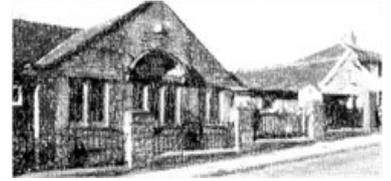




Bradleys Both Community Primary school

Friday 17th September 2021



Dear Children, Parents and Staff,

We started this week thinking about complimenting each other in and around school. It has been good to see how the children have been thinking about this in their approach to the week.

Our new Early Years Reception children have completed their first full week with us and have done incredibly well. It has been great to see them arriving at school in the morning so confidently.

Brads Before and After School Club

Our before and after school club sessions are filling up quickly this term. Please do make sure you book in advance to avoid disappointment. We are limited to a maximum number of children for each session.

Please can parents and visitors not drive their vehicles into the staff car park either at the start of the day or at the end of the day. We are keen to follow safeguarding procedures and this area is a pedestrian area where children and families will be entering and exiting between 7.30am and 6.00pm. Thank you in advance for your understanding with this.

Leaving school at the end of the day

Please can we ask that you always inform school in writing if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the day or in the event you give permission for your KS2 child to leave school independently. This is still important even if you have arranged for another child's parent to take your child home. Thank you.

University of Bradley

We started our exciting University of Bradley reward afternoon today with the children mixing between Key Stage groups to start their half term module activity. This term the EY Reception & Key Stage 1 children have chosen from:

Woodland Warriors, Multi-Skills Sport, Gardening, Puppet Making and Simple Sewing

The Key Stage 2 children have chosen from:

Clever Cooking, Accessorize Gifts, Creative Mindfulness, Team Ball Sport and Natural Art & Photography.

The children will complete one curriculum enhancement activity this half term and a second one after the half term break. University of Bradley is used to enhance the children learning experiences and encourages everyone in our school to get to know one another, support each other and work together. We hope everyone enjoyed their first week and an opportunity to learn with children from other classes.

Music Lessons

We welcomed our new NYCC Guitar teacher and Drum teacher to school this week. Do please request further information if your child would like to consider learning to play a musical instrument. There is a whole range of instruments on offer and we can help guide you for a particular age group.

Next week the Key Stage 2 classes will be receiving a visit from the Lempen Puppet Theatre on Friday morning to watch a short performance.

I wish everyone a lovely weekend and will look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards

Barry

BELL CLASS

Hello and welcome to everyone! We hope that you have had a lovely summer break.

In our class these last couple of weeks, we have been making lots of new friends and settling into routines. We have made the most of the good weather and have spent lots of time outside on our large play equipment. In our English work this week, we have focussed on looking at sentences and identifying the capital letter at the beginning and the full stop at the end of different simple sentences. Reception children have impressed us with recognising and writing their own name. All children have enjoyed investigating rhyme and creating rhyming strings. In maths, we have been learning to recognise numbers within 10 and 20 and counting out numbers of objects accurately. This has been tricky for us because we keep counting the same object twice or missing some out so, we are learning to put the objects in a line to help us count accurately. In art, we have used primary colours to mix secondary colours using our hands - it was a fun, messy activity! On Wednesday, we got changed for our first P.E lesson and we did really well at getting ourselves dressed. It must be all that practise at home! In our science lesson this week, we were looking at ourselves and our different body parts. Today with Mrs Daniell, we have been investigating 2D shapes in maths and we have had our first Bradley University session.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we will see you all on Monday!

Pupil of the week- Robert for making a super start to year 1 and working hard. Well done!

Resilience Award - Delphine for trying really, really hard to write her own name. Good girl!

****Please could you send your child in with a photograph of your family for an English lesson on Monday? Please write your child's name on the reverse and we will get them back to you****

FRANKLIN CLASS

Welcome back everyone - we have all done well at settling into our new routines, and for some of us, getting used to a new class. In English this week we have been learning about adjectives. We have used them to describe ourselves, each other and a setting. Year 2 children have also been learning about the other word types, (nouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs) and we will continue our learning on this next week. In Maths we have been looking at place value and partitioning numbers. Today we used our knowledge of partitioning numbers to help us add two numbers together. In Science we asked the question 'what is under our skin?' The Year 1 children learned about our skeleton and made a large one together and then a smaller version of their own. Year 2 children learned about some of our internal organs - the thing we found most interesting was that our small intestine is longer than the classroom, almost 7 meters, if it was laid along the ground! Yesterday in art we learned about portraits, and had a go at creating our own self-portraits. We used lines to help us draw our face in proportion and then used pastels to colour in our art work. We had great fun this afternoon in our new University groups and we're looking forward to next week already.

If you have time over the weekend, visit ixl and explore the activities 'Place Values' Year 2; 'Numbers and counting beyond 20' Year 1; 'Adjectives' Year 2; 'Parts of speech M6,7,8'.

Pupil of the week: Albie for working hard and trying his best all week.

Resilience Award: Alice for not giving up when writing in Science.

EDISON CLASS

What a brilliant week we have had, everyone has settled in really well (including me!) and I'm really impressed with all the work the children have produced. All of class 3 have been able to show me what it takes to be a member of Bradley's Both School by showing: excellent manners, caring support for each other and a super attitude for learning. Class 3 have often been praised around the school for playing nicely at playtime and sitting politely in the dinner hall, this makes me super proud to be Class Three's Teacher. In class we have been very busy; in science we have conducted an exciting experiment to see how plants transport water, we managed to turn celery blue! We have started to learn about Ancient Egypt by sharing lots of facts such as how Egyptians remove the brain (please don't try at home!) and the purpose for those big triangle shaped structures. In computing we have been learning about 'Fake news', children were shown a video that convinced them that spaghetti grows on trees but later found out this was a hoax and not true! In Maths we have been learning place value of numbers up to 1000 and practicing some of our timetables, children have really impressed me their inquisitive questions. In English we have learnt a poem 'World Class at Word Class' and put some brilliant actions to it. We have moved onto learning what it takes to write a perfect set of instructions children have been amazing at identifying 'bossy' verbs!

Spellings have been spent out today; children will be supported with these throughout the week for a small spelling check on Friday. Help at home with spellings would be really appreciated and will be reflected in their results.

Timetables will also be checked on a Friday, next week we will be looking at the 2s and 10s. TimesTable Rockstar logins should be in reading records if you would like to practice at home.

Pupil of the Week: Levi for being a brilliant and supportive friend for the whole of Class Three particularly at playtime. It's lovely to have pupils like Levi.

Resilience Award: Austin for settling in perfectly to his new school environment, all the staff can agree that it is a pleasure to have you at Bradley's Both.

NEWTON CLASS

We have all settled in well and are back into a good routine. There have been a few different routines for children new to our class. Reading: all children read weekly in groups to an adult, we enjoy plays and lengthier fiction books.

Roald Dahl	Poetry book	First News	Michael Morpurgo
First News	Historical book	Funny book	Information book
Non - Fiction	Adventure book	Poetry book	Teacher recommended
Poetry	Comic	Book from the library	A book with cartoon characters

All children follow the Bingo Reading Challenge; they choose 4 squares in a row, when they have read a book they write a short book review. This is monitored by adults in class, when they have read 4 books they receive a certificate.

Children should read every evening and write the amount of time they have read in their homework diaries; parents can write a comment or just sign it. Children can read independently or with an adult, they can bring a book home from school or choose a book from home.

This week we have been working on improving the recall of times tables, sorting in a Venn diagram and investigating prime numbers. We have also learnt the value of digits in large numbers.

Pupil of the week: Chloe for settling in well and being friendly.

Resilience Award: Alfie W. for being confident reading aloud to the class

DARWIN CLASS

Well, I cannot believe we have been back in school for two weeks - time flies! Class 5 have made a fantastic start to the new school year - what a lovely lot! We have welcomed two new members to our class, and both girls have settled in quickly: it feels like they were always part of our class family. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the class, and I am looking forward to teaching them all for the rest of the year. We have begun learning about our history topic - WW2 - and have been considering the reasons as to why the war started in the first place. On Tuesday, the class enjoyed making classification keys with liquorice allsorts (as part of our science unit); I was very impressed with their self-restraint as it was quite tempting to just eat the sweets! Our current maths focus is place value: revisiting numbers to 10,000; 100,000; 1 million and then ten million. Next week, we will be ordering and comparing numbers. In English we are looking at character descriptions, with a particular focus on subordinate clauses and expanded noun phrases, and we will be writing our own next week.

Homework: this week it has been spellings and daily reading. In Class 5, children are expected to read daily at home, for at least 30 minutes. They record this in their homework diaries and then an adult needs to sign it off. Each week, I will ask the children to complete units on IXL to reinforce the learning focus in class. I will also ask the children to use ttrockstars to continue to hone their times tables knowledge. The children will be reminded of their logins and passwords next week, and then set learning accordingly. There may also be times when I ask the children to do some learning at home related to history/geography/science.

Pupil of the Week: Samuel for demonstrating an outstanding attitude towards learning and giving everything 100% effort!

Resilience Award: Grace for not giving up despite finding something tricky!