



Bryony School Christmas Newsletter



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Christmas Nativity at St Luke's Church



The KS1 and KS2 Christmas Nativity performance took place at St Luke's Church in Gillingham to an audience of parents and other family members. We enjoyed acting by Year 6 and beautiful singing including a solo by **Alicia** (Year 5).



A huge thank you to **Mr Johnson** and colleagues for their efforts in preparing the children and for the children themselves in learning all the words and performing the songs so enthusiastically. You were

exceptional. Well done everyone in helping make the performance a huge success.

Early Years Christmas Nativity

CHRISTMAS
NATIVITY
PERFORMANCE

2024



The children from pre-school and reception really enjoyed playing their parts in the performance of The Nativity. They did really well remembering their lines and sang beautifully in front of their family audience. The children even used sign language in some of their songs... Well

done all of you !



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Christmas Dinner Day



The children and staff enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner. We had turkey, roast potatoes, brussels, carrots, stuffing and Yorkshire puddings with lashings of gravy followed by traditional Christmas pudding and custard. The children sang to the kitchen and lunchtime staff and had a Christmas cracker provided by FoBS. Thank you to everyone who helped make this dinner extra special !

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Term 1 House Point Winners



A big well done to **Emerald House** who are the overall winners of the most house points earned this term.



The children were treated to a hot chocolate, marshmallow and cookie treat!



Mrs Dyne

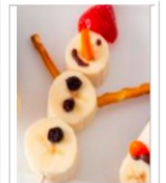
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Treats



Today in our food technology lesson we made some festive treats for the children to enjoy.



We made Melting Snowmen, Grinch Santa hats & Fruity Snowmen.



They were delicious!

Mrs Kilbourne & Mrs Foot



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KS1 PE Lessons



This term, Key Stage One have been composing their own gymnastic routine, using all of the skills and components they have been learning about.

The routines had to include; different travels and movements, shapes, balances, jumps and rolls. All of the children worked brilliantly in their teams and showed the rest of the class their fantastic performances!

Mrs Dyne and Mrs Paice

A Special Visit

Father Christmas came to visit the Infant children this week. There was a present delivered for everyone (kindly donated by FoBs). Thank you Santa and FoBs!



Panto Time- Oh yes it is!



The children from Year 1 to Year 6 attended the Christmas pantomime 'Jack & the Beanstalk' at the Central Theatre in Chatham. The children and staff had a fantastic time.

FoBs Christmas Shop

FoBS led by Mrs Bernini, held Christmas shops for all children to purchase gifts for family and also make up some reindeer food in preparation for the big day.

Thank you to Mrs Bernini, Mrs Pittock, Mrs Osborn and Mrs

Goodearl helped the children choose and wrap their presents.

Thank you so much for all you do.



Christmas Parties & Jumper Day



The last day of term was full of musical assemblies and party games wearing Christmas Jumpers in aid of the Oliver Fisher Ward. The infants were treated to KS1 recorder recital which they had been practising in their lessons with Mrs Prenter.



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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 into several days of **FoBS festive fun**. In the final few days of term we had our Christmas Fayre, the Christmas Shop and the Christmas Raffle.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bernini, Mrs Prenter, Mrs Pittock, and Mrs Osborn for helping once again to plan, organise and ensure we raise funds to benefit the children of our school. Thanks too to all those parents who help for specific events. FoBs have purchased Christmas presents for all children and Christmas crackers.

FoBs Christmas Fayre & Raffle

The FoBS Christmas raffle was drawn with some fantastic prizes that had been donated, being given out to happy recipients.



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Carol Singing

This year our junior children once again sang Christmas carols and songs at Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre to raise money for the Oliver Fisher Special Care Baby Unit.

We also had a Christmas Jumper Day today and together we have raised £388.71 so far.

Donations direct to the charity may continue to be made to our Justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/bryony-school-1731607695706>



Thank you for your generosity.



Online Safety

As Christmas will soon be upon us, I thought I would repost these 'Top Tips' for Children and Young people to Enjoy a Tech-Free Christmas!

The guide, from the National Online Safety team has suggestions for keeping a handle on device use, so your family can be truly together this Christmas.

Even if going full tech cold turkey feels unrealistic, implementing just a few of these tips could still decrease the amount of screen time in your home this festive season – enabling everyone to live in the moment.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/12-top-tips-for-children-and-young-people-to-enjoy-a-tech-free-christmas>



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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.

Uniform

Please make sure your child returns to school wearing the correct uniform. Uniform is available at **Schooltime, Chatham**
<https://schooltime.co.uk>

Academic Diary

Our academic diary is on our website. Please scan the QR code to view it.



Morning and After School Care

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

Junior Clubs

Diary Dates

December

Wednesday 18th - Friday 3rd January (inclusive) - Christmas Holidays

January

Friday 3rd - Staff Training Day

Monday 6th - Spring Term Begins - Pupils In

Tuesday 7th - Year 6 Swimming, Medway Park - First

Monday 13th - Early Years & KS1 Drama4All Workshop

Monday 13th - KS2 Drama4All Workshop

Tuesday 14th - Year 6 Swimming, Medway Park

Friday 17th - MYG Swimming, Medway Park

Tuesday 21st - Young Voices Concert at the O2

Thursday 23rd - Year 5 & 6 PSG Sports Hall Athletics, Howard School

Tuesday 28th - Year 6 Swimming, Medway Park

Thursday 30th - Year 3 & 4 PSG Sports Hall Athletics, Medway Park

Day of the Week	Lunchtime/ After School	Type of Club	How to Sign Up	Teacher
Monday	After School	Archery	Parentmail	Mrs Atkins
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Art and Mindfulness	Mrs Kilbourne	Mrs Kilbourne
Tuesday	After School	Young Voices Choir Years 4 to 6	Via Parentmail	Mr Johnson
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Crochet Club	Via Parentmail	Ms Jug and Mrs King



Congratulations and best wishes to:-

**Shawn, Joshua, Honey, George,
Millie & Tarkan**

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

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



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

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

Year 3 : 1st - **Hollie**

Year 4 : 1st - **Mireya**
2nd - **Evelyn**
3rd - **Jovan**

Year 5 : 1st - **Amelia**
2nd - **Sylvia**
3rd - **Matilda**

Year 6 : 1st - **Safet**
2nd - **Olivia**
3rd - **Kesi**

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 2 : 1st - **Shawn**
2nd - **Ted**
3rd - **George**

Year : 3 1st - **Hollie**

Year 4 : 1st - **Myreya**
2nd - **Evelyn**
3rd - **Rachel**

Year 5 : 1st - **Matilda**
2nd - **Avery**
3rd - **Lyla**

Year 6 : 1st - **Safet**
2nd - **Kesi**
3rd - **Olivia**

Fantastic to see a full house for **MathShed** this week. Well done to all of you!