

Friday  
26  
November  
2021



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## The Importance of Pupil Voice

In recent weeks our reading ambassadors have met and have now finalised the changes to be made to the KS2 reading genres. The children discussed name changes and gave their opinions on what genres they felt were important to them.

### 2 New Genres

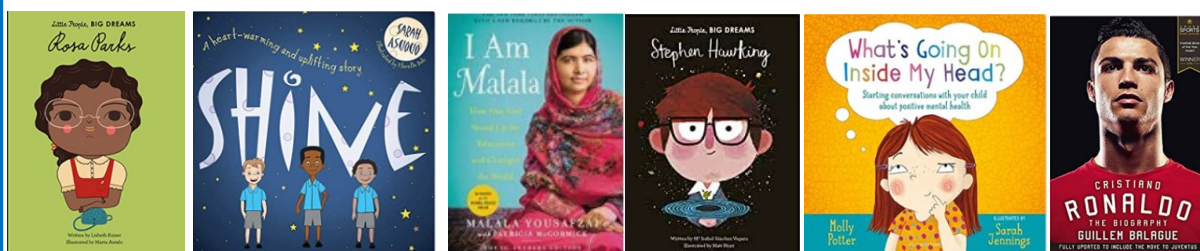
Children explained that they felt mental health was an important issue and having books to support their feelings in class would benefit them; in response we will introduce a new genre 'Mental health & well-being'. The same message was also reported in the message delivered by Rachel de Souza, (Children's Commissioner) in regards to the Big Ask Survey.

*'Children were united in showing a new consciousness of the importance of health and wellbeing. The pandemic has affected their wellbeing and now they want good mental and physical health to be a priority in their lives.'*

The children also agreed that we should also include an 'Autobiography/Biography' genre as they believe that inspirational and diverse figures offer them a sense of who they could be despite disability, race or background.

### Name Changes

With research into how books are organised in current bookstores, such as Good reads, Scholastic and Waterstones the children have suggested the following name changes. These will continue to have the same genre colour but the library shelf label will change.



## Parent/Carer Voice

We often ask our Parents/Carers for their opinions, ideas and feedback about various areas of school life, whether it's via a forum, a survey or a focus group. We always find your input invaluable! So that we can be the best that we can be at keeping you informed, we want to know if there are any aspects of what goes on in school each week that you would like us to share on the newsletter, Twitter and Facebook. For instance, this week we are starting a new feature which tells you all about what one particular year group has been doing throughout the week. This week it's the turn of EYFS. If you have any fantastic ideas please send them to the email address below. In addition, don't forget to keep sending in pictures of your children's out of school achievements, we love finding out about their interests and talents and they may just inspire other children to follow in their footsteps! Thank you for your support.

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### Dates for Your Diary

Tues 30 Nov	Y6 Heights and Weights
Fri 3 Dec	Elf Run
Fri 10 Dec	Christmas lunch day
Mon 13 Dec	Y1 Nativity 9:20am
Mon 13 Dec	Y2 Nativity 2:30pm
Tues 14 Dec	Y2 Nativity 9:20am
Tues 14 Dec	Y1 Nativity 2:30pm
Wed 15 Dec	EYFS/KS1 Christmas party
Thurs 16 Dec	KS2 Christmas party
Fri 17 Dec	School closes for Christmas break
Wed 5 Jan	School re-opens for spring term

**Reminder: clubs end today.**

**Please note Tuesday 4 January is a staff training day.**

### 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



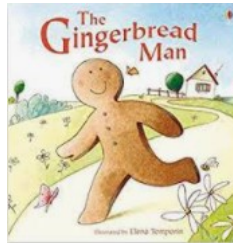


## This Week in EYFS

Look at what our EYFS children have been doing this week:

- ◆ Entered school to a 'crime scene' the Gingerbread Man had escaped!
- ◆ Baking Gingerbread
- ◆ Creating playdough versions
- ◆ Number ordering
- ◆ Following recipes e.g. how many buttons, eyes etc.
- ◆ Sequenced the story

Don't forget to ask your children all about their week when they come home tonight.







# Weekly Newsletter

## Year 6 Crucial Crew Workshop

Our year 6 children took part in a Crucial Crew safety workshop this week. The session was very informative and taught them about first aid, safety around railway tracks, road safety and stranger danger.



## Modern Foreign Languages

This week our year 5 children have been learning their French numbers to 12 the fun way by playing a lotto game.



## COVID's Still Here

We are sharing information about Bolton Council's new COVID awareness campaign, 'COVID's Still Here'.

COVID-19 has not gone away, the virus is still circulating in our community and it is vital we all take steps to stop it from spreading. The vaccine programme has weakened the link between cases, hospitalisations and deaths but COVID still poses a significant risk to our health, our children's education and the local economy.

The campaign stresses the importance of keeping everyone safe through useful tips including:

- ◆ Getting vaccinated
- ◆ Letting fresh air in if you meet indoors (and meeting outdoors is safer)
- ◆ Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed settings where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- ◆ Getting tested, and self-isolate if required
- ◆ Trying to stay at home if you are feeling unwell
- ◆ Washing your hands
- ◆ Downloading and using the NHS COVID-19 app

Bolton Council's Director of Public Health, Dr Helen Lowey, said:

"This new campaign will provide a useful reminder that COVID has not gone away.

"After restrictions were lifted earlier this year, and as we head into the winter months, there is a real risk that cases will increase.

"I urge everyone to look out for the COVID's Still Here campaign and follow the advice to help keep Bolton safe and to help keep everything open through the winter."



## Key Stage 2 Reading Challenge Awards

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

### Bronze

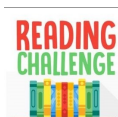
(Children received a voucher with their certificate)

Arman N (Y4HB) and Saraah A (Y4W)

### Gold

(Children chose a book to value of £5.00)

Mohammad R (Y6C)





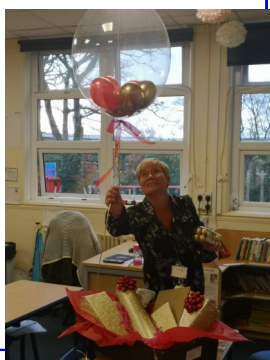
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## Birthday Wishes

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

**Abdullah A (Y1G)**  
**Fatima A (YRL)**  
**Muhammad Masood A (YRL)**  
**William H (Y4HB)**  
**Connor H (Y6B)**  
**Adam R (Y4HB)**  
**Sorena A (YRB)**  
**Imogen F (Y3I)**  
**Verity C (Y2N)**

We would also like to wish a happy birthday to Mrs Cooper who will be celebrating her 50th birthday this Sunday.



## Superhero Readers



**Bronze**  
**Uriah (EYFS)**  
**Archie (Y1G)**  
**Ezra (Y1S)**  
**Faizan (Y2N)**

**Silver**

**Rifqah and Zarah (EYFS)**  
**Zahra (Y1G)**  
**Isaiah and Muhammad Zakariyya (Y1S)**

**Gold**

**Eva and Taim (EYFS)**  
**Owais A-M and Haniya (Y1S)**  
**Minahil (Y2C)**  
**Aizah, Arham and Safah Noor (Y2N)**  
**Platinum**  
**Dhruv, Furqan, Kiran and Callum (EYFS)**  
**Adam and Abu Bakr (Y1G) and Sarah W (Y1S)**  
**Safaa-Mariam and Abdullah (Y2C)**  
**Zainab and Charlie (Y2N)**

**Diamond**

**Taylor, Diana, Joshua and Menaal (Y1G)**  
**Noor, Sarah W and Rohom (Y1S)**  
**Daveena (Y2C)**



## Head Teacher Awards W/E 26 November 2021

- Aiza A (YRAB)** For brilliantly retelling the story of The Gingerbread Man and knowing all the repeating phrases. Fantastic Aiza!
- Uriah I (YRL)** For using excellent vocabulary when describing the behaviour of the fox from The Gingerbread Man.
- Iqra A (Y1S)** For trying really hard in maths when representing numbers to 10 in different ways.
- Abdullah A (Y1G)** For settling in to year 1 so well and showing a fantastic attitude towards his learning. We are so happy to have you in our class!
- Emily S (Y2C)** For trying really hard with her story writing this week—well done Emily!
- Moiz A (Y2N)** For always trying his best with his reading and writing.
- Eesa M (Y3A)** For always having a positive attitude. I love how you have grown in confidence and are willing to share your ideas. Keep it up Eesa!
- Jacob M (Y3I)** For getting creative with sentences for a Stone Age diary entry, using your own imaginative vocabulary.
- Shaheer-Ali (Y4HB)** For incredible times tables progress! Keep working hard!
- Taha M (Y4W)** For coming on leaps and bounds since joining our school. You have learnt so much already. We are so proud of you.
- Ibrahim A (Y5D)** For always being so engaged in all of our lessons and for using our vocabulary to help him improve his writing. Well done!
- Yoosuf Y (Y5M)** For his vast improvement in his letter formation! Yoosuf is a wonderful class member who tries his best in everything he does!
- Salahuddin (Y6B)** For asking lots of suitable questions and participating wonderfully at Crucial Crew.
- Layla S (Y6C)** For putting phenomenal effort in her arithmetic sessions and improving her score from 19 to a whopping 31 in just one week!

