



BRIGSTOCK LATHAM'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear All,

We have had another busy week in school with Christmas activities! Cherry Blossom class performed their Christmas play to pupils and staff on Thursday afternoon and it was fantastic! Well done to them all and Ms Ovenden and Mr Kidd with supporting them with their performance.

The children in Willow class are looking forward to their first Nativity performance and we are very excited to see them next week. They have also been working very hard and have begun to start writing in exercise books for the first time! We are all so impressed with their writing.

This week, children in Year 5 and 6 completed assessments and Miss Munro and I are absolutely delighted with the progress that the children have made. They should be very proud of themselves.

This week, the Year 2 children completed their Phonics Checks (which were postponed whilst they were in Year 1 due to the Covid-19 pandemic). Every single child put in so much effort and made incredible progress this term. It was an absolute pleasure handing out Headteacher award stickers to them! We will send out the results to parents at the end of term.

I hope you all had an opportunity to see the school's Advent window. The theme is 'I Am Enough' and is based around this term's Day 10:10 theme of the same name. I would like to thank Miss Griggs, Miss Munro and Mrs Cloono for coordinating the window and ensuring that the children's work was able to be shared with the local community. The Advent window will be up for the duration of the festive season so if you haven't already seen it, you still have time!

Attendance this week

Willow – 87.9%

Maple – 96.9%

Cherry blossom – 98.6%

Oak – 94.4%

Overall – 95.4%

Polite Reminder

Year 3 & 4 Residential 2nd Deposit is due by 15th December please.

Year 5 & 6 Residential 2nd deposit is due by 15th December please.

Please pay via your Parentpay account.

Many thanks to all who have already paid.

Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) – Winter 2021

The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) is a Government funded initiative to help support families and children over three school holiday periods – Easter, Summer and Winter. Funded places are provided at local activity camps. These activity camps are run by external organisations and the idea behind the HAF programme is to provide activities and camps to engage children and to provide them with a meal. The criteria for a funded place is that a child is in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals.

Our School code is:- **Name of school: Brigstock Code: LMTZ8mJ021**

You can book activities using the code on the www.holidayactivities.org website, where opportunities are listed. Depending on what activity camp you choose, you will be directed to a booking site where you will need to complete the information as fully as possible.

If you require any further information please email haf@northamptonshiresport.org

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 – Jessica

For working so hard during our sounds lesson. Jessica enjoys learning new sounds and then works hard to use them in the rest of her learning. Amazing!

Year 1 – Leo

For being a resilient tortoise and working carefully through your work in the right order. This has really helped you make a fabulous book retelling the Christmas Story. Well done!

Year 2 - Poppy

For always trying your best and working so well with others. This week you have listened carefully to the Christmas Story and made your own detailed story book. Well done!

Year 3 – Lucy-Rose

For being a reflective owl! Lucy-Rose has been working super hard to keep good focus during her learning activities and reflect on what she has discussed about her learning with her friends and adults! Amazing work, Lucy!

Year 4 – Willow

For being a resilient tortoise! Willow is listening carefully to instructions for learning tasks and not giving up when it goes a little wrong. Wonderful work, Willow!

Year 5 – Riley

For a fantastic and focused week of learning. You have been contributing in lessons and working hard to complete all tasks set. Well done Riley!

Year 6 – Leon

For a really focused week of learning and being a ready bee. Well done for working hard in all of your lessons and responding to feedback.

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
104	83	63	60

Well done to Rockingham – our winning house this week!



Willow class



We had lots of fun in the bug garden this week for Mucky Monday. We talked about the change in weather and that it meant the bug garden was going to be very mucky. Luckily, the children had wellies and waterproofs to protect them from the rain and mud – this did not stop them from getting it just about everywhere though!

We have been linking the seasons to the months of the year and trying to learn the order of the months with a song. We have been helping the children to remember which month their birthday is in, too.



This week, we started practising our Nativity play with Years 5 and 6. The children have been so brave saying their lines and joining in with the songs. We cannot wait for parents to come and watch us. **Each child can have 2 adults in the church on Thursday 16th December.** We are looking forward to sharing it with you!



Maple class



In Maths this week Year One have been exploring 3D shape and looking at their properties, grouping and sorting shapes and using new terminology to describe the differences. They are enjoying their work, how made different 3D shapes can they find at home?

In Year Two we continue to develop understanding of addition and subtraction to 100. We have been using arrays to help us with the multiplication calculations, using concrete objects to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and learning about the Multiplication table. We continue to calculate addition and subtraction problems using the Column method and to carry the tens over by 'exchanging'. We are becoming more confident in finding 10 more or less than a given number to 100 and follow simple steps to work through word problems.

In English we have been thinking about how fortunate we are and writing a gratitude list. We are most thankful for our life, food, home and heating. We are grateful that we feel safe and are surrounded by friends and family who love us. We have been writing sentences independently and thinking about really good questions to ask Father Christmas. Using the correct punctuation is important, therefore we have been reviewing the impact that different sentences have in both our reading and our writing.

In Science, we continue to learn about the changing state of materials, and the impact elements such as extreme temperatures have on metal, plastic, rock, wood, fabric and glass. We have been discussing aerodynamics, lubrication and adjustments to objects made from these materials in order for them to be most useful for us to use. Fair testing of materials is essential in any experiment and so we have been looking at how materials are tested for successful waterproofing, strength, durability, and effectiveness.

Homework has a focus on Maths and English with the joint skills of neat handwriting and presentation. Should you wish to have more paper that was sent home with the Kinetic Letter formation explanations, please just ask, we will do our best to give the children whatever they need to continue their learning at home.

Mrs Boyers, Mrs Cloono and Miss Reilly wish to congratulate everyone in the class for the effort they have made since starting Year 1 and 2. Your children are so happy and motivated in their learning, keen to improve and developing understanding. Thank you all for the wonderful support you're giving to your children. They couldn't get this far without you.



Cherry blossom class



This week has been all about the Christmas play – and what a fabulous job the children did! I will upload the play onto DBprimary as soon as possible...

Reading and maths quizzes this week! The children have had a focus on arithmetic and the results shows in their quizzes – well done children! Our focus from now and into next term is two step questions.

This week in science, the children finished their investigations for: 'Can a ruler make different sounds?' They found the ruler could make different sounds and that a long length of ruler overhanging the table caused the vibrations to be less causing no sound at all!



Oak class



In Literacy this week the children have written the final copy of their news report about the Chernobyl disaster. The children worked hard to use the success criteria to identify what they needed to include and check their work. The children have been enjoying our reading sessions this week where we have focused on our prediction skills, thinking about what might happen next in the Nowhere Emporium.

In Maths this week we have really explored common multiples and the children have applied their understanding to reasoning and problem solving activities. The children have also completed lots of papers and have done incredibly well- well done year 5 and 6!

In science this week we continued to explore the human digestive system and the children had lots of fun making a model of the system and labelling the functions of different organs.