

Friday
17
December
2021



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A message from Mrs Hodge

What a term it has been! As always there has been so much to celebrate. I will start with the children's behaviour around school. At the very beginning of the year, I asked children to ensure that they are following our three school rules: *be kind; be curious; be the best you can be*, and they haven't disappointed. I spend my days giving out team points for excellent manners, walking in the corridors, holding doors open for others, effort in work and kindness to others - we really have a wonderful bunch of children. Please ask your child which house team they are in and whether they have managed to gain any points this term for following the school rules. This week our Year 1 and Year 2 children were certainly *the best they can be* when they put on AMAZING nativity performances for their grown-ups. They were full of confidence, the dancing and singing was fabulous and some children demonstrated that they have amazing comedy timing! And above all, they loved every minute. Thank you to the staff who have put so much effort into putting the shows together. EYFS parents and carers will be able to watch the videos of their little ones perform on Tapestry this week. I want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to our growing army of parent/carer reading volunteers who have been coming in each week to read with children. As you know, becoming a proficient reader is one of the most important skills a child can develop, so the extra help from our community is very welcome. Thank you to Mrs. Kelly who has organised and inducted all of our helpers. And finally, we say a fond farewell to two members of staff today. Mrs. Singh is moving on to work as a High Needs Support Officer in Liverpool Authority and Mrs. Ingram is starting her dream job as a writer. We will miss them very much - they will always be part of our Devonshire Road family; we wish them all the best for the future. Mrs. Hickey will be returning from maternity leave to work in EYFS. Mrs. Atcha will also return to work alongside Miss. Bullough as the new Year 3 teachers. There will also be three new teaching assistants who we will introduce in January - very exciting!

Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to all the families who won raffle prizes.



Dates for Your Diary

Fri 17 Dec School closes for Christmas break
Wed 5 Jan School re-opens for spring term

Please note Tuesday 4 January is a staff training day.

Clubs start 10 January

Our School Governors



"Merry Christmas from our Governing Board - Wishing all our children, staff and families a lovely festive season"



Introducing our New Website & App

Don't forget to download our App which provides the following information at your fingertips:

- ◆ Term dates
- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ School calendar
- ◆ News and events

If you need any assistance, please contact Miss Kilshaw in the school office.



Safeguarding Links

BOLTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN CONTACT BOARD
01204 337479
REFERRAL & ASSESSMENT
01204 331500 (9AM-5PM)

EMERGENCY DUTY TEAM
01204 337777 (AFTER 6PM)
<http://boltonsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>

Our designated safeguarding leads are:



Mrs Hodge



Mr Abraham



Mrs Abraham



Mrs Hall



It's Christmas!

Christmas celebrations started with a wonderful Christmas lunch last Friday and continued this week with year 1 and year 2 nativities, key stage 1 and key stage 2 parties, the key stage 2 Big Winter Sing Off and EYFS performed a Christmas song which parents/carers can watch on Tapestry.





Baby News



We would like to say a big congratulations to Mr & Mrs Nalton who welcomed Noah into the world on Monday. We hope you have a wonderful first Christmas with your beautiful baby boy.

Farwell and Good Luck to Mrs Ingram & Mrs Singh



Big Birthday

Happy birthday to Miss Davidson who celebrates her **30th** birthday on 29 December, we hope you have a lovely day.



Food Parcels

Thank you to crescentfoodbank.org.uk for the wonderful food hamper donations. We have some very grateful families who truly appreciate your kindness!



Toy Donation

A huge thank you to David Smart, Greenhalgh's and their staff for the extremely kind donation of brand new toys, enabling so many children to receive a gift this Christmas.



Bolton Rotary Club Donation

Volunteers from Bolton Rotary Club came to school this week to donate and plant some purple crocus bulbs. Some of our year 1 children helped with the planting. The volunteers chatted to the children all about their charity work and the reason they chose purple crocus – they are a symbol of global prevention of polio, which is one of the charities supported by the club.



Key Stage 2 Reading Challenge Awards

Well done to the following who were presented with their certificates:

Bronze

(Children receive a book mark)

Kisaa F (Y4W)

Silver (Children receive a notepad and pencil)

Olivia W (Y3A), Aisha A (Y3A) and Hibah K (Y4HB)

Gold

(Children choose a book to value of £5.00)

Raphael F (Y6C)





Birthday Wishes

The following children celebrated their birthdays this week. We hope you all had a wonderful time.

Safa M (Y1S)
Owais A (Y1S)
Yazan A (Y1S)
Mohammad R (Y6C)
Connor R (Y4HB)
Alicia G (Y1G)
Deeqa H (Y6C)

Out of School Achievements

Jack P and Hugo W from Y1S had their 2nd Jujitsu grading on Saturday. Both boys did really well and are now yellow belts.



Superhero Readers



Bronze

Fatima (EYFS)

Charlie (Y1S)

Hanna (Y2C)

Silver

Fatima, Hiba, Casey and Lewie (EYFS)

Jake H (Y1S)

Suleman (Y2N)

Gold

Zarah, Hiba and Adam (EYFS)

Idrees (Y1S)

Marley, Aizah and Emily (Y2C) and Maira (Y2N)

Platinum

Khadijah (EYFS)

Mariya (Y1S)

Abdur Rahman (Y2C)

Aryan and Arham (Y2N)

Diamond

Furqan, Ariana, Eesa and Amelia (EYFS)

Abu-Bakr (Y1G)

Mustafa (Y2N)

Ruby

Jabran and Peggy (EYFS)

Taylor (Y1G) and Jack P (Y1S)

Haadi and Daveena (Y2C) and Lucas and Jake (Y2N)

Head Teacher Awards W/E 17 December 2021

Nabeeha S (YRAB) For fantastic blending and being an all round superstar.

Jabran M (YRL) For being able to recognise all of the phonics sounds we have learnt so far.

Jack P (Y1S) For being a fabulous, confident narrator in our Christmas show with a loud, expressive voice.

Safiyah A (Y1G) You are an amazing artist. You have created a beautiful Christmas card using water colour paints. Well done!

Wen Hao (Y2C) For being a kind and patient friend to our new class member.

Maira H (Y2N) For having the confidence to dance and speak in our nativity.

Ibrahim H (Y3A) For his wonderful efforts with reading. He works hard to understand what he has read and gives 100% effort!

Alice O (Y3I) For writing wonderful high quality cinquains and haikus for our winter poetry unit. You are a natural poet!

William H (Y4HB) You have shown increased focus and determination this week with your learning—we're really proud of your writing especially.

Sathini G (Y4W) For fantastic enthusiasm and energy across all subjects.

Ayesha H (Y5D) For having the brightest smile during our Big Winter Sing Off and for always being a breath of fresh air.

Dayana V-C (Y5M) Not only is she working really hard to improve her English, she really impressed both Mr Mayo and Miss Davidson during our PE lesson with her basketball skills.

Farwin R (Y6B) For showing great determination and skill when sewing and for helping others too.

Heer P (Y6C) For seeing a product that matched her design brief amazingly in D & T this week.

