

AUTUMN 2 2021



# BIDSTON VILLAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Love Faith, Love People, Love Learning'*



## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The Christmas holiday is almost here and I am writing to keep you updated of events, achievements and developments at Bidston Village.

For yet another term, we have been completing Risk assessments for Covid-19 and our school organisation and practices have been informed by the contents of these. I have recently reviewed our latest Risk assessment, in line with advice from the DFE and our Health and Safety support service. Please see our website ([www.bidstonvillage.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.bidstonvillage.wirral.sch.uk)) for updated Risk assessments.

I would like to thank you all for your continuing support and understanding. School closes on Friday 17th December and re-opens for pupils on Tuesday 4th January.

Yours sincerely,

L. Hazeldine

### Christmas Performances

Unfortunately, due to our Covid-19 risk assessment, we were not able to open our doors to parents/carers for our Christmas performances. I do realise that this will have been upsetting for you all, as there is something so special about watching your children perform at Christmas. We ensured that the children did not miss out on the opportunity to take part in a performance, however. In total there were four performances:

- Foundation 2
- Years 1,2 and EIB1
- Years 3, 4 and EIB2
- Years 5 and 6

As always, the children did a great job and, most importantly, they had fun! You will be able to watch the recordings; your class teachers will inform you (via ClassDojo) of how to access these.

### Attendance Awards

Congratulations to all 65 children who had 100% attendance in Autumn term. Also a special mention to the 95 children who had an attendance of 97- 99%. They will be presented with certificates, along with 37 children whose attendance has been very good (95- 96%). Children in Class 6A are due to receive a prize this week for the class with the best attendance in school- well done to them! Thanks to all parents and carers who have supported your children's attendance this term.

## Green Zone Awards (For excellent behaviour)

Certificates are due to be awarded to all children (an impressive 383 out of 431 pupils- 89%) who have managed to remain in green zone all term. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement. Again your support in encouraging children to follow the code of conduct, is very much appreciated. We are very proud of the behaviour of the majority of children in school and, indeed, visitors to the school regularly comment on this.

## Stars of the term

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been chosen as stars of the term from every class in school. They will be presented with books and certificates before the end of the term.

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM</b> - Jasmine Whitby	<b>PM</b> - Oscar Taylor- Muir
<b>Foundation 2</b>	<b>F2K</b> - Lily- Rose Murtagh	<b>F2L</b> – Bella Dunne
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1MK</b> - Charlie Williams	<b>1J</b> - Patrick Mckeever
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>2L</b> – Peter Smith	<b>2G</b> – Lucie Wood
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3JW</b> – Lucas Burdett	<b>3B</b> – Roman Murphy
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>4VJ</b> – Melia King	<b>4DJ</b> – Scarlett Gallagher
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>5O</b> – Reeve King	<b>5B</b> – Lucy Palmer
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>6GJ</b> - Oliver Horton	<b>6A</b> - Reily Akkurt
<b>EIB classes</b>	<b>EIB1</b> – Willow McGuinness	<b>EIB2</b> - Shea Connor

## Christingles and Church Services

It has been lovely to welcome Reverend Joe Smith into school this term, since his appointment as vicar of St Oswald's church. He is due to lead 3 Christingles services in school on Tuesday and we are due to take the children (F2 to Y6) to St Oswald's church on Thursday for our Christmas services (3 in total, to ensure adequate social distancing).

**And finally...** I would like to thank you all for your understanding during this difficult time. Covid- 19 continues to require us to work differently from normal and your support in decisions made and procedures which we have put in place, including wearing masks on the school premises, is very much appreciated, as always.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from all the staff at Bidston Village**



# What have we been learning about?

## EARLY YEARS

### SUNFLOWERS-

In Sunflowers this half term our topic has been 'bears'. We have enjoyed various bear related stories including 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Whatever Next' and 'Where's My Teddy?' We have taken part in some fabulous crafts and re-enactments linked to the topic. We have also enjoyed 'Welly walk Wednesdays' where we have explored the outdoor areas and looked at seasonal changes.

### NURSERY-

Our topic was based around Percy the Parkkeeper stories ~ we enjoyed designing our own park ~ learning about nocturnal animals and had great fun in our role play area themed as Percy's Hut where the children had a great time fixing and making homes for the forest animals.

### RECEPTION-

We have been learning about rhyming and have composed class poetry books, we recited some poetry in assembly! We have really enjoyed reading 'I'm going to eat this ant' discussing how we cook and what we like to eat, even doing our own version of bake-off! We were lucky to have extra Edsential PE lessons on Friday mornings which have helped us develop our gross and fine motor skills! We did a fantastic Christmas performance to end this term! It has been very busy, and so much fun!

### EIB 1

#### (Educational Inclusion Base)

EIB1 have worked really hard this half term creating our own moving pictures. We are hoping to finish off our final design this week and create a moving picture of the Gingerbread man story to help with our retelling.

## KEY STAGE 1

### YEAR 1-

We have been learning all about Nibbles the book monster this half term. We loved exploring the fairytales and we did lots of incredible writing based on Nibbles too! In science, we designed suitable houses for the Three Little Pigs. We loved making our own moving pictures in DT using different sliders. Our Rudolph Run was a huge success and we raised lots of money. We have created some beautiful dances based on animals in the jungle and performed them for our friends in PE.

### YEAR 2-

Year 2 have had a very busy and productive term. We loved finding out about The Great Fire of London. We used our knowledge to create and build a class dance routine and made Tudor houses in DT. We really enjoyed our class novel The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark and also learnt lots of facts about owls which we used to write a non chronological report. We loved a visit from Vicar Joe answering lots of our questions.

### EIB 2

EIB2 have been looking at the history of the Rainforest and famous explorers. We researched where our foods come from and were shocked how far some foods and essentials travel before they get to us. We've enjoyed Mrs Tully's Kahoot quizzes and have all earned our Bronze certificates. EIB2 have worked hard on learning the class nativity song. We are super proud of you.

## KEY STAGE 2

### YEAR 3-

Year 3 have had a busy month, we invited Joe into our RE lessons and asked him questions about being a vicar, St. Oswald's and being a new dad! In DT we have learnt about truss bridges and how to construct them, while in art we had a spotlight on Rosa Bonheur and drew animals, focusing on techniques for fur. Science has been all about the functions of the skeleton and naming bones. In English we have written some fabulous writing based on the Winter's Child.

### YEAR 4-

We have been busy learning all about volcanoes and earthquakes, helped by a workshop from Hi Impact technology about the state of matter. We have enjoyed helping raise money for charity in our Rudolph Run and have shown off our fantastic singing skills in the Christmas production.

### YEAR 5 -

This half term, year 5 have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks in History and thoroughly enjoyed taking off in our North American Airlines flight simulation to explore North America! Within art, the children have been looking at the power of love across a variety of artists and have LOVED following art tutorials to draw symbols of love.

### YEAR 6-

This half-term, Y6 have completed 6 sessions with Thumbs Up on our mental health and well-being. We also had a visit from Ken (Bible Explorers) to find out the true meaning of Christmas. We've also read a Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens in English.

**TEN TO NINE BE ON TIME**

**Class with the highest attendance- 6A**



# Gallery from Autumn 2

