



# Bryony School Christmas Newsletter



## Autumn Term - Issue 81 - 15th December 2023

St Luke's Church was filled on Wednesday evening for the Christmas Nativity performance of 'The Apprentice'. Our huge thanks to **Mr Johnson**, the Musical Director, **Miss Jug**, the Artistic Director, **Mrs Ware**, the Sound Director and to all the teachers and the children from year 1 to year 6 who all worked incredibly hard rehearsing. We enjoyed the performance of the nativity and catchy tunes such as 'I've broken my box' and 'Scratch my Back!' and beautiful solos. The lines to the songs and the play were learnt in just a few weeks. Well done to **Jeevat** (Yr 6) and **Elijah** (Yr 6) whose wonderful artwork were chosen for the programme.

We would like to thank **Father Jenkins** of St Luke's for hosting Bryony School this year. Father Jenkins was delighted to have a full church with happy children and their families at this special time of year and he was grateful for the generous collection from parents of £263 towards church funds.





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## Christmas Performance 2023 (Continued)





## Early Years' Nativity - 'Shine Star, Shine!'

The Early Years Team were very proud of all the children who took part in the Nativity performance of 'Shine Star Shine!'. The children worked very hard and performed the play twice, once to the infant school and then to Parents and Grandparents. They sang beautifully and spoke with loud clear voices.

Miss Hills, Mrs Oliver, Mrs Robinson and Mrs White.



## Staff Christmas Panto

The Staff of Bryony School took to the Pantomime stage in both the infants and juniors and performed an adapted and hilarious version of Snow White and the 3 1/2 Dwarfs... Mrs Notley found the script of the pantomime in the school archives and she played the part this week of the same Fairy she played when in year 6 at Bryony..albeit some 30 plus years ago..! Thank you to all the staff for being such great sports –particular mention must go to our amazing 'Snow White's' AKA Mr Johnson and Miss Hills.



## Pantomime Time

The children from Year 1 to Year 6 attended the pantomime 'Aladdin' at the Central Theatre in Chatham. Everyone had a great time and we are already booking next year! **Mr and Mrs Edmunds** our school Proprietors also joined the school group and caught up with all the staff and children. A fabulous festive outing to finish off the Autumn term.





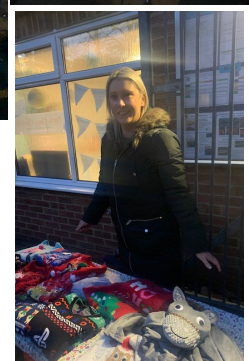
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## Friends of Bryony School (FoBS)

FoBS led by Mrs Bernini, have been busy preparing for the festive period for weeks and this culminated in to several days of FoBS festive fun.

This week we have had a last minute 'Mini' Christmas Fayre, the Christmas Shop and the Christmas Raffle Draw. On Monday we kicked off with the 'Mini' Christmas Fayre. We set up just before home time at the infants and with a handful of stalls we began to have some fun and games all under the ambience of Christmas music playing. Stalls included, an advent calendar, lucky dip, guess the Christmas street, a money tree lovely crocheted/knitted baby gifts, Christmas jumpers, treasure map and of course we were selling raffle tickets. Thank you to everyone who helped with the fayre... The money raised from the 'Mini' Christmas Fayre and the Christmas raffle was an amazing **£1117.50**. Thank you everyone!

### Christmas Fayre



### Raffle



The FoBS Christmas raffle was drawn after the Christmas Shop. We had some fantastic prizes, generously donated by parents and local businesses. Thank you to Mrs Bernini and all those who managed to secure the prizes for the draw.

### Christmas Shop



At the Christmas shop children were able to purchase gifts for family and also make up some reindeer food in preparation for the big day. Mrs Bernini, Mrs Pittock, Mrs Edkins, Mrs Osborn and Mrs Kemp helped the children choose and wrap their presents.

**A huge thank you to Mrs Bernini, Mrs Prenter, Mrs Pittock, Mrs Edkins and Mrs Osborn** for helping once again to plan, organise and ensure we raise funds to benefit the children of our school.

This term the Friends of Bryony School have bought :- 3 x buddy benches for the junior playground, new backboards and hoops for junior basketball, an insect hotel and balls for playtime. We are also looking to add to the stage as well as looking into a PA system.



## Christmas Trail

Preschool and Reception visited Rochester Cathedral last week and took part in the Christmas story trail! They completed various activities in small groups which allowed them to travel through the Christmas Story. The snow also fell whilst we were on the magical trip! The children were all so excited! A great time had by all!

Early Years Team



## KS1 Meditation Session

After a busy day last Friday, rehearsing the school Christmas Performance at the Junior School, Year 1 and Year 2 had a well deserved meditation session.

We used lighting, music, soft cushions and a meditation video to relax, unwind and look after our well-being. As you can see, everyone was very relaxed!



Mrs Paice and Mrs Apps.



## Christmas Jumper Day



We chose to continue our support for 'My Shining Children's Cancer Charity' for this year's traditional Christmas Jumper Day. Our combined donation

from the Hempstead Valley Carols and the 'Jumper Day' was **£339.43**. Thank you all for your generous donations.

<https://myshiningstar.co.uk/>

## Charity Gift Bag Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations to the Gift Bag Appeal for our local charity 'One Big Family'. Mrs Saroya collected the bags on Monday and delivered them on our behalf.

Mrs Dyne



## Christmas Party KS1

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed an afternoon full of games and prizes! We got into our house teams to play the 'Over and Under' game with a Christmas cracker and then danced the afternoon away with musical bumps and statues! KS1 Team



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## Reminders

### Junior Clubs

Please look out for information sent over the holidays via ParentMail regarding our Junior afterschool and lunchtime clubs.

### Academic Diary

Our academic diary is on our website. Please follow the link: <https://www.bryonyschool.org.uk/calendar-of-events/>

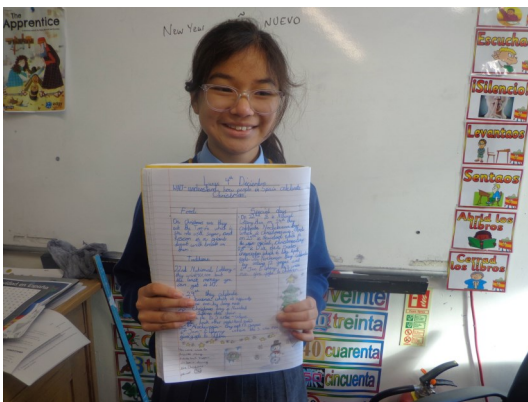
### Morning and After School Care

If you require morning or after school care please complete the ParentMail form, in advance.

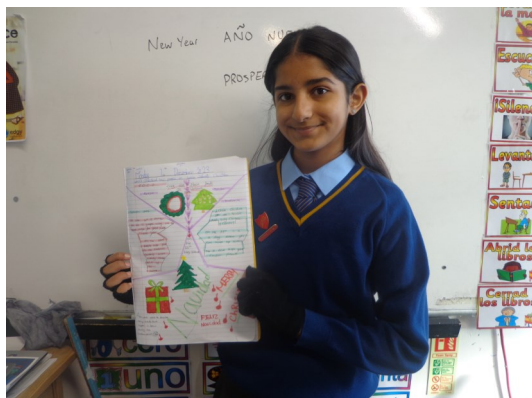
## Feliz Navidad



In honour of the festive season, we have been learning about how Spain celebrates Christmas.



Did you know that they have their own version of April Fool's Day on the 28th December called **Dia De Los Inocentes?**



## Diary Dates

# January

**Wednesday 3rd** - Staff Training Day

**Thursday 4th** - Spring Term Begins - Pupils In

**Thursday 11th** - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Visit from The Dogs Trust

**Thursday 11th** - Year 6 Swimming, Medway Park

**Thursday 18th** - MYG Swimming, Medway Park

**Friday 19th** - Young Voices Concert at the O2

**Wednesday 24th** - KS1 Road Safety Walk

**Wednesday 24th** - Year 3 & 4 Road Safety Sequencing

**Thursday 25th** - Year 6 Swimming, Medway Park

**Thursday 25th** - Year 5 & 6 PSG Sports Hall Athletics, Medway Park

**Monday 29th** - Year 6 Visit from The Magistrates

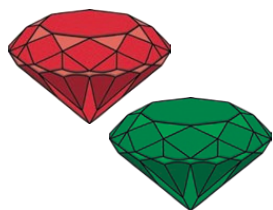
**Thursday 26th** - Year 5 & 6 PSG Sports Hall Athletics Festival

## Online Safety

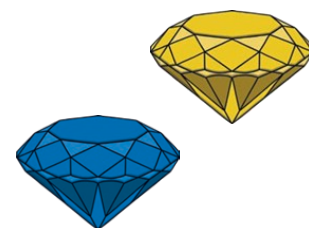
This week's **Wake Up Wednesday** Top Tip guide from the National Online Safety team has suggestions for managing screen time this Christmas—enabling everyone to live in the moment together.







**Final  
House Points  
Term 1 & Term 2**



**Weekly House Point Scores.**

<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>House Team</u></b>	<b><u>Total Points</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>Zircon</b>	<b>324</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Emerald</b>	<b>266</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Ruby</b>	<b>224</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>222</b>

Well done if you achieved house points this week!

**Zircon** holding the lead making it harder for other houses to catch!

**Running House Point Scores.**

<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>House Team</u></b>	<b><u>Total Points</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>Zircon</b>	<b>2854</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Emerald</b>	<b>2770</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>2551</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Ruby</b>	<b>2437</b>



Congratulations and best wishes to:-

## Joshua, Honey, George & Tarkan

who celebrate their birthdays this week  
and during the Christmas break !

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Practising your spellings will always help you when you have your spelling tests...

**Year 1:** 1st - **Shawn**  
2nd - **George**  
3rd - **Nihaal**

**Year 2 :** 1st - **Sara**  
2nd - **Obarinsola**  
3rd - **Roman**

**Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**

**Year 4 :** 1st - **Sylvia**  
2nd - **David**  
3rd - **Jack**

**Year 5 :** 1st - **Safet**  
2nd - **Sienna**  
3rd - **Tyler**

**Year 6 :** 1st - **Ava**  
2nd - **Jedidiah**  
3rd - **Naila**

Well done to all the children for using the **SpellingShed** program to practise your spellings.



The more you practise the better you will become!

**Year 1:** 1st - **Shawn**  
2nd - **George**  
3rd - **Rhianna**

**Year 2 :** 1st - **Sara**

**Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**

**Year 4 :** 1st - **Sylvia**  
2nd - **Jack**  
3rd - **David**

**Year 5 :** 1st - **Safet**  
2nd - **Sienna**  
3rd - **Olivia**

**Year 6 :** 1st - **Ava**  
2nd - **Jedidiah**  
3rd - **Naila**

Well done to all of you!