



## Bradleys Both Community Primary school

Friday 14th January 2022



Dear Children, Parents and Staff,

### **New Year's Resolution Targets**

In assembly this week we introduced the children to the idea of trying new things as part of a New Year's resolution. We all know that changes and new things can sometimes be uncomfortable to take on board but they can also broaden our experiences and opportunities. New hobbies, experiences, reading books by new authors, trying new foods, meeting new friends can all be so positive in developing us all.

The Class 1 and Class 2 children and I are going to try different food types at lunchtime and be prepared to try salad items, vegetables and fruit as part of their school lunches. We are also working on helping the children to hold their knives and forks correctly and cut their food up independently. Any further support you can provide at home will be gratefully received. Children, don't forget to hold your cutlery just like you would hold the handlebars of your bike or scooter, it makes it so much easier!

### **Monitoring of teaching and learning**

We welcomed our School Education Adviser, Heather Russell to school on Tuesday to work with me to monitor progress with the introduction of our new systematic synthetic phonics teaching programme and the alignment of our new reading scheme in EYFS and Key Stage 1. We observed good teaching and learning during our class visits. We were both really pleased to see the development of reading fluency, particularly in class 5 where the children were sharing a biography of William Shakespeare and demonstrated a command of vocabulary.

### **Ofsted Inspection Report**

Copies of our recent inspection report were sent home earlier this week. An online link to this report will be found on our school website as soon as Ofsted publish the report on their website.

### **Dolce News**

Prior to Christmas, Dolce recruited Leanne, our new school cook and Nikola, our new kitchen assistant. It has been great to welcome the two staff to our school and work alongside them over lunchtimes. In addition, a new Area Manager has been appointed and has made regular visits to our school.

Dolce have written to school this week to inform us that the cost of meals will increase from £2.35 to £2.45 from 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022. This price increase is due to the increased costs of inflation and the National Living Wage. Changes will take effect from the date on Schoolgrid.

### **Sickness Procedure**

Our absence line is open 24 hours a day. If your child is poorly, please can you leave a message explaining your child's absence by 9am each morning.

When an absence is related to children either having Covid 19 symptoms or receiving a positive LFD or PCR result, please can you inform the school office of the reason for absence and then the outcome in preparation for them returning to school. We have a separate attendance code for children absent due to covid related absence.

We require everyone in our school community to follow guidance to protect not only themselves but everyone else too. Please follow guidance in the event you or your child develop symptoms or become unwell. The new guidance identifies procedures for anyone testing positive or displaying symptoms.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Planned changes to guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

I wish you all a happy and safe weekend.

Kind regards  
Mr Rogers

This week's assembly music has been music written by Johann Sebastian Bach who was a German composer who wrote music for strings and organ. Why not have a listen to Toccata in D Minor by JS Bach, if you want to listen to a dramatic and exciting piece of music?

### BELL CLASS

It's been a busy full week back, but we have made it to the weekend! In maths this week we have continued to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and identified number patterns on a 100 square, as well as looking at 1 more / 1 less and 10 more 10 less than any given number. Have a go on IXL at these activities to consolidate your knowledge. In English, we have loved creating our own version of the poem 'Ten things found in a wizard's pocket'. We have looked at the properties of different materials in our science and sorted a variety of materials into hoops labelled bendy, smooth, shiny... We began a new geography topic learning all about the seas and oceans of the world. This week we focussed on the seas around the UK. In our P.E lesson, we learnt a dance from Ireland. We had to keep our upper bodies really straight.

**Pupil of the week - Harry for his brilliant writing in our poetry topic. We are very proud of you!**

**Resilience - Ethan G for consistently trying his best and being very helpful. Keep it up!**

### FRANKLIN CLASS

We've got to the end of our first full week back, and it's been a busy one. We read the story of The Rainbow Fish in English and started by describing the main character. We then thought about the story and how it's about sharing and being a good friend. Yesterday and today we planned and wrote our own stories about friendship. In Maths we have learned about multiplication. We have used pictures and arrays to help us find answers and we understand how repeated addition and multiplication are linked. We stuck with the underwater theme from our story in English and linked it to DT. Last week we wove our own placemats and this week we embellished them to make them look like underwater scenes. In Science we went on a materials hunt around school and identified lots of different materials.

If you have time over the weekend you could explore the multiplication activities on IXL. You could even go on your own material hunt!

**Pupil of the week: Harry for good concentration on his story.**

**Resilience Award: Jake for always being determined, no matter what.**

### EDISON CLASS

It's been a lovely week in class three this week, the children have worked hard and challenged themselves to produce work they should be really proud of. Some of the things we have been up to include:

- Writing a recount about our Christmas holidays.
- Developing our knowledge of multiplication by multiplying 2 digits by 1 digit.
- Learning leaps, jumps and rolls in gymnastics.
- Exploring work by the French artist Claude Monet enabling us to create our own artwork.
- Tinkering and experimenting using the program Scratch to code objects.
- Using maps and atlases to locate various European countries, cities and seas with a focus on France.
- Investigating what a force is, what forces do and who discovered forces.
- Listening to Peter and the wolf and finding out about the Russian Sergei Prokofiev.

**Pupil of the week - Alfie, for excellent progress in maths.**

**Resilience Award - Asha, working extremely hard in English and taking her time to improve her work.**

### NEWTON CLASS

We have all worked hard this week, we are now back into school routines and enjoying our learning. In maths we have been revising strategies to calculate with the four operations then applied them to solving word problems. We also used the inverse operation to find missing numbers. Our recall of times tables is progressing well along with the speed.

In English we have been enjoying poetry and learning about its structure, we needed to use our imagination and choose vocabulary carefully. This week we focused on alliteration and writing our own alliterative phrases to create: first of all, a class poem, then our own individual poems. They were very successful.

In science we have continued with our study of space, we investigated and compared sunrise, sunset and daylight hours over the year. This helped us to understand how the Earth orbits the sun and its tilt creates seasons. It was interesting to observe how dark the mornings and evenings are at the moment. We also watched a clip and learnt about the James Webb space telescope.

In art we have enjoyed creating winter pictures using charcoal and chalks.

**Pupil of the week: Charlotte for sharing her favourite poem with confidence.**

**Resilience Award: Barira for solving long and detailed maths calculations.**

### **DARWIN CLASS**

First full week back, and we are well and truly back into the swing of school life in Class 5! We have been focusing on multiplying fractions by fractions, dividing fractions by integers, and finding fractions of an amount in our maths work throughout the week. We have also been revising place value from Autumn 1. In English, we are learning about biographical writing; children have been looking at the features expected in a biography and finding these within a text. Next week, children will be researching a famous person in order to then plan and write their own biographies. Our new topic, with a geography focus, is 'The UK: Mountains, Lakes and Coasts'. This half term, we will be learning all about mountains and lakes (worldwide but with a specific focus on the UK), which we have already begun. It has been really super to see how much interest and excitement children have for our new topic! Science-wise, we have begun learning all about the circulatory system in the human body - lots of interesting questions have been raised, and there are some knowledgeable individuals in the class too! In ICT children have started to look at computer coding using the language of 'python'. So, a busy, old week in Class 5, but a very enjoyable one!

**Pupil of the Week: Alice for always doing her best, being positive, and just getting on with tasks!**

**Resilience Award: Oliver for showing determination to complete work and not be defeated by anything throughout the week!**