



PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
18th December 2020

Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents/Carers, Governors and Friends,

This time last year I wrote in my newsletter: "We are already excited about the next term." Having completed a very busy Autumn Term 2019, we were already looking forward to our programme for the Spring and Summer terms of 2020.

However, it didn't take long for learning at our school (and life in general) to become very different than anticipated.

Whilst our teachers continued to carefully craft lessons, they now also had to consider *if, how* and especially *where* their pupils would be accessing that learning.

When children returned to school, much had changed. It was dominated by hand washing and staying in bubbles. Friends and adults were in one day and not the next, absent for weeks at a time and perhaps teaching from a distance. We still continue with different start and finish times, one way areas, eating lunch in the classroom and restricted use of the playground.

Teachers were alarmed that previous learning was quickly forgotten and that too many in their classes had not been able to join in remote lessons, leading to lost learning.

Thankfully, something did not change – our pupils! On their return to school they were the same 'ready to learn', friendly, smiley selves. They put their trust in the adults teaching and helping them.

What also remained the same was our ambition for their learning, our passion to teach and help, to plan engaging lessons and experiences. To be creative in finding solutions and be forward thinking. To do what is right.

So, what does 2020 teach us about forward planning? Should we be less excited about 2021? Should we not make plans for the future? Should we put life on hold until everyone has received the vaccine and the virus is largely beaten?

In the Nativity story, Mary didn't plan on having a baby. She and Joseph were told quite unexpectedly to travel a long distance. They hoped to find a comfortable place to stay but were given a stable. And, imagine the difficulty of giving birth without a nurse at hand. Then suddenly they had to manage all these visitors as if it was normal to have angels, shepherds and wise men arriving unannounced to worship your first born child. Finally, they were told not to return to their home but to flee the country as the King wanted their baby killed.

What we can learn from 2000 years ago, this year and any in between is that we have to be prepared to be flexible, that plans may change, to not be surprised when the unexpected happens. What matters however is how we manage change or any set-back. To not take adversity personally, to be patient and behave responsibly. To learn from and move on. Not to blame but to take positive action. To think of solutions and be ready to adjust our plans. Not to be beaten by it no matter how long or how hard it seems to get. To know that we are not alone and to talk to others and work out a solution together. And also remember, there are always people who have it even harder than us and yet they manage with a smile and with dignity. They show true resilience.

I for one am again looking forward to a lot of things in the new year. My diary is full of planned activities and events for 2021. Not least the pantomime on 21st January. But first, I cannot wait to spend quality time with my family and then for your return on Tuesday 5th January.

In the meantime: be safe, be kind.

Merry Christmas

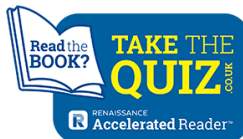
Mr Jan M Bless - Headteacher

This week in our Christmas bumper newsletter:

- What has been achieved in recent D&T weeks?
- Christmas dinner
- Talent Shows
- End of term certificates
- Family board games
- Competition results
- Year 2 Nativity

Reading Books

that have been read in classes this week



Well done again to class **3F** for completing the highest number of accelerated reading quizzes this week!

Amount of quizzes taken: 63

Amount of quizzes passed: 67



Accelerated Reader



Magic Light on BBC One

The Gruffalo	25th Dec 8:55am	Zog and the Flying Doctors	25th Dec 2:35pm
The Gruffalo's Child	25th Dec 9:25am	Room on the Broom	30th Dec 12:00pm
The Snail and the Whale	25th Dec 11:00am	The Highway Rat	31st Dec 1:25pm
Zog	25th Dec 11:25am	Stick Man	31st Dec 1:50pm

Short film versions of these beloved stories



Caught reading!



Did you guess that it was Miss Clarke reading before school?



Guess which teacher loves to read in their book corner after school!



Chanukah - The Festival of Lights

Chanukah means 'dedication' in Hebrew, and it is the name of the Jewish festival of lights.

The dedication is for the temple in Jerusalem and candles are lit for eight nights to celebrate this. Presents are often given on every night of Chanukah.

It dates back to two centuries before the beginning of Christianity.

In the western calendar, Chanukah or Hanukah is celebrated in November or December.

Happy Chanukah to our Jewish community.



Prince of Wales Nativity 2020

Year 2 have been working hard using a technique called Talk 4 Writing to produce this year's Nativity play. Each Year 2 class told part of the story and the year group used Makaton signing instead of singing to perform their rendition of 'Away in a Manger'. Although the children didn't get to perform to a live audience, the production was filmed so we can share this special experience with our school community. Well done, Year 2. What a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit and bring hope at the end of such a difficult year.



Shane 5T, demonstrated how to use a number line to count on in 7s. He also researched one of his favourite animals, the horse, creating a lovely poster



YEAR 6
★ TALENT
SHOW

Learner of the Term Awards – Autumn 2020

These children were chosen for excellent achievement in a range of academic areas, demonstrating good attitude and behaviour, meeting our Values and expectations and being good role models to their peers:

Class	Reading	Mathematics	Commitment to Learning (going above and beyond, making accelerated progress, etc.)	Quality of Homework	Contribution to the school (adhering to school values)
1H	Kayle	Mujde	Vladi	Walid	Ada
1K	Elleyanna	Jacob	Ellerie	Amelia	Oskar
1T	Ailon	Elias	Sengul	Dylan	Jayden
2A	Aayden	Omari	Esra	Gabriela	Phoebe
2L	Lynzie	Ozgur	Angelica	Bella	Alessia
2T	Miraz	Anna	Wassim	Irem	Noah
3F	Elif	Ezekiel	Dalya	Jacob	Shaun
3G	Neriaah	Nassim	Yasmine	Emin	Cagan
3W	Nora	Kezia	Ryan	Indi	Keje
4F	Symone	Larissa	Rehan	Raj	Tia
4H	Adonis	Domantas	Tasnim	Alaa	Tea
4R	Layla	Beau	Bernice	Taylan	Angelina
5G	Aron	Tommy	Raahil	Varun	Aysema
5K	Fadhil	Niyla	Olivia	Zahra	Beth
5T	Arios	Esther	Siloe	Robert	Mellae
6B	Brooklyn	Naomi	Jeannelya	Maryam	Layla
6T	Zipporah	Tuana	Christabel	James	Rei
6Th	Kimora-Lee	Jesse	Aiyana	Sophie	Beverley
Rainbow	Yamin	Ronnie	Harley	Clayton	Dolly



In Reception we have been enjoying the Christmas season by taking part in activities that encompass Expressive, Art and Design in the EYFS curriculum.

Wrapping presents in the elf wrapping station.



Practising our scissor skills to cut Christmas tree and snowmen.



Building a sleigh for Santa!

Year 1- Making a Fruit Kebab



We started by investigating different types of fruit and discussed where they came from and their features.

WASHING, CHOPPING AND ASSEMBLING

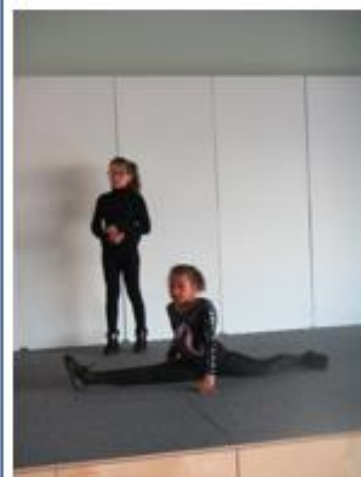




POW's Got Talent!

As with so much this year, our annual Talent Show looks very different but has still been a fun celebration of the children's talents.

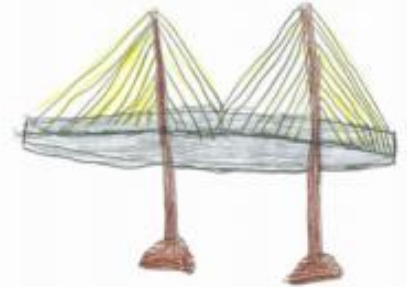
Each year group bubble had their own Talent Show this week where we were treated to dances, jokes, poetry recitals and many more exciting acts. Well done to everyone who took part.



YEAR 2 - BRIDGES



Draw a bridge below and label it.



Suspension bridge metal

Making different types of joints to make our bridges stronger.



We used toy cars to test our bridge.



Selecting and using materials to create a steady and safe bridge.



Design and Technology in Year 3



I learnt how to do the back stitch.

We looked at a range of holders, purses and wallets.

We practised a range of stitching techniques, such as the running stitch and the back stitch.



I made a purse for my mum. It has an R on it because her name begins with R.

I had to concentrate hard to thread the needle. It was tricky!

We designed and planned how to make a purse/wallet.



We used our designs to make our final product.



Next time, I'd like to add some Velcro.

I learnt how to attach a button!



Looking for a family board game? Look no further!

Year 6 have been busy playing board games. The games below develop important skills in children. For example, strategic thinking, planning ahead, visualising, independent thinking, concentration skills, sportsmanship, kindness and communication skills.



If you want to invest in a game please choose from above. It's a really great way to connect as a family and make the most of the situation we're in. Quality board games last for a long time. My top 3 games to buy would be **UBONGO**, **QIRKLE** and **SQUARE UP**.

The children in my maths group have been learning games for a while and I can see how their strategic thinking skills have improved. I can see them planning their moves or figuring mine out just by looking into their eyes! We've particularly enjoyed playing **Nine Men's Morris**. We made this game using counters and drawing the grid. Can you find Nine Men's Morris in the photos?

One final thing, if you can, buy or borrow a chessboard because in the new year I'll be teaching you how to play chess online.

Happy Boardgaming :)

Miss Maths

Year 4 – Torches

We researched how torches worked and designed our own torch. We used our knowledge we gained in the Science topic of electricity.

What does it do?	Flash	Flash	Flash
Is it a torch?	No	No	Yes
What does it do?	Flash	Flash	Flash
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Task:

Complete this table.

Pick three different types of torches from the previous slides.





DATE	EVENT	YEAR	ALL DAY/HALF DAY
04.01.2021	Staff training day		School closed for children
21.01.2021	Wizard of Oz pantomime	All	All

Dear Parent / Carer

Your child's immunisation is now due. If your child was unable to receive the vaccine during the routine school session, we are holding catch-up clinics for **school aged children** at the following address:

Cedar House, St Michaels Hospital Site EN2 0JB (for sat nav use EN2 0JA)

- Please call the above number to book a time for your child to receive his/her vaccination.
- Should you require additional information please contact our service by telephone or email.

If you wish to confirm the identity of the sender of this letter, you can verify this by contacting us at the following Enfield School Immunisation Team email address:
beh-tr.enfieldimmunisationteam@nhs.net

If you think you child or any member of your family household has, or think they have symptoms of Coronavirus, please do not attend this appointment. Symptoms include fatigue, fever, persistent cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, diarrhea, chills and skin rashes.

On the Day:

- Please be on time so we can manage the session safely for the benefit of all. Please note that latecomers may not be seen
- The young person can be accompanied by 1 adult only
- Depending on the venue the adult may be asked to wait outside the building whilst the young person is being immunised
- Facemasks will be provided to every young person if required
- Standard Covid-19 screening questions will be asked prior to the young person being admitted to the building

Yours sincerely,

Ann Rebak

Children's Immunisation Team Lead



**Be Ready
Be Safe
Be Respectful**



Can you design a poster for [working online on TEAMS](#)?

A big thank you to the children who entered the competition. It was lovely to see such creative and informative posters well done.

We have chosen 3 winners.

All posters will be featured on our home learning via Teams page on the school website. Congratulations to:

Bella Y2



Beverley Y6

P.O.W Rules

Be safe

When you are online and you have seen something you do not like, report it immediately to somebody you trust.

Instead of staying on your electronics all day and getting more bad comments, try and get some fresh air to clear your mind or you can try some activities!



Be ready

Your Class Teacher normally sets up a meeting for you and your classmates. Be ready to join as some of your questions may be answered.



Be respectful

In a meeting, mute when somebody else is speaking and listen because the opinion or idea might be really useful. (Do not only follow these values in our school or in meetings, follow them at home and in our School Community.)



By Beverley 6Th

Shaun Y3





The school was again happy to offer all pupils and staff a free Christmas Lunch this year. Despite having to eat this in class it was much appreciated – as you can see above from the thumbs up. Each dinner had to be put in a separate container. Special thanks to Michelle and her kitchen team for preparing this delicious feast.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to everyone who has logged on to Times Tables Rock Stars this week! Each week we will be announcing the results of who has achieved high results on TTRS.

This week our three highest scoring students are:

Varun – 5G

Praveen – 6T

Natalie 2A

The certificate for the class with the most active players in the whole school goes too...

2A – You had 86% of your class actively playing with 78% accuracy. Well done 2A!

Don't forget to login and play. We can't wait to see who has been practicing their times tables! Keep rocking!

Goal

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables!

To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!

Times Table Badges awarded to:

First Times Tables Badge:

Maria 4R

Ali 4R

Beau 4R

Bernice 4R

Rolexx 4R



Year 5 D&T BREADS AROUND THE WORLD



Here we are in our bread tasting session



We tasted samples of different breads



Our teacher demonstrated how to make dough



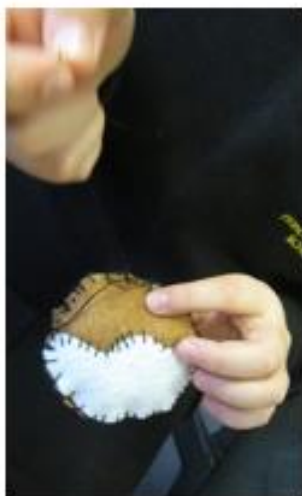
Here we are making our own bread



Our finished dough – ready to bake



We all enjoyed making our Jewish bread - Matzo



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - YEAR 6

In Year 6, we have been learning how to sew and to use different types of stitches to create a Christmas decoration. We learned running stitch, back stitch, blanket stitch and satin stitch. We were all able to create a decoration to hang on our class Christmas trees. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sewing project and were even able to write an evaluation for their product after they had finished creating it.



Testing Covid positive in the next few days until 20th December

If a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school (ie up to Sunday 20th December)**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

In that case contact us through: covid@princeofwales.enfield.sch.uk until 24th December.

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school (ie after Monday 21st December)**, the school **should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

