

EDITION 10, FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, AUTUMN 2

Message from Pupil Parliament

Our newly elected Pupil Parliament has had a very busy week! Last Thursday they travelled with Winterton Primary School to our Academy Trust office for their first Trust meeting with other schools.

The focus was working together to improve and review the Trust's anti-bullying policy and to discuss bullying, what it is the different forms of and how we can stop it. They debated "If someone is being bullied online, should they just shut down the account?". The majority of pupils said they should not but should tell a trusted adult first and they would help them with what to do next. Our children had a lot to offer and were a credit to our school. The rest of the afternoon was spent organising an assembly to share what they had learnt at the meeting with pupils back at school.

This week in all schools is Anti-Bullying Week 2023. Our pupils have been talking about this class. On Wednesday, Pupil Parliament held their Odd Socks Day assembly. This is a day when workplaces, individuals and schools join together to show that it's ok to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.

During this assembly they joined forces with our Junior Road Safety Officers to remind everybody that we will be celebrating Children in Need and Brightness Day this Friday.

Pupil Parliament also issued all classes, this week, with a recycled pen box for used handwriting, whiteboard and felt pens which have run out.



Message from Mrs Bramwell - Oak Class



The highlight of our week has been the Snow White pantomime performance on Tuesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed being part of the performance joining in with dancing, clapping and a few “she’s behind yous”. There are many experiences our younger children have sadly missed out on due to Lockdown restrictions so being able to discover the wonders of a live show in a familiar and safe environment has paved the way for future opportunities to visit local theatres. Many thanks to the PTA for their generous donation to secure the event.

In other news we have begun rehearsals of our annual nativity performance with our Acorn Class friends. Children have their scripts and any help you can offer to learn lines would be greatly appreciated. In answer to some frequently asked questions - We have a large collection of costumes so please don't rush out to buy anything and four tickets per child will be available across the two shows. Please see information on how to reserve your tickets in this week's newsletter.



Message from Mrs Hall - Willow Class



Wow that week sped past. I have not been able to keep track of what day it is! This week we have been working on keeping our classroom tidy and organized. The children suggested monitors for different areas, which I thought was a wonderful idea. It was lovely to see the children take ownership of keeping our class safe, clean and organized.

Our learning this week has delved deeper into ancient Greek life. We thought about the importance of religion at that time. We became archeologists and investigated a range of artefacts to find clues. Looking closely, we discovered symbols and images relating to Gods and myths.

In English, we are in the planning and drafting stage of our own Greek myths. I am looking forward to reading what Willow have produced.

In maths, we have spent some time getting to grips with arrays and how we can interpret them. Next, we will be looking at various times tables before delving deeper into division.

In art, the Greek theme continues. The children have been studying Greek pottery designs.

Our investigations around sound have continued. This week I challenged them to create a pair of ear defenders to protect my poor ears from their noise! They worked together to explore different materials and create some interesting designs. Great week of investigations Willow.

Have a good weekend.



Message from Mr Euinton - Chestnut Class



Halloween and Bonfire Night are now disappearing in the rear view mirrors and Christmas is front and centre again... We've read through our play and the children have been full of energy and ideas which has been great to see. They've all given me their preferences for roles, etc. too and there haven't been too many overlaps - with any luck we can cast the play without too much disappointment! I'm sure you'll all hear lots about it in the coming weeks... And many thanks to those of you who have already helped out with bits and pieces to aid the preparations!

We've also chosen the nursery rhyme we wanted to use as the theme for our tree decorations and have sketched out designs ready to be made up on Monday. The nursery rhyme we have chosen is Five Little Speckled Frogs but now they are sitting on yule logs and candy canes instead of speckled logs.



Aside from all the festive stuff, we've been continuing our work on division in mathematics. The children have made good progress with the formal written method of short division and we've had a go at using factor pairs to simplify calculations and other mental strategies - this was a little more challenging and we're going to revisit it again next week. In English, we have drafted our monster stories ready for editing and redrafting next week. The children have been working on techniques to build suspense and have been doing a great job putting them into practice.



Some of you have also been asking about homework recently too, I will give each child a plastic wallet and new worksheets every Friday - I understand this is more in keeping with prior years. Children are still expected to read and practice their times tables at home too.

Have a great weekend everyone!



Hey Ewe!

Tickets for Hey Ewe! are now available to reserve via the school office. If you would like tickets, please follow the simple steps below.

- 1. Email Miss Jackson office.bnc@bordersprimary.org with the subject line SHOW TICKETS (Alternatively go to the school office and request tickets)*
- 2. Please state your child's name and class and how many tickets you would like for each performance. There are a maximum of 4 tickets available per child across both shows.*
- 3. Tickets will be allocated in order of requests made.*
- 4. Your tickets will be available to collect from the school office from 3pm on Monday 27th November.*
- 5. If you would like more than 4 tickets, please ask and your name will be added to a 'spares and returns' list which will be sent out by Monday 4th December.*
- 6. If you no longer need a ticket, please return it so we can allocate it to another family.*

If you have any questions, please ask.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bramwell and Miss Danks

