

Baildon Church of England Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER Number 133 4th February 2019



Religious News

Many thanks to everyone who joined us for Education Sunday last weekend. Special thanks to the children from the choir who sang and to Iosac who was interviewed as part of the service. Mr Holmes continued developing the theme of 'Respect' this week by discussing the many ways in which we show respect to others. On Thursday, we welcomed Rev Sandra to school to lead a special Service to celebrate Candlemas which is tomorrow. As part of the service, she replaced all the figures from the crib with candles to signify the importance of the feast. We are now changing our liturgical colours around school to green in light of the fact that Christmastide is over. To link in with their RE topic of Hinduism, Year 3 visited the Mandir in Bradford today. As part of the visit, they were shown the Prayer room and images of the different Gods. Children then used technology available to research the different Gods.

Respect other people's feelings. It might mean nothing to you, but it could mean everything to them.

COUNCIL MEETINGS WITH NATHAN

Last week, both our Eco Council and our School Council met with Nathan, our chef, to review a number of things related to the kitchen.

The School Council met to suggest new changes to the menu and to plan the menu for Chinese New Year. Inspired and shocked by the David Attenborough documentary about plastic and the damage to the environment, the Eco Council met to discuss ways that school could work to address the plastic waste in school. Nathan shared with them the actions which have already been taken to address this: no longer using ice cream tubs but providing choc ices in paper which can be recycled, reusing any plastic containers like margarine tubs which they receive in the kitchen. The Eco Council raised concerns about the waste produced by the 25% of the pupils who are on packed lunches and whether this is recycled so are investigating organising bins for this.

Achievers of the week for 21st January

This week we have awarded our certificates for excellence in the curriculum.
Congratulations to the following children who received certificates:
N Oliver M K
FS2 Freddy G, Noah M

Y1 Samuel D, Padraig O'M

Y2 Lewis B, Amelie H

Y3 Sebi L-O, Ciaran M

Y4 Edward S, Niamh O'M

Y5 Amelie S, Toby A

Y6 Nathaniel V, Coel R

Tuesday, 5th February is Safer Internet Day and the theme is "Together for a better internet." As a result, our certificates will be awarded for computing. Please can we continue to remind parents of the need to exercise vigilance and talk to children about their use of the Internet and how to stay safe. Classes throughout school will be looking at this next week also.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we have organised a series of activities and inputs for the children which address this very important aspect of education. Please encourage your children to share this with you.

ATTENDANCE Week of 21st Ianuary

F1am 96.92%

F1pm 86%

F1 30 hours 93.33%

F2P 92.67%

F2Py 93%

Y1M 97.68%

Y1S 97.35%

Y2F 98.33%

Y2D 97.67%

Y3HM 98.67%

Y3W 89.66%

Y4HW 95.33%

Y4M 97.33%

Y5B 98.33%

Y5G 97.67%

Y6B 96%

Y6V 97.59%

Congratulations to Y2 F who, won the KS1 attendance cup this week. Well done!
Congratulations to Y3HM who won the KS2 attendance cup this week. Well done!
Our whole school attendance was 96.06%.

Next Week in Baildon

Children's Mental Health Week

- 5th February Boccia Competition
- 5th Safer Internet Day
- 6th Year 3 Saltaire Trip
- 7th Online Bullying Workshops Year 5 and Year 6
- 8th Year 5 Synagogue Trip
- 8th Pyjamas Night Nursery to Year 2

BOOK WEEK ARRANGEMENTS

All families should have received information about Book Week which will take place on our first week back after half term. Miss Melvin, our English Leader, undertook a pupil questionnaire to establish views of the pupils on last year's Shakespeare approach to Book Week. These, in the main, were extremely positive so, we have decided to adopt a similar approach this year.

Once more, this year, Mrs Adams and Miss Melvin have planned a Parent Workshop to support the work which will take place on Monday, 25th February – further details of how to book on this will be sent out next week.

Over the past few months, Miss Melvin has trained some parent volunteers who read with children in school. All have confirmed how useful they have found the training so, all parents should receive information about the opportunity to attend similar training. Please can we ask you to return your questionnaire to school next week if you are interested. We will be holding our dressing up day to celebrate Book Week on Friday, 1st March.

SPORTING NEWS

We had a further three teams in action at the Sportshall Athletics Competition on Monday where they finished 1st, 3rd and 4th which is a wonderful achievement. One of our teams have now qualified for the Bradford Finals which will take place on 25th February. Following the successes in the Bradford Cross Country finals last week, we now have 35 children who have qualified for the West Yorkshire Finals. Next week, it is the turn of the Boccia teams to compete. This is another event which Mr Holliday has organised for the locality and we look forward to welcoming local schools to the competition on Tuesday. Good luck to everyone involved!

PTFA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who dropped off their Bags2School this week which were collected yesterday. Tickets are still on sale until Wednesday for the Pyjama Night for Early Years and Key Stage 1.

Everyone should have received an electronic version of the PTFA newsletter earlier in the week. A copy of this newsletter can be found on the PTFA section of the website. Thanks to the parents who have contacted school to enquire about the equipment which Nursery and Reception are looking for. In response to these enquiries, we have organised a list which should be circulated today.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

6B's book recommendation is 'The Boy at the Back of the Class,' by Onjali Q Rauf. It highlights the importance of kindness and friendship in a world that doesn't always make sense.

The Costa Book Awards were announced during the week with 'The Skylarks' War' by Hiliary McKay being awarded the Costa Children's Book Award for 2018. The view of the judges: "As perfect a novel as you could ever want to read."