – Charlotte

For settling in to our Brigstock family so well and for already showing our school values of readiness and resilience in everything you do! Well done!

### Year 6 – Ethan

For some great contributions to our reading sessions this week. You are always backing up your answers with thoughtful evidence from the text. Great Job!

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
127	116	176	112

Well done to Lyvedon– our winning house this week!

### Children in Need

We are having a PJ day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November for Children in Need!

Children can come dressed in their PJ's for a donation of £1.





## Willow class



This week we have been thinking about our own personal treasure and what makes it special to us. The children brought their favourite toys into school to share and drew their own picture using chalk. They look incredible and we are so proud of the children and what they have achieved.



We also marked Remembrance Day. The children made their own poppy, we decorated a poppy field and we paid our respects down at the War Memorial in the village. We talked about what Peace means and why it is important to remember the World Wars.





## Maple class



This week we have been learning of the heroic acts of people during World War One and Two. We have been reading a verse from 'Lest We Forget' by Robert Laurence Binyon and beginning to understand what each phrase refers to. We have been listening to each other's family histories passed down the generations. True stories of our own heroes who have inspired us with their bravery and selflessness.

In English we have been learning of the world famous 'Nutcracker Suite' Story by E. T. A. Hoffmann adapted for the Ballet by the famous Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky. Year One have been discussing the characters and the part they played in the story.

In Year Two we have been using our story map to help in retelling the story in our own words and independently writing our ideas in sentences. We continue to look at new vocabulary and extend our sentences using capital letters and full stops, conjunctions, nouns, verbs and adjectives.



In **Maths** Year One's have been working hard to.

Our Year Two children have also been working through the White Rose Maths lessons and are currently reinforcing knowledge of number bonds to 20 and 100. We are also learning how to create a number line, include numbers accurately along the line and solve number problems using these.

In **Design Technology** we have been using materials to make moving characters from the Nutcracker Suite. We continue to practise our cutting skills and realise that reinforcing our materials onto cardboard provides strength and versatility.

In **Science** we have been identifying the properties of materials and their uses in everyday life. We have been learning specific vocabulary in Year Two being transparent, translucent and opaque, flexible, durable and absorbent.

Please make sure your child brings their learning logs into school each day next week in order for us to add information specific to their groups learning and I will include some useful links and context to our learning in school. Thank you once again for all the support you provide to the school and the time invested in your child's education at home. It is much appreciated.

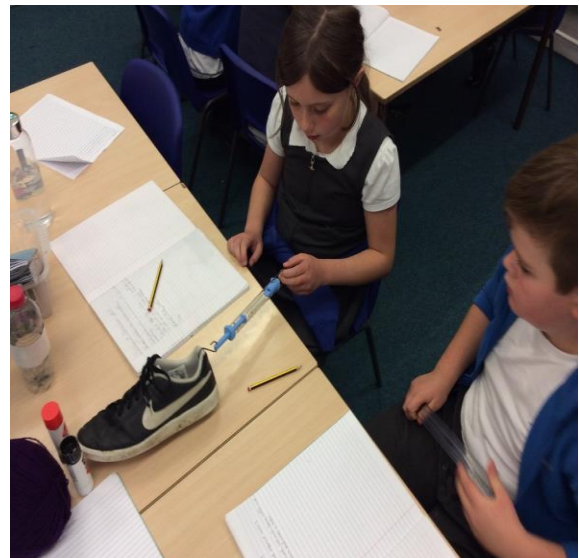
## Cherry blossom class

This week, the children have delved a bit deeper and found out exactly what went wrong and why Boudicca wants to fight – it was not very pleasant! The children have been discovering what a newspaper article looks like when put back together, and discussing how they can better use co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions to their writing alongside adverbs to describe how, when and where.

‘Exchanging’ is still our maths word at the moment! This has been a tricky skill for our Year Threes as they begin to subtract with an exchange. They have to ‘draw’ the calculation to show their understanding and they have been working super hard at it! Year Fours focus is much more problem solving for subtracting and some children have been moving on to 2 step problems.

In science, the children carried out their ‘friction’ investigation using force meters to measure in newtons. They have found this concept a little tricky so we are going to revisit it again next week with more practical activities to develop their understanding.

Using atlases and Google Maps, the children reminded me what ‘human’ and ‘physical’ features are. They worked in pairs to begin to find the different features of Italy marking these accurately on their maps and creating a key.





## Oak class



In Literacy this week the children have continued with our unit on journalistic writing. The children have worked hard on different sentence types to include in their lead paragraph. We have discussed the difference between facts and opinions to ensure we know what to include when.

The children have enjoyed another week of our daily reading sessions, focusing on different skills each day. This week the children have been developing their understanding of how and why the author has used particular vocabulary to enhance meaning.

In Maths this week we have continued focusing on multiplication using the formal method. The children have focused on multiplying 2 digits by 2 digits, 3 digits and 4 digits!

In our DT session this week we discussed our cooking project. The children were very excited to research all of the ingredients that need to be included in a Stir fry. We also spoke about the idea of seasonality- the children enjoyed researching the different vegetables and the best time of year to grow them!