



Newsletter for 21st December 2012

Happy Learners Greater Achievers

Message from the Head teacher

Here we arrive at the end of the longest term of the year. The children have been a credit to the school with their academic and social achievements. This morning we celebrated Christmas at our end of term service where each and every one of the children played a part, be it singing or speaking. Worship Workshop Club co-ordinated the whole service and for that I thank them. I would also like to thank Rev'd Alison and Rev'd Christine for their contribution to the service.

A big thank you, once again, to Robert Langrick for the donation of the beautiful tree in our entrance foyer. It certainly makes a wonderful impression on visitors as they enter the school.

Thank you to the staff, parents and governors for all of your continued support in making Billesdon School the great place it is. I hope you all have a relaxing and safe holiday.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Anita Timson

Diary Dates

January

- Monday 7th Teacher Day—School closed to children
- Tuesday 8th School re-opens to children for the spring term
- Wednesday 9th Year 1 and year 6 heights and weight for National Measurement Prog
- Thursday 10th PAFA meeting at 3pm in the octopus
- Friday 11th Year 4 recorder lessons commence (for entire spring and summer term)
- Saturday 19th PAFA Rags to Riches (fish and chip supper and live band) for parents at the Coplow Centre
- Tuesday 29th Maths Day in school for all classes
- Tuesday 29th Governing Body meeting at 6pm
- Wednesday 30th School nurse drop in for children in years 5 and 6. 12.00-1.00pm

February

- Sunday 3rd Education Sunday Service at The Church
- Monday 4th Beaumanor residential parents meeting 6.00pm
- Mon 11th– Fri 15th Half term—school closed

March

- Mon 4th– Wed 6th Beaumanor residential trip
- Monday 18th Late parents evenings
- Tuesday 19th Early parents evenings
- Friday 22nd Easter Service at The Church 9.30am
- Friday 22nd School closes for Easter Holidays at 3pm



PAFA News

PAFA would like to thank everyone for their support at the Christmas Craft Fair. A grand total of £1479 was raised, including a £500 donation from HSBC. The winners of the decorate a jam jar competition were; Emily, Arawa and Alanna.

The cinema night was a great success. The KS1 children watched Arthur Christmas and KS2 children watched Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

The children and staff would like to thank the committee of PAFA for another wonderful term's fundraising. Also thank you for the donation made towards the theatre trip to see Peter Pan this term.

Lord Mayor's Concert

On the evening of Wednesday 5th December 26 members of the school choir performed in the Lord Mayor's Christmas Concert at De Montfort Hall.

The musical production was based on the story of Hansel and Gretel. Also performing at the concert were Leicester-shire music orchestras and bands.

Our choir were impeccably behaved during the first half, where they were entertained by the musicians and in return entertained and performed exceptionally well in the massed choir during the second half of the concert.

Thank you Choir and well done!



Anti Bullying poster competition winners

Well done to the following children who were selected by the School Council.

Class 1; Iona

Class 2; Charlotte and Giles

Class 3; Troy and Lily W

Class 4; Frankie and Emily

St Nicholas Day Concert

On Thursday 6th December a concert to celebrate St Nicholas day was held at the Church.

Once again the school choir didn't fail to deliver an exceptional performance, both on their own and with the Church choir. Children from our school in Worship Workshop Club and Bright Lights (Sunday School) were also involved in the service and performed their own version of the first Christmas story, written by the Worship Workshop Club.

Well done and thank you to all who took part!

Bright Day update

Issie and Arawa (JRSOs) are pleased to let you know that the children raised £93.04 for Brake road safety charity. The total amount raised was £153.04, of which £60 was used to purchase every child in the school a torch so that they can keep safe now the days are shorter. Thank you to Miss McNeil for taking the time to go and strike a great deal in buying the torches and a big thank you to Vic from Anand international Ltd, on Melton Road in Leicester for kindly donating £40 back to the charity by giving a fantastic discount on the torches and batteries!

Festival of Light—Advent Service

On the morning of Thursday 6th December, five children from Worship Workshop club, Rev'd Alison and Mrs Timson went to Leicester Cathedral to take part in the annual advent service. This year was extra special as Billesdon pupils had the privilege of returning the baton and light which had been passed around the Deanery of Gartree 1. Well done to Temaera and Alfie for delivering your lines so well and in front of a huge audience. And thank you to the children who went, the rest being, Gaby, Alanna and Georgia. You were a credit to the school with your behaviour. Thank you and well done!



Packed lunch notice

Please remember to pack a spoon, if required, for your child's packed lunch. Children have been borrowing spoons from the school kitchen, which haven't been returned, resulting in a shortage of spoons for children who pay for hot dinners.





Nativity

This years Nativity play was once again performed by the infants in classes 1 and 2. The title of this years Nativity was 'It's a party!' and told the story of the first Christmas from the perspective of being invited to Jesus' birthday.

The children worked very hard in learning their lines and their song words as well as their acting. Thank you to the staff who worked hard with the children and in creating the scenery, props and costumes; Mrs Gower, Mrs Willcocks, Mrs Stones, Mrs Gregg and Mrs Piggins. Also thank you to the parents who helped.

Tilton Tree Festival

Well done to the winners of the recycled decoration competition set by the Eco club.

In class 1; Emily Harvey. Class 2; Jack Lansdowne. Class 3; Joseph Birch and class 4; Joe Booker. Well done and thank you to all who took part and thank you to Mrs Willcocks for organising the competition and setting up the tree. Thank you also to Grange Farm in Thorpe Langton for donating the tree.

100% Attendance this term

Class 1; Henrietta Geddes, Dayton Hallgarth, Emily Harvey, Edward Marsh, Avene Mottram, Holly Norman, Elliot Norwell, Oliver Phillips, Iona Thacker.

Class 2; Erin Doherty, Jack Lansdowne, Lizzie Loxley, Eden Moore, Tommy Richards, John Stevens, Arthur Williamson.

Class 3; Sophie Allen, Tom Heggs, Lily Mottram, James O'Gormley, Kira Stevens, Millie Taylor, Lily Walsh, Tom Williamson.

Class 4; Louise Allen, Joseph Booker, Nathan Booker, Frankie Fenton, Georgia Immins, Riley Laird, William Marsh, Temaera Moore, Maddy Mottram, Isabelle O'Gormley, Alanna Stones.

Peter Pan

On Wednesday 19th December the whole school went to the Peepul Centre in Leicester to watch Peter Pan. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and participated in true panto style!

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with groups of children and thank you also to PAFA for the donation towards the cost of the trip.

Golden Book Children for December 2012

Class 1; Talia Welby, Emily Harvey, Avene Mottram, Holly Norman, Emily Saunders, Ebony Stevens, Henrietta Geddes, Dayton Hallgarth

Class 2; Izzy Ardern, John Stevens, All of class 2, Giles Carey, Georgia Kirkland, Erin Doherty, Owen Jones

Class 3; Sophie Allen, Troy Halpin, Millie Taylor, Joseph Birch, Bessie Brown, Jaylan Wildbore

Class 4; Niall Busby-Powell, Arawa Brittenden, Beau Riley, Tom Ward, Blossom Weal, Isabelle O'Gormley

Lunchtime Golden Book Children

Kit, Rhiannon, Reece, Florence, Lydia, Oliver P, Avene, Edward, Victoria, Jack, Charlotte, Jessica

Kindness Cup

Frankie Fenton, Reece Wightman

Writers Cup

James Garner, Eliza Greaves

Year Group Cup

Year 1, Year 3, Year 2, Reception, Year 2, Year 6

House Cup

Oak, Horse Chestnut, Holly

