

16th December 2021

Newsletter

We have come to the end of a very busy term. Although we have not been able to invite you into school to take part in the usual events, we have still been able to continue them for the children. Our children in Phase 1 & 2 have performed their nativity, albeit as a filmed production rather than a live event. Parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be sent a link so they can watch the filmed performance. Many thanks to Mr Busby for filming and editing, Director Mr Grimshaw and all the teachers for.

The children enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Tuesday and really loved having Christmas Crackers! We have a whole school Theme week based around the book Grandpas Christmas. We will be posting photos on Weduc and Twitter.

Thank you to the generous families at MMPS who have donated £765.57 to Children in Need and Save the Children this term.

Photograph and Video Permissions

The large majority of our families have given permission for their children to be included on photographs and video, such as the nativity or for photos of events and visits for our website, WEDUC and twitter. Any parent who has not given permission will have their wishes honoured, however, if you have changed your mind and would like your child to be included in school photographs and videos please contact the school office to update your preferences.

Christmas Card Competition – A Recycled Christmas

The overall Priestley Academy Trust winner was Aishah from Lillycroft Primary. The overall winner from Margaret McMillan was Muneezah and the class winners are listed below. Thank you and well done to everyone who took part. You will be able to see the winning designs on our school website.

Morning nursery – Aroush

Afternoon Nursery - Toheed

Earth Class - Raeda

Mars Class - Zainab

Saturn Class - Yassen

Neptune Class - Hibba

Mercury Class - Abdullah

Jupiter class - Ubaid

Galileo Class - Taibah

Hubble Class - Aizah

Sharman class - Inaiayah

Hawking Class – Husna

Bronte Class - Aliza



Hockney Class - Hibbah
Nightingale Class - Aila
Newton Class - Raheem
Adams Class - Inaaya
Armstrong Class – Muhamed Taballa
Ennis Class - Marwah
Turing Class – Hibba Noor
Pankhurst Class - Sairah
Rowling Class –Muneezah
Malala Class - Isaac
Mandela Class - Aroosh

Covid-19

Government guidance regarding Covid-19 has been rapidly changing over the past few weeks with the spread of the Omicron variant. We will let you know about any changes that affect your child in school as soon as we know, but for now, “Plan B” does not affect school – **there are no additional changes for schools and current advice still applies.**

We are busy making contingency plans for returning to home learning should the need arise after the Christmas break. Please ensure that you have our WEDUC app downloaded as this is the way we communicate with all our parents, particularly at short notice.

A message from Bradford Health for Parents;

Make getting your Covid vaccine a family affair over Christmas! With children breaking up from school soon and many of you enjoying some time off work, why not squeeze in your Covid jab while out and about doing your Christmas shopping. We have lots of clinics across Bradford, you do not need to book ahead for first and second doses (you will need to book if eligible for a booster) There’s a clinic running every day at The Broadway Bradford for anyone aged 12 and above and we have a special family clinic every Saturday at St Luke’s Hospital.

You can see a list of all our clinics and their opening times by visiting www.bit.ly/VaccineWalkInClinic.
Booster and vaccinations can be booked here - [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Goodbyes

We say goodbye to Mrs Jamal, a senior lunchtime supervisor who is retiring after 35 years service at Margaret McMillan. I know you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future.

Attendance

Our attendance continues to be a challenge for us. Our attendance was 93.2% this term for school age children (aged 5+). Please continue to be vigilant and take children for a PCR test if they have a continuous cough or a high temperature. If they are negative, please send them to school if they are well enough.

Finally...

Buddy the School Office Elf has made an appearance this December across school. You can see what he’s been up to on our Twitter feed.

For those of you who are celebrating, I wish you a Merry Christmas and to everyone a peaceful break and a Happy New Year. See you in 2022.

Lorraine Martin
Headteacher