



Bradleys Both Community Primary school

Friday 4th November 2021



Dear Children, Parents & Staff,

So much happens in a week at school and it doesn't feel like only being the first week back, but we hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe half term week. The staff team spent their training day on Monday reviewing our new phonics and reading teaching programme, revising curriculum plans, and developing plans for Science teaching and learning. It has been good to welcome the children back to school and see them quickly settle back into school routines. With the increase of Covid 19 rates locally, we are grateful to everyone for continuing to follow our protective measures.

Ofsted Inspection

On Wednesday morning I received a telephone call from Ofsted to confirm that our school would receive our inspection on the following day (Thursday). We welcomed two inspectors and an HMI inspector, who was quality assuring the inspection process. The inspection was carried out using a new framework from previous inspections and it was refreshing to see greater focus on time spent with the children. As always, I was incredibly proud of the feedback our children gave to the inspection team and the impression they gained of our school. Thank you to everyone who either met one of the inspectors or completed the parent or staff survey to share your experiences of our school. The inspection report will be shared with you all as soon as it is published, which may take a number of weeks.

First Aid training

I have managed to secure a half day training workshop for our Key Stage 2 children to learn basic first aid skills and approaches. First aid is a life skill and something we feel is an enhancement to our curriculum. The training workshops have been booked for Tuesday 16th November. We have also managed to secure some free CPR workshops being provided by the 'Hearts in Little Hands' local team for both Key stage 1 and 2 children on Thursday 9th December.

Donation to school

Thank you to Michelle and Jennie (two parents) who organised the Bradley Village Halloween trail and have donated the proceeds of £200.00 from the trail to our school to spend on something for our children. I will be speaking to our Pupil Leadership team and asking children I meet at lunchtimes about how this money can be spent. A big thank you to everyone for supporting the village event and for the donation.

Parents consultation meetings

Class teachers will be in email contact with you in the coming week to arrange Parent Consultation meetings for this Autumn term to share and review your children's progress. We will be offering remote consultation meetings again this term via Teams or telephone. Your child's teacher will email you with available dates and times in the week of 22nd November.

Children in Needs Day - Friday 19th November

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 19th November and encourage everyone in school to wear something yellow or with spots in recognition of Children in Need. It would be great if everyone could spare some loose change in a sealed envelope or donate via the SchoolComms system to this worthy charity.

Start of school

Please can I remind everyone about our 'soft start' to school in the morning. The school gates open at 8.45 am and children should arrive between 8.45 and 9.00am, going straight into school. Please do not arrive before 8.45am or leave children at the gate without adult supervision in the morning. We would still like everyone to use our one-way system on and off the school site.

I wish everyone a great weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Kind regards
Mr Barry Rogers

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.

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

It has been an extremely busy week upon our return to school. We hope that you all had a lovely half term!

We have been introduced to a number of exciting new topics already. In science, we are now learning all about seasonal change. We had lots of fun exploring our outside area and looking for signs of autumn. When we got back to the classroom; we completed season wheels and craft activities to show a tree in the different seasons. Our new geography topic is learning all about the four nations. This week, we began by using a map of the UK and identifying capital cities for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We talked about London and identified Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and other famous landmarks. In maths this week, we have introduced the topic of money. We began by identifying coins and their values and by the end of the week, we were paying for items in a class shop. Reception children were encouraged to just use pennies, at this stage whilst Year 1 children were able to use a mixture of small value coins to pay for items. Please have a look on IXL at the money activities to consolidate at home. Alternatively, empty out your purse and let children sort the coins and recognise the value of each. In our English lessons this week, we carried out an assessment which was an independent writing task of writing a character description of The Gruffalo. We thought of lots of fantastic adjectives to describe the character! Today, with Mrs Daniell in our PSHE, we have discussed how to stay safe on Bonfire Night and we had lots of fun creating rockets and making firework pictures.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Pupil of the week - George for reading and spelling words. Well done!

Resilience Award- April for challenging herself in money and not just using pennies to pay for an amount. Good girl!

FRANKLIN CLASS

Well, what a first week back that was! In English this week we have been learning about the past tense. Year 2 children have been learning about adding the suffix ed to the end of a verb to turn it into the past tense and this morning we all wrote a recount about something we did last week while we were off school. Money has been our focus in Maths this week. We have been identifying the value of coins, ordering them according to their values and selecting the right coins to buy objects using the most effective way. We have also found the total of 2 or more items and the coins to match that total. If you have time over the weekend, play shops at home or visit IXL and their money activities. Yesterday in Science we thought about survival. We talked about what it meant to survive and if we were stranded on a desert island for a few days with only shelter what would we need to survive. We learned new scientific vocabulary too - hydrated and nutrition. In History we learned that people made things to commemorate Grace Darling's rescue. We made our own commemorative plate to remember Grace Darling. We had lots of fun on Wednesday morning with Mrs Kingham learning some Wake Up Shake Up routines and then doing some circuits. We also enjoyed gymnastics in our Tuesday PE session.

Pupil of the week: Max for great mental calculations in Maths.

Resilience Award: Esther for developing her knowledge of money without giving up.

EDISON CLASS

Welcome back! It was great to see many smiley faces returning to school on Tuesday, after hearing lots of very exciting stories I imagine that you had a lovely October holiday. Along with all the smiles it's been clear to see that the children have returned extremely motivated to learn and challenge themselves. In Maths, we have been using a variety of methods to add together 3 and 4 digit numbers. We have then used the skills that we have learnt to solve tricky word problems that often include 2 or even 3 steps. Alongside this, we have been practicing our 3, 4 and 6 timetables. We will be moving on to subtraction next week. Our English focus is non-chronological reports; with an aim to create a report on the famous pharaoh Tutankhamun. To develop our knowledge about non-chronological reports we became archaeologists this week, we imagined what it would be like to discover a mummy! To tie in our learning about Tutankhamun our history lesson this week was all about 8 famous Egyptian pharaohs, we learnt some very interesting facts! This week we have also spent some time working on the Chromebooks learning to use the features on Google docs as well as improving our typing. Today we have had a super fun morning with Mr Rogers starting to create our pop-up books in DT. Have a great weekend!

Pupil of the Week - Maycie - For working amazingly hard in all lessons and showing off her very impressive maths knowledge!

Resilience - Winnie - For showing excellent determination to identify past tense words in English.

NEWTON CLASS

It has been a very busy week throughout school, in English we have learnt the features of a newspaper report, direct and indirect speech and written a newspaper report about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne. We needed to use our historical learning to make sure facts were correct.

In maths we have used the 4 operations to solve money problems, we are now working on multi-step problems which can be quite confusing. We are learning to read the question carefully.

In science we have been learning about the different methods of seed dispersal, it was lovely to see so many children looking out and about for seeds, bringing them in to school and explaining how they are dispersed.

Next week we will be designing our own seeds and investigating how far they travel.

We have continued with our weaving which has been very successful, some of us found it quite a challenge but have now mastered it.

It is our visit to York on Thursday next week, the children need to be in school by 8:40am and will return at approximately 4:30pm. We are all very excited!

Pupil of the week: Janie for excellent weaving and talking to the class about it.

Resilience Award: Eliza for working hard on times tables.

DARWIN CLASS

Another week bites the dust! It has been a lovely first week of our new half term. We have been investigating circuits in science as part of our new unit of learning - electricity. The class have really enjoyed building circuits and designing their own fair tests! In our maths we are now concentrating on fractions, and to begin with, we have been re-visiting equivalent fractions. Our new focus this half term for English is persuasive writing; this week, we have begun to look at propaganda and how this was used to influence the population during WW2. We will also be designing and creating our own WW2 propaganda posters this half term. In PE we have started a unit of hockey with Jonny, and we will start circuit training next week on Mondays.

The children have been given spellings, reading, IXL and ttrrockstars as usual, and they have also been given some history homework (due in Monday 15th November).

Pupil of the Week: Tom for a fantastic start back - great attitude and effort throughout the week!

Resilience Award: Isla for independent work in maths and determination to figure out a problem!