



FRIDAY NEWS



Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Children, Parent and Staff,

This week the children have been working hard in class and carrying our further assessments to enable us to track their progress since September. Thank you everyone for working so hard. It has been great to see the progress the Year 2 children have made with their phonics work since returning to school in September. Well done Year 2s!!

Dolce Snowman Competition News

Congratulations to Jessica in Class 5 who came runner up in the Dolce snowman card competition with her design. Jessica kept with the school dinner theme and drew a lovely Snowman cooking on a BBQ! Well done! A prize is on its way to school for Jessica!



Christmas at Bradley Both

This year we are having to do things a little bit differently, but we still intend on having a festive end to the Autumn term. We are of course, having to think of new and different ways of sharing the Bradleys Both Christmas magic this year but we wanted to let you know what we have planned.

- **Internal Christmas Post Box** - Class post boxes open now with delivery in the last week of term
- **Friends Christmas Raffle** - tickets sold on Schoolcomms - raffle to be drawn on 10th December
- **Wreath Making** - Year 5 & Year 6 (thank you to Emma)
- **Class Bubble Secret's Room**
 - Franklin Class 2 - Monday 7th December
 - Edison Class 3 - Tuesday 8th December
 - Bell Class 1 - Wednesday 9th December
 - Newton Class 4 - Thursday 10th December
 - Darwin Class 5 - Friday 11th December

(Please make your donations towards the Secret's Room via Schoolcomms)

- **The National Elf Service virtual experience** - EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4
- **Jack and the Beanstalk virtual Pantomime performance** - All classes
- **Christingle 'Make and Take Home' activity** - Class 3, Class 4 & Class 5
- **Lantern making** - Class 1 & Class 2
- **Class Christmas parties**
 - Bell Class 1 - Friday 11th December
 - Darwin Class 5 - Monday 14th December
 - Newton Class 4 - Tuesday 15th December
 - Edison Class 3 - Wednesday 16th December
 - Franklin Class 2 - Thursday 17th December

(The children may wear party clothes / non-uniform for the whole day of their class party)

- **Class Bubble Christmas Dinner** - Friday 18th December

(children and staff to wear a Christmas jumper and / or Christmas accessory for the last day and dinner)

Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Wreath making

Thank you to Emma for coming to run wreath making workshops with our Year 5 and 6 children on Monday. The children made some fantastic and very professional looking wreaths to take home for their front doors at home. We were very grateful for Emma's time and hard work in helping to teach everyone how to put the wreaths together. Our Year 5 and 6 children should be very proud of their finished work - well done everyone!

A little Elf told me there is only 10 days of school left before it is Christmas holiday time!! We are all looking forward to these next two weeks of term.

I wish you all a lovely and safe weekend.
Kind regards
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

We now have 20 wonderful prizes to be won in the Friends of Bradley School Christmas raffle. As well as the prizes listed on the poster (see Friday Flyers) we have also added 4 lovely wine and Christmas treats gift bags and a Marks & Spencer's gift voucher too (thank you to the further kind donors Susan Nelson, Jane Hall and Sophie Wilmot.) Usually at this time we would organise the school Christmas fair as one of our major fundraising events. Of course that isn't possible this year, so we hope that you will support the Christmas raffle and buy a few tickets (or more) instead. Please pop onto SchoolComms (the school payment system) to purchase your tickets which will be sent home with your child. Tickets are on sale until Wednesday. 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. Thank you for your support.

FRIENDS OF BRADLEY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS POST

The village Christmas post service is running 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 by **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 Billington!

BELL CLASS

Another week has flown by, and Christmas has arrived in our classroom!

Our Space Station has been transformed into Santa's Workshop; complete with sorting letters and parcels. We were so excited to go in there at the beginning of the week! On Tuesday morning, we were surprised to find an elf hanging from the advent calendar. She had a letter from Father Christmas and a book for us to read. She is called Trixie Merrybottom and we are under elf surveillance. Each night, she goes back to the North Pole to tell Santa how hard working and caring we all are in our class. We are not allowed to touch the elf, because she will lose her magic to get back to the North Pole.

In our English this week, we have been writing lists and letters to Father Christmas. We asked him how the elves are getting on making all of the toys, and about Mrs Claus. We have left our lists and letters for Trixie to take with her to Father Christmas. In maths, we have been comparing the mass of 2 and 3 objects using non-standard units of measure, such as bricks and compare bears. In our science, we have created minibeast fact files and we have watched the next episode of Hector's World, which teaches us about how to stay safe online and who to trust. In R.E, we are beginning to look at the celebration of Christmas.

Some of the children have been asking about Monty visiting school. I hope to bring him in to see the children and say hello at some point in the last week of term.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Pupil of the week: Esme for learning all of her sounds and letter names.

Resilience Award: Arthur for listening carefully and learning all of his 3D shapes and numbers to 20.

FRANKLIN CLASS

In English this week we have looked at letters. We have used the words formal and informal to describe letters and thought about occasions when letters might be used. We have also written a letter to Santa, telling him about us and what we might like for Christmas. In Maths we have had a go at measuring length. We started the week using cubes as non-standard units of measurement and then moved onto using a ruler and centimetres to measure, recognising them as standard units of measurement. In ICT this week we used the Chromebooks to draw pictures and write captions explaining how to keep ourselves safe when using the Internet. We continued to learn about the different animal groups in Science this week and wrote facts about each group.

Pupil of the week: Yuna for great writing about animals.

Resilience Award: Rory for great writing.

EDISON CLASS

Yesterday, we enjoyed a visit from Mrs Hall, who had come to listen to children reading their short disaster stories, and she was very impressed by how hard they had worked and by the standard of their writing! It was so lovely to have the Year 6 teacher giving them such positive feedback! There were lots of smiling, proud faces. So, we have now moved onto a new unit of learning in English: persuasive letter writing. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be writing a non-send letter to Boris Johnson to ask for help with a world problem that they would like to change. In maths we have continued to multiply and divide - this week focusing on the 8 times tables; I have been so impressed by how quickly they have picked up the use of the bar model for this and there has been some great problem solving using this! We have been learning about vertebrates and invertebrates in science and designing a classification key to sort them. We have started a unit of dance in PE - re-enacting a Roman battle scene... there are some budding, young soldiers amongst us! Studying the Romans is now coming to an end; the last thing we have to enjoy will be designing and making a mosaic which they will bring home possibly before Christmas.

Pupil of the Week: Summer for an excellent attitude to all her work and maximum effort!

Resilience Award: Sydney for a consistent effort in maths!

NEWTON CLASS

It's been another fun week in Class 4, in maths we have been working on finding the perimeter of shapes and finding missing numbers in an equation. We have also solved word problems. This week we have started our end of term assessments in maths.

In English we have compared another version of Theseus and the Minotaur and answered comprehension questions, including some tricky ones around the author's intention and choice of vocabulary. We read the story of the wooden horse and the siege of Troy in preparation for the adventures of Odysseus.

This week we have planned our own Greek myth- a sequel to Theseus and the Minotaur- Theseus and his fight to become king. Next week we will write the myth, many of us are very excited about this!

The Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed making wreathes this week, they were superb, full of unusual materials and characters, we hope you liked them too.

Meanwhile, Year 4 started the science topic of Sound, learning about the structure of the ear and how sounds are made and travel. We then played some games listening and identifying sounds.

Thursday is our day for visiting The Secrets Room

Pupil of the week: Rosie for following instructions and setting a great example to others.

Resilience Award: Mason for improved concentration and being focused.

DARWIN CLASS

This week we've been busy refining our sentence structure, by using conjunctions effectively, and writing letters from an imaginary character from a book called 'Eric'. This story has really captured everyone's imagination and we've enjoyed thinking about life from his point of view as well as working hard on some amazing writing.

In maths we have continued with our geometry topic by reading co-ordinates in quadrants (we even played co-ordinate bingo) and learning how to translate shapes on a grid. Some of the shapes were quite tricky but we were definitely up to the challenge.

A big 'Thank you' to Emma Buckmaster who came into class on Tuesday afternoon to help everyone make their own Christmas wreath-they looked fantastic and will have been appreciated at home. The whole afternoon made us feel very Christmassy!

Pupil of the Week: Bella for always giving her best.

Resilience Award: Jessica for showing a good attitude in PE and Games.