



FRIDAY NEWS



Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Children, Parents and Staff,

Ofsted Interim Visit

I received a telephone call on Monday, informing me that our school would be part of an Ofsted Interim Visit on Tuesday. This visit was held virtually and involved me meeting with two HMI inspectors for the day to review our school. It felt like a positive opportunity to reflect on our school progress in reopening school this September. The inspectors will write to us as a school in due course and this letter will then be shared with our school community.

Friends benches

As I am sure you have all seen we have taken delivery of some lovely colourful picnic benches and park benches for the playground this week. The children have been keen to have somewhere to sit and chat or do some activities at their break times and have been excited to see the new benches. A huge thank you to the Friends of Bradleys Both for funding this purchase. They have really brightened up the playground. I would like to say a special thank you to Jenna and Huw for their help and DIY skills in putting the picnic benches together. Interestingly, the benches are all made from recycled plastic bottles and so will not require treating as wooden benches would. Apparently, one bench uses the equivalent of over 2000 plastic bottles!



Christmas cards in school

We know that some of our children like to write Christmas cards to their friends and bring them into school. We will be setting up an internal class post box in school and ask that anyone bringing Christmas cards post them in their class post box. These will be collected together, quarantined in school, and then delivered to children in the last week of school. We will ask the children not to open these until they get home. There will be one delivery to each class at the end of term. We are still very mindful of Covid and ask that cards are not handed out at other times. Thank you.

Friends Christmas Raffle

Thank you to those of you who have already purchased your Christmas raffle tickets. The Friends have organised for these to be bought through Schoolscomms. There will be a number of prizes for lucky ticket holders when the raffle is drawn on Thursday 10th December.

Dolce Snowman Competition

Thank you and well done to everyone who entered Dolce's snowman card design competition. The entries have been viewed and congratulations go to **Summer** in Class 2 and **Jessica** in Class 5 whose designs have been shortlisted to enter the interschool Dolce competition. Fingers crossed everyone that one of our entries wins this year!!

I wish everyone a lovely weekend. Keep safe!
Barry

SHHHHHHHH! IT'S THE SECRET'S ROOM!

The 'Secrets Room' is a wonderful, much-loved, child-only room where the children can come and choose a gift for an adult relative or two, wrap them, and write a gift tag in complete SECRET!! They take it home, ready for Christmas day, and this encourages experiencing some of the joys of giving as well as receiving. This will take place during the week beginning 7th December. This year, in order to run the event in a Covid safe way, Friends have sourced a selection of new small gifts for the children to choose from and the Secrets Room will be manned by the school staff team. **All we ask is that you make a donation on SchoolsComms of £1 or £2 per child (gifts are £1 each, maximum 2 per child) by Friday 4th December**, although no children will miss out.

FRIENDS OF BRADLEY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas raffle tickets now on sale via SchoolComms (school payment system). Tickets are £1 each. The money raised by Friends from the raffle is going towards Christmas activities in school - including a virtual pantomime, a virtual elf visit, wreath making and Christmas party treats. Please support our Christmas fundraising by purchasing some raffle tickets. Once paid for on SchoolComms tickets will be sent home via your child. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10th Dec with winning tickets published in Friday News on Friday 11th Dec. If friends and other family members would like to purchase raffle tickets, then please use your own SchoolComms account to purchase additional tickets on their behalf.

Many thanks to the fabulous local prize donors who include: Rendezvous Hotel, Thornton Hall Farm, Bags of Lavender, Peter Braime, Rachel Scarr, Lydia Holdsworth, Lydney & James Ramsden, Emma Buckmaster, Hill's Bakery, Lexibon Bowtique, Raven Tree Top Adventures, Tesco and Morrisons supermarkets. Please see the raffle flyer in Friday Flyers for more details.

FRIENDS OF BRADLEY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS POST

The village Christmas post service starts on Fri 27th Nov 10am until Mon 14th Dec 3pm. Stamps are 15p and available from Bradley Village Shop. Please see Friday Flyers poster for further information.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Since the children may not be able to pass their Christmas letters to Santa in person this year, Santa has agreed to pick up any Christmas letters sent to him via the Christmas post boxes instead. Bradleys Both children (and younger siblings) may post their letters to Santa from Fri 27th Nov 10am. **Last posting date is 9.30am on Monday 7th December.** Stamps only 15p. Make sure the child's name and class is clearly marked if they would like to receive a reply. Please see Friday Flyers for further information.

NEW TO YOU

In our bid to try and reuse and recycle here at Bradley's Both, Friends are offering to take any old uniform (Jumpers and Cardigans).

If you have any logo jumpers or cardigans that your child has outgrown and are unsure of what to do with them, we would love to take them and give them a new home.

Donations can be left at Springfield (grey door opposite school).

If you would like to purchase any jumpers/cardigans let me know these are priced at £2 each.

If I can exchange smaller ones for a bigger size I will try but my stock levels are low at the moment.

Just drop me a text and I can see what I can do. Thanks Emma 07841 519811

FRIENDS FUNDRAISING

Bradleys Both CP School is now 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>

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Joining in with the school lottery is a great way to support the fundraising for the Friends of Bradley School (PTA). Lottery tickets are £1 a week each, and there is a cash prize winner every week for one of the Bradley school supporters. You also have the chance of winning excellent prizes in the national draws! For details on how to sign up visit:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/bradleys-both-cp-school>

Congratulations to last week's winner: Mrs Whittaker!

BELL CLASS

This week has flown by. In maths, we have looked at money. We have familiarised ourselves with coin recognition and finding totals. Reception children have concentrated on using pennies and Year 1 children have used a variety of coins to pay for items within 20p. Our big book this week was linked to 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We loved listening to Michael Rosen bring the story to life on YouTube, and really enjoyed performing the actions to our storytelling. We created our own binoculars to go on a search for something at home, and we made a collage story map of the different settings from the story using different textures. These were used to re-enact the story. In music, we listened to The Planet Suite, by Gustav Holst and appreciated the differences between Mars (fast), Venus (peaceful), Uranus (magical) and Jupiter (jolly). In our science this week, we could identify and name a variety of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and insects; talking about the characteristics of each group. We are preparing the classroom for a new Santa's Workshop, and our class advent calendar will be ready for Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Pupil of the week: Stanley for his super understanding of money.

Resilience Award: Esther for trying really hard with her pronunciation of certain letter sounds.

FRANKLIN CLASS

We've had another busy week in Franklin Class. In English we have looked at Acrostic poems. We identified the features of this type of poem first and then we planned and wrote our own versions. In Maths we have continued to work with money. We found the total of two objects and the coins needed to buy them. We then started to work out change and the coins we would need to use if we were the shopkeeper giving the change. In RE this morning we learnt about Eid. We learnt about how Muslims celebrate this festival compared it to other festivals we have learnt about. With Mrs Daniell on Wednesday we decorated our boxes and we are very much looking forward to making some biscuits to put in them! Yesterday afternoon we used the chrome books and learnt how to type with finger spaces, capital letters and new lines. We then printed out our writing and drew a picture to go with it.

Pupil of the week: Max for a great acrostic poem

Resilience Award: Oliver for being resilient when writing.

EDISON CLASS

A super week in Class 3 for all! I have been so impressed with the effort and enthusiasm that the children have put into writing their short stories; I will be marking them on Monday and displaying them in the classroom for all to see! (I will send them home for you once they are finished on the wall.) The children have really thought about how to make their sentences more interesting by using a variety of sentence openers and structures and selecting vocabulary purposefully. Having spent the week drafting, editing and improving, today they will write their final copy. In maths we have been revising and recapping equal groups, and we have been using the bar model for division and multiplication by 3 - we will continue with this next week. Our science focus this week has been the human skeleton. After learning all sorts of interesting facts about bones and muscles, the children had to label a skeleton (a live one!) and name 14 different bones. It was great fun but also a good way to see who could remember what we had been learning! We have had our last week focusing on hockey skills in PE and finally (!) sticks are below the knee...

Pupil of the Week: Will for effort and improvement in all areas of work and a being such a bubbly, kind friend to all!

Resilience Award: Summer for a huge effort in maths and always giving everything a go!

NEWTON CLASS

It's been a hard working week in Class 4, in maths we been working on multiples, factors and prime numbers- we definitely needed to know our times tables. We found lowest common multiples and highest common factors. We then moved on to find fractions of numbers.

In science we took apart fuchsia heads and identified the different parts of a flower, giving them the correct names. We improved our sketching and labelling skills.

Our History and English combined was spent reading the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur, comparing texts and analysing characters and their behaviour. Our Grammar lesson involved identifying clauses and subordinate clauses with a comma in between.

We all continued to enjoy our carousel of art activities including clay, Modroc and architecture. With Jonny we are improving our hockey skills outside in the fresh air!

Pupils of the week: Penny for being a great role model, always being kind and thoughtful.

Resilience Award: Jack, for always staying positive and laughing when activities go wrong!

DARWIN CLASS

We are continuing to enjoy our science investigations as this week we designed and constructed a circuit which included a buzzer to act as an alarm when a door opened. Mrs Hall and Mrs Graham both had headaches from all the buzzing! I'm sure we're all hoping for something noisy again next week.

In maths we have revised finding the perimeter and area of polygons by completing a 'Murder Mystery' activity as well as working hard on some arithmetic and reasoning assessment papers. These assessments are to find out if we need any extra help with topics we would have completed earlier in the year.

On Tuesday, we found out about the sort of toys which would have been popular during Victorian times- Christmas lists were a lot simpler then. We each made a Thaumatrope which is an optical toy made from cardboard discs featuring two pictures which appear to merge when they are spun. It was quite tricky getting the pictures in the correct position to create this early form of animation.

Next Tuesday, we will be making our Christmas wreaths with Mrs Buckmaster. Please try and gather some foliage this weekend and bring it into school to supplement the greenery provided.

Pupil of the Week: Daisy for imaginative written work.

Resilience Award: Chloe T for carefully checked maths work.