



Children's Newsletter

Term 2

The Christmas term is always a busy term at Byron Primary. The heating is turned on and teachers spend most of their days desperately trying to keep their class rooms at

a good temperature, not too hot and not too cold!

Children across the school have been busy making their Christmas Fayre

items ready to sell to you all!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anti Bullying Week

Bullying is a topic we cover every year in primary school, but until it is totally irradiated we have to keep reminding ourselves of what it is and what you can do if you are being bullied or if someone you know is being bullied.

On the week starting 12th November, we had an Anti-bullying week here at Byron which taught us about the many different types of bul-

lying and how to deal with them all. We did a lot of fun activities to learn about all of these situations.

On 14th November, a theatre group came in and performed a mini play for us all to watch. It was called 'The Power Of One' and showed us some situations that would be counted as bullying. They showed us how the victim might act in these situations and what to do.

The play ended with our 'superhero' looking inside a box in which the contents will stop bullying once and for all. We found out that inside the box was a mirror meaning that the way to stop bullying starts with you- therefore making the most powerful way to stop bullying 'The Power Of One' We all enjoyed this and learnt a very powerful lesson; stopping bullying starts with you!

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Strange but true...Artic Special

- Temperatures as low as -70 have been recorded there.
- Four million people live there
- 'Unicorns of the sea' (narwhales) live there.

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Road Safety

Road safety is extremely important especially at this time of year as it can start getting dark as early as 4pm.

Tips for staying safe:

Think about what you are wearing—can a person driving see you? If not, we suggest wearing something bright or reflective. If you can't find anything suitable then you could hold a torch or something else that produces light.

Look left and right before you cross the road. Even if

the driver can see you, they might not be able to stop in time and this can be avoided if you look left and right several times before you cross.

Think about where you are crossing the road; there are safe places and dangerous places. Crossings are designed especially for safe road crossing so you should try and cross at one if possible.

Listen for cars. This is one major way to keep safe when crossing the road- but be aware! Some cars are very

quiet as a lot are electric nowadays .

Another way to stay safe while crossing in between two parked cars is to check whether there is 'smoke' coming out of the exhaust pipe. If there is, it means someone is driving the car and you should wait to cross unless they indicate you to go. If there isn't any smoke then there is no one driving the car and it is safe to cross.

What is on in Medway over Christmas 2017

Over the holidays it can be hard sometimes to find things to do to fill the days so we've taken the time to research what is on during the holidays and here are some key upcoming events!

Until 10th December, the Rochester Christmas market will be taking place in the picturesque castle gardens of Rochester Castle. There will be lots of other different events going on around

the main market. There will be live music and many unique gifts. There's also a craft fair and lots of different treats around the market.

If you cannot make it to Rochester Christmas Market there are many other events happening on Saturday in Chatham town centre, including Bjorn the Polar Bear on Saturday 9th December and the Black Eagle Acrobats on 16th December.

The Brook and Central Theatre also have Christmas themed shows and events in the run up to Christmas so its worth visiting their websites.

Also going on over Christmas, until 2nd January there will be Christmas heritage trails going on at the Guildhall Museum and Rochester Castle. There are a few prizes to be won as well so we suggest checking it out.

Year 5/6 Rights Respecting Day.

Last term Year 5/6 were lucky enough to spend a whole day focusing on the articles we were learning about that term which linked to every child having the right to an education, rest and play.

Year 5/6 focused on water and learnt that some children (who might be as young as 3!) have to spend all day walking

to and from wells to collect precious water to use for drinking and cooking. This means they have no time to go to school let alone rest or play.

We did three different activities. The first was called Waters Deadly Connection and showed us how devastating dirty water can be. We looked in to the work of John Snow and how he linked dirty water to cholera.

The second activity showed us how hard it can be to make dirty water clean by using various materials to filter it.

Finally we looked at how difficult it can be to carry water over long distances.

The day showed us how lucky we are to be able to come to school and have clean drinking water available from tap.

Getting to know Byron Staff—General Assistants

This term we were excited to find out more about what the general assistants get up to.

We interviewed Mrs Paul Scullard and she told us that she does jobs all around the

school. We discovered that she does jobs for almost every one in the school these include taking the lunch trolleys down from upstairs, making sure Foundation Stage and Key Stage One

children have fruit available for their snack times and creating most of the displays you see around the school; they even make sure PE equipment is outside and ready for your PE lessons.

Year 3/4 Panto Trip

Pantomimes are a traditional part of the build up to Christmas and this term year 3 and 4 got to visit Mid Kent College and watch the drama students performing their version of 'Oz'.

The children of years three and four had to walk to Mid Kent college to see the performance and before they

even went their teachers spent some time speaking to them about what makes a good audience. 'Good audiences are quiet when they need to be and laugh at the funny bits!' Some classes even practiced 'he's behind you!'.
When the children returned they were excited to tell us

all about the show and most of them could not stop giggling as they told us about the good witches wig which would not stop falling off!

They also enjoyed being surprised when the actors squirted them with water pistols!

It's safe to say a good time was had by all!

Mindfulness

Activity: Happy Faces

Look for smiling faces everywhere...Humans, pets, cars, trees, clouds (we may have hidden some in the newsletter!) Draw them all on a sheet of paper, keep that sheet of paper safe and when you feel sad have a look at it!

