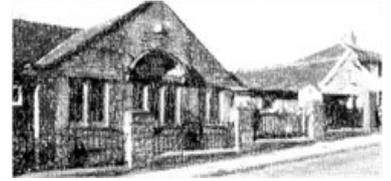




Bradleys Both Community Primary school

Friday 22nd October 2021



Dear Children, Parents and Staff,

It has been lovely to return to school and see everyone again following a brief time away with my family. Thank you to those children, parents and staff who have sent messages or shared their best wishes. Your kindness has been much appreciated. Baby Henry and Alice are both doing incredibly well and I am grateful to Alison Hitchen and the staff team for holding the fort and allowing me to take some precious time with them - thank you.

Pupil Leadership Team Election

Our Pupil Leadership Head Girl and Head Boy election was held this week. We had 12 Year 6 candidates stand for election and each of the children wrote their own manifesto to present to the rest of the school. The red ballot box visited each class to enable everyone in school to cast their vote. After counting the votes (and recounting them to double check) I am pleased to inform you that our Pupil Leaders will be Florence and Finn. Congratulations to all the candidates and a special well done to Florence and Finn who received the largest number of votes. I will look forward to meeting with you both after the half term break.

Harvest Collection

Thank you for your Harvest donations. These were collected on Wednesday by the Skipton Food Bank and will be distributed to families in need.

School Website

Our school website www.bradleysbothcpschool.org.uk has had a number of updates and is a source of information. Please see the 'Meet the Team' and 'Governor' pages to find out who is who in our school. Mrs Becky Stapleton (has a child in Class 2) has recently taken over the Chair of Governors role, while Mr John Midgley has become Vice-Chair of Governors. Our school term dates, curriculum overview, newsletters and school policies are all accessible and easy to find. Links to our new Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme, Little Wandle can also be found on the website. We will always use our website to announce any changes to school routines or in the event of any disruption or closures to school.

Safeguarding Information for Parents

The safeguarding of children is paramount to everyone at our school. With this in mind we have created a leaflet to share important information for parents and families. This has been sent home with your child today. We hope you find the information useful. If you ever have any safeguarding concerns, Mrs Alison Hitchen is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and I deputise in her absence. Our school follows the guidance within a document entitled 'Keeping Children safe in Education' which is statutory guidance produced by the Government for all schools.

Covid 19 reminder

Currently you will be aware of the increase in Covid 19 infection rates and cases. I understand that Harrogate this week has the highest numbers of cases in the country and infection rates have definitely increased in the local area. This is a real concern for many members of our school community, especially those most vulnerable. Please take care over the half term week and continue to support our school protective measures when returning to school. We continue to request that:

- everyone follows our one-way system entering the school site through the driveway gates and exiting by the top playground gate and front entrance
- follow public health advice should your child or any member of your family display symptoms
- as adults, use the lateral flow device tests to keep updated and informed
- do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid 19 or obviously under the weather and feeling unwell.
- seek a PCR test for your child if they are displaying any of the symptoms
consult medical professionals if you require further advice

Returning to school after Half term

Monday 1st November is designated as a staff training day where the team will be working on Curriculum development, Phonics and Reading training and developing approaches to practical Science learning. The children return to school on **TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER**.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy half term week.
See you on Tuesday 2nd November!

Kind regards

Barry

Bark and chippings wanted

The friends of Bradley school would like to kindly request if anyone could donate some bark chippings for us to put down in our Wildlife Area. Please contact a member of Friends or the school office if you can supply any. Thank you.

Friends AGM

The Friends of Bradley School are holding their AGM meeting on Thursday 4th November at 6.15 pm in the school hall. Please see letter from Friends for more information. Please drop Friends an email at friendsofbradley@gmail.com to let us know you are attending or to enquire about any of the committee roles. We look forward to hearing from you.

Fundraise for School With Your Christmas Shopping

If you are starting your Christmas Shopping it's really easy to get free donations for school whilst you shop online. Bradleys Both CP School is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bradleysboth>

BELL CLASS

In our final week of this half term, we have continued to be very busy in our work. In maths, we have consolidated addition from last week and moved on to subtraction of smaller numbers from 20. Some of us have worked practically and some of us have counted back on a number line. We have finished writing our stories of The Little Red Hen and also followed instructions to make our own bread rolls, just like The Red Hen. They were delicious! In our science lessons, we learnt about grouping different animals and found out that we are mammals. We were able to identify features common to each group. To finish off our printing topic in art, we experimented with fruit and vegetable printing. This was linked to our work on repeated patterns with Mrs Daniell. Today in our maths, we have explored length using non-standard units and enjoyed our last session of university.

Year 1 children have word cards and sound flashcards to learn over the half term holiday please.

Have a super half term everyone.

Pupil of the week - Ethan P for his enthusiastic contributions during class discussions

Resilience Award - Aiden for showing perseverance when working out subtraction sums

FRANKLIN CLASS

We've reached the end of the week, and end of term! In English this week we have enjoyed writing acrostic poems about Autumn. We used each letter in the word to start a descriptive sentence about Autumn. Some of us went on to write our own acrostic poems about different things too. Our focus has continued to be on shape this week but we have looked at 3D shapes. We named some 3D shapes and identified their properties before going on a shape hunt to identify them in our environment. Today we have used Carroll and Venn diagrams to sort 3D shapes using their properties. In Science this week we have learned about the ways in which we can help look after our bodies - having a good night's sleep and eating a balanced diet are just a couple of ways we can help ourselves. We had a very funny afternoon yesterday in art, using 4 pictures of our face to create a portrait in the style of Andy Warhol's Pop Art. We really enjoyed using the brightly coloured oil pastels to colour over parts of our face.

If you have time over the holidays, have a look at the 2D and 3D shape sections in IXL. To practise your English skills, Year 1 have a look at the activities within the Grammar and mechanics section of English on IXL and Year 2 have a go at the Sentences section within your Grammar and mechanics section.

The reading books have now been collected in so we can put them away and get ready to start with our new books after the holidays.

Pupil of the week: Alice for a great detailed description of the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk.

Resilience Award: Henry for great determination sorting 3D shapes on a Venn diagram.

EDISON CLASS

Happy half term!

This week, all the children have shown great determination and resilience to keep working hard right to the end. We have managed to write an excellent Egypt themed story that has incorporated many of the writing skills that we have been learning in English. We hope to type these stories up and print them out so you can read them at home. We have been challenged in Maths this week; our focus has been on using different methods to find the sum of two digit numbers and three digit numbers. As a result, we have developed a good understanding of which methods to use for different problems. On Tuesday, we listened to a range of Music and thought about how this made us feel. We then transformed this into artwork; Mr Rogers was so impressed with our artwork and asked if we could display it in the hall! In PE we were all super inspired after watching a clip of an Olympic handball game. We could see some of the skills that we had been practicing over the term. In an effort to replicate an Olympic handball team, we played our own matches and demonstrated some excellent skills.

After working extremely hard all half term, I can safely say all the children in class three deserve this break. I hope you enjoy the week spending time, creating memories with your children and I look forward to hearing all about their week off when we return.

Pupil of the week Lyndon for amazing Maths work.

Resilience award Minnie for working extra hard and always doing the right thing.

NEWTON CLASS

We have now reached the half term break and the children are looking tired, it has been a hard working half term. Our history project is progressing well, this week we have learnt about the vicious Viking raid on Lindisfarne, the monks living there and the wealth of the monasteries. We also learnt about evidence and how it may be biased depending on who recorded it. We learnt about the Anglo Saxon Chronicles and the writings of the monks. Interestingly some children had visited Holy Island and described it to us. We then used the chrome books to write our own reports.

In maths we have been using our addition and subtraction skills to solve money problems. We had a Halloween Joke Shop and solved word problems, we had to decide on the best strategy to use especially when subtracting. The children have not been handling or calculating with money during lockdowns so were a bit rusty. We revised coins and how to write amounts, remembering 2 digits in the pence section. We learnt that a calculator does not always give 2 digits after the decimal point.

As part of our Viking project we learnt how to weave on a board, for many it was a challenge to follow the pattern of under and over and do the opposite to the previous row. We used earthy coloured rustic wool which looks very authentic. We imagined we were Vikings sitting around, chatting and weaving. Everyone is excited about our visit to York!

Pupil of the week: Percy for enthusiastically aiming for full marks in spelling and mental maths.

Resilience Award: Lottie for persevering with the weaving pattern.

DARWIN CLASS

Well, that's half a term gone already! Despite many of the children flagging a bit this week, we have had a very productive and fruitful week. Over this last half term, we have been focusing on narrative writing, and this week we finished with a grand finale - a short story. I literally can't tell you how hard each and every child worked on their story! Amazing! Am actually really excited to read them properly and mark them. It was so lovely to see each child taking so much care and pride in their work. We spent all morning yesterday completing them. A peaceful very classroom. We have also been grafting hard in maths: moving from short to long division, and converting between fraction, decimal and regular remainders. Long division is always a bit of a challenge to teach and to learn! Our sports coach - Jonny - gave the class some great feedback yesterday, commenting on how much they have all improved and gained confidence with their football skills throughout this half term. Likewise, there has been considerable progress for many in hockey. Alongside sport, we have been creating our Graham Sutherland inspired masterpieces! They will look really super in the hall on display - looking forward to getting them up... In science we have been learning all about microorganisms and particularly bacteria: many children were quite horrified to discover what lurks around on our skin and around us in the environment! However, they certainly enjoyed making the bacteria out of playdough afterwards!

I have given the children IXL, and TTrackstar homework, reading and spelling as usual for over half term. The history homework (about Anne Frank), which was due in today, has been extended until after the holiday as I wanted them to keep their books for spelling practice.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and hopefully many of you are off work - enjoy. See you after the break.

Pupil of the Week: Sylvie for continuous hard work, diligence and investigating the rules of division to teach us all a trick or two!

Resilience Award: Jasmine for outstanding effort in all areas, particularly maths, and a determination to strive!