

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

What a wonderful week we have had! Mrs Levers the Christmas elf was sent some treats from the North Pole (courtesy of the school fundraising team) to share with the children each morning.

There have been lots of Christmas related activities taking place throughout the week.

Today the children have enjoyed having fun with their friends and taking part in Christmas games. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Santa Claus himself, who delivered presents to all of the classes.



Christmas Phase Performances

The children have been rehearsing and recording songs and performances.

EYFS parents will receive a DVD of the children's performance

KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 performances can be viewed on our website under the parents / letters home section

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Christmas Choir

A massive thank you to our very talented Mrs Cheetham who has led the Christmas Choir again this year. The choir have been rehearsing twice per week and this week treated us all to performances on Monday and Tuesday morning. They also recorded a short concert for the local care homes. The children sang beautifully and made us all very proud.



Christmas Celebration Assembly

We held a Christmas related celebration assembly today. The Year 3 School Council Representatives, Hattie Mae R and Zak B helped lead the assembly.

The children watched the whole school recording of 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' and a special video to end the term, which can be viewed here: [Letters Home | Brooke Primary Academy](#)

My wish for 2021 is...

A big thank you to all parents who sent in a photo. The video will be available on our website shortly.

Caring at Christmas for our Community



This week Y3NS discussed how lonely this Christmas is going to be for some, due to COVID restrictions. The children wanted to show kindness and try to make someone smile. They decided to write letters containing Christmas jokes to a local care home.

The class's school councilor, Hattie-Mae R and her sister Willow went with Miss Saul to deliver them.



We have sent all of the care homes a recording of the Y4 Christmas Choir singing to bring some them some Christmas cheer.

Christmas Card Competition for MP Nick Fletcher

Although we didn't win the competition, Mr Fletcher was very impressed with the entries. A big well done to the following children for taking part:

- Macy Leigh S Y3
- Ella S Y3
- Noah Q Y1
- Abbie H Y4
- Lilly Mae W Y3



Home-school partnership

Maia E in Y2 has been spreading the Christmas spirit by writing over 40 Christmas cards for care home residents. What a kind thought, well done Maia.

PE Day changes for Spring 1

From January, the PE days will; change for the following classes:

- Y5 – Swimming will take place on a Thursday.
- Y3 – PE with club Doncaster will take place on a Friday.
- Y4 – PE will take place on a Monday.

Stronger Families

You may have seen the Stronger Families Team, police and PCSO at the front of school this morning. They came to check the social distancing measures we have in place and to encourage adults to wear masks when coming on site.

School Council Coronavirus Poster Competition

Well done to the following children who took part in the competition. Their posters will be on display in the new year.

- Isabella W Y5
- Dylan R Y3
- Leah K Y5
- Noah Q Y1
- Aisla S Y5



End of school day changes

- Y5 and Y6 class teachers will go back to walking the children to the car park exit and wait with those who do not have permission to walk home without an adult.
- The school day will end at 3.15pm for all children, apart from Thursday which will end at 1.30pm.
- Please only enter the car park if you have a permit, which are issued by the office.
- Parents of children in Y1/2 Mrs Head's class should now collect from the classroom and join the one way system.
- Parents of F2 Mrs Baxter and Mrs Binns class should drop off and collect from the classroom door, which is accessed by coming on to the KS1 playground.

Questions, queries and COVID-19 reporting

If you need to get in touch with us over the Christmas holiday, please email BR-admin@vennacadey.org.uk

Autumn 2 attendance

The impact of Coronavirus on school attendance has been evident this half term. Our attendance currently stands at **94.6%**, which is much lower than our 96% target.

The phase winner of the attendance challenge for Autumn 2 is Lower KS2. Miss Saul, Teaching and Learning Lead for the phase was ecstatic when she found out her team had won! The children were given chocolates to celebrate.

Attendance Challenge Winners – Autumn 2 Week 6 WE 11/12/2020

Key

Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

Attendance is between 92 – 96%, below school target and being monitored

Attendance is below 92% and significantly below the school target of 97%. Action to improve attendance needed

Phase	Class	Percentage	Winner and Spin to Win prize
EYFS	F1 Mrs Whitfield	87.2%	All children who achieved 100% will have a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Binns/Baxter	94.3%	
KS1	Y1 Mrs Brown/Miss French	97.4%	Y1 Mrs Brown/Miss French – Games session
	Y1/2 Mrs Head	82.0%	
	Y2 Miss Hennigan	78.6%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Saul	98.4%	Y4 Miss Jackson/Mrs Parkin – DOJO shop prize
	Y3 Mr Moore	89.6%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	99.6%	
	Y4 Miss Merry	92.8%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Thomas	91.0%	Y6 Miss Jackson – Extra computing session
	Y5 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders	94.1%	
	Y6 Mrs Marshall	93.6%	
	Y6 Miss Jackson	94.4%	

Overall weekly attendance for the school (07.12.20 – 11.12.20) – 93.3%

Pupil of the week

Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school value's.

Class	Pupil
F2 Mrs Binns/Baxter	Jaxon M
Y1 Mrs Brown/Miss French	Kadie-Jayne S
Y1/2 Mrs Head	Kian R
Y2 Miss Hennigan	Korben G
Y3 Miss Saul	Franc M
Y3 Mr Moore	Rainer L
Y4 Miss Jackson	Katie B
Y4 Miss Merry	Lena H
Y5 Mr Thomas	Hugh R
Y5 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders	Riley P R
Y6 Miss Jackson	Erin N
Y6 Mrs Marshall	Liam R



The Brooke Curriculum

We have some wonderful themes for the Spring term, which we are all excited about:

Year group	Theme
F1	Our Nursery Can Rhyme
F2	Once Upon a Time
KS1	Happy and Glorious (Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II)
Y3	Tomb Raiders (Egyptians)
Y4	Vile Vikings
Y5	Living in a Material world (science focus)
Y6	At The Heart Of It All (science focus)

A Great Big Thank you

As we reach the end of a very different term, I would like to say thank you for all your cooperation, support and understanding which has helped to keep everyone safe.

The children have worked so hard at remembering all of the new regimes in school as well as working hard in lessons. They are an absolute delight and like you, we are really proud of the way they have adapted to different ways of working.

I would also like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and determination to provide the very best they can for the children. They've had to get their heads around a tremendous amount of new information, procedures and resources and worked tirelessly to put them all in place. They are a great team!

Today we have said 'good luck' to Mrs Taylor and Miss Clegg who will be working over at Marshland in the new term. Miss Clegg is making next steps towards becoming a teacher and Mrs Taylor's skills will be utilised to teach and cover classes. We are extremely sad to see them leave but wish them lots of luck in their new roles.

Wishing all of our families a wonderful Christmas. See you on **Tuesday 5th January**.

Emma Levers

Head of School