

Bradleys Both Community Primary school



Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Children, Parents and Staff,

Over the last two weeks I have had the pleasure of showing a number of prospective teacher candidates around our school and also had our NYCC Senior Education Adviser, Heather Russell spend a day monitoring school with me. It is always rewarding to meet and show off our school to people from outside our school community and hear their thoughts about what we do at Bradleys Both. Once again, they have identified those special 'Bradleys Both-isms' and been so positive about our children's approach to school life, respect for one another and their engagement with their learning and in keeping safe. We are very proud of you all - well done!

Class 5 Tennis Festival

The children in Darwin Class 5 attended an inter-school tennis festival at Sandylands and Skipton Tennis Centre today. The festival has been organised as part of the local Schools Sports Partnership and provided an opportunity for the children to develop their sports skills with sports coaches while competing. Thank you everyone for representing our school so well today.

Year 6 Climbing Competition

Congratulations to Jasmine, Isla, George and Jack for representing our school at the High Adventure Climbing competition last weekend.

Year 6 SATs Week

Next week is the national Year 6 SATs week and our children will be completing their assessments during the week in school. Everyone has been working really hard in preparation for the assessments and this is a time for everyone to do their best. The children will be supported through the week by the staff team. I hope everyone in Year 6 will be able to have some down time over the weekend and come to school refreshed on Monday morning. I know you will do your best and understand Mrs Bousfield is providing a breakfast snack first thing in the morning!

Gardening donations

We are currently looking for any donations of old children's wellie boots that are unwanted and have been grown out of. These make great planters and we hope to be able to brighten up the playground with some wellie boot planters in the coming weeks.

We would also be grateful to receive any bedding plants that you may have left over or spare as you get your gardens summer ready. Any donations of plants or boots can be brought in to your child's class. Thank you.

I wish you all a happy and safe weekend.

See you all on Monday.

Kind regards

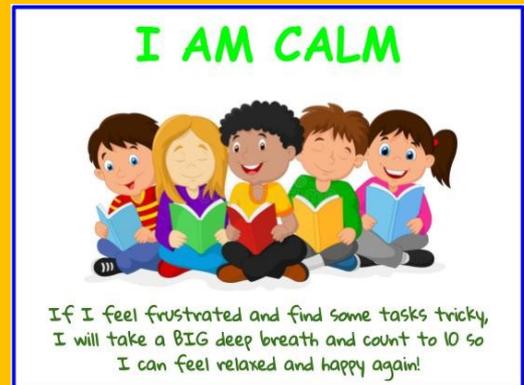
Mr Barry Rogers

Affirmation of the week:

Positive affirmations help us in numerous ways - boost confidence, build resilience, counter negativity and practise positivity! Some of you may remember the affirmations that were included in my 'Mrs Midgley's Mindful Moment' during lockdown - I hope you found these useful. In school, we have an 'affirmation of the week' which we would like to share with you. Staff introduce this to the children on Monday morning - though many have already seen and read it before entering the class! - and then revisit throughout the week in various ways, (including class assembly time) to provide children the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings. This week our affirmation was 'I am Calm'. I hope you all have had a lovely calm week and used those big breaths and counted to 10 if you have found things tricky.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Midgley x



CALLING ALL PAST PUPILS AND PARENTS OF OTLEY STREET NURSERY SCHOOL!

This year Otley Street Nursery School is 80 years old! To celebrate we are holding a community party event at the nursery on Saturday May 21st, between 10am-2pm. We would love as many past pupils/staff and families to attend as possible to share in our celebration of 80 years of outstanding nursery education! There will be activities for children (free bouncy castle, face painting and a commemorative art project), refreshments and, of course, the opportunity for a trip down memory lane! Please come along to celebrate with us!

BAGS2SCHOOL FUNDRAISER 24TH MAY 2022

If you are having a clear out please support this fundraiser by setting aside unwanted clothing and other textile items for the Bag2School collection on 24th May. They collect children and adult clothes which are suitable for re-use (not school uniform), as well as paired shoes, handbags and household linen. Visit the website for a full list of items: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>
A donation bag has been sent home to be returned on the morning of May 24th.

BELL CLASS

It has been a short week, but we have packed a lot of learning into it. We began the week introducing the maths topic of division and looking at sharing into equal groups. Have a look on IXL for division activities to consolidate and further your learning! Next week we will be moving onto multiplication. We have linked our English lessons with our topic of plants and have grown our own cress. We are keeping a cress seed diary and are enjoying watching the cress changing on a daily basis by using a magnifying glass. We worked with an adult in our computing lessons to program a robot called Bee Bot to follow a pathway. We had a big shock in our History lesson this week when we learnt about what schools were like in 1914, when our school was built! We learnt that the teachers were very strict and used a cane or wooden ruler to smack children on the knuckles if they were late or misbehaved. The class sizes in 1914 had 60 children in one class and there were no colourful displays to look at in the classroom. Lunch may have been pea soup with bread dipped in dripping followed by fruit pudding! When asked if they would have liked to have been a child at school in that era...the answer was a resounding NO! from everyone. Today with Mrs Daniell in maths, the children have been learning about length and measuring different things using standard units of measurements (CMs). In PSHE, the children were learning about different ways to say thank you to people. Our afternoon has been lovely, with our usual university activities.

Have a lovely weekend!

Pupil of the week - Charlotte for settling so well into our class. You have made a super start to school!

Resilience Award - Arthur for his perseverance solving division problems. Well done!

FRANKLIN CLASS

Although it's been a shorter week we've still been just as busy. In English this week we have focused on different word types - adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs. We have used adjectives to describe a character of our choice this morning in our character description. In Maths we have used different methods to help us subtract two two-digit numbers. We are getting more confident using pictorial representations which is great. Our Art this week has been linked to South Africa, as that is where Nelson Mandela came from. We looked at artwork created by Esther Mahlangu who took inspiration from traditional Ndebele designs. She uses shapes and bright, bold colours to make patterns. We will display our artwork in the hall and bring them home soon. We enjoyed learning about Nelson Mandela's early life, and we were amazed to find out that there were separate schools, buses and even cinemas for people with different coloured skin. In Science this week we had to sort a range of animals into two groups, based on their features, including what they ate and where they live.

Pupil of the week: Charlie for great effort in writing.

Resilience Award: For always giving everything a go and growing in confidence.

Please can we ask that if anyone has any old wellies, please can they be sent into school? We'd love to use them as planters. Thank you 😊

EDISON CLASS

I hope you've all had a lovely week and enjoyed the bank holiday. We've had a great week in Edison class. We have been busy learning about decimals in maths, learning to divide one and two digit numbers by 10 and 100 a challenging concept that the children have worked hard to grasp. We also enjoyed competing against Newton Class On Time Table Rockstars! In our English lessons, we have continued to read several alternative fairy tale stories whilst planning a story of our own, we also witnessed some excellent role play performances! The children have really enjoyed changing certain aspects of traditional tales to create their own. Through our fairy tale writing, we have been developing writing direct speech and dialog aiming to correctly punctuate our sentences. You may have had a miniature model of the earth land on your kitchen table on Wednesday, hopefully the children have had chance to tell you a little bit about what we have been learning. We went on an exploration into the centre of the earth! We have been enjoying the warmer weather whilst learning more cricket skills in PE this week, we have been focusing on playing defensive shots, thinking about decision making and playing a shot on the front foot. We have some excellent sporting talents in class three and it is great to see the children developing as the week's progress.

In the coming weeks I hope to start a running club, for this to go ahead I will need some parent volunteers, if anyone would be free to lend a helping hand and run a couple of miles please do get in touch!

Resilience award: Austin for making excellent choices to become a better friend.

Pupil of the week: Henry for demonstrating excellent knowledge of punctuating speech when writing an alternative fairy tale.

NEWTON CLASS

It's been a short week in Newton Class 4, in maths we revised multiplying and dividing by powers of 10 with decimals. We then moved on to telling the time on an analogue clock to the nearest minute, which many children find difficult, especially minutes past or to. We also converted between analogue and digital with am and pm and finally the 24-hour clock.

In our English lessons we learnt about modal verbs and the degree of possibility, we will be using these verbs in our persuasive writing. Our fluency text was taken from the book "The Secret Garden" which the children really enjoyed. We spent time discussing the text and learning about life in Imperial India.

Our Science lesson was very busy this week, Year 4 children investigated friction between shoes and different surfaces, measuring in Newtons. Year 5 investigated how far a car travelled on different surfaces and how friction affected the results.

In art we began to learn about Andy Warhol and his repeated images, we were surprised to read about the film he made of himself sleeping.

On Saturday 7th May Tom Palmer the author will be at Keighley library along with other authors, this is a free event over the day.

Pupil of the week: Jessica for excellent contributions in lessons, especially music this week.

Resilience Award: Janie for persevering with tricky multiplication questions.

DARWIN CLASS

Sharks: that's been our focus this week - drafting, editing, and writing myth-busting reports about these notorious beings... The children have been completely immersed in their own research and writing - fantastic to experience! It has been a real opportunity for me to reflect and assess just how far they have each come in their writing development this year. Super! Alongside writing, Year 6 have continued to revise for their SATS; Year 5 have been mastering 'time', and they have been enjoying their project work about South America. We have also enjoyed our second tennis lesson with Jonny, developing a range of skills and engaging in some rallies. This afternoon, the class will be heading to Skipton tennis club, which they are all very excited about!

As you are aware, we have the end of KS2 SATS Monday to Thursday next week. All the Year 6s have worked their socks off these last few weeks. I am both impressed and proud of each of them - their attitudes and the resilience and diligence they have shown towards revision has been outstanding. We have invited them to enjoy breakfast together Monday-Thursday next week, coming in at 8.30am to have something to eat, relax before their tests, and have a bit of a pep talk! Please can all children be encouraged to have a restful and relaxing weekend in preparation, so that they are at their 'peak' Monday morning! Thank you.

Year 5s will be enjoying a visit to Class 4 during the tests, and I have asked them to go straight to Class 4 upon arrival at school Monday to Thursday next week.

Pupil of the Week: Tehmida for relentless hard work, and for being such a generous and giving person!

Resilience Award: Seth for working so hard this week in writing - not giving-up even for a second!