

Message from Mrs Gibson

What a brilliant week! We're all feeling festive now that our wonderful Christmas fayre has launched the Christmas spirit at Birley Spa. Thank you to all who came to show your support and we hope you had a fantastic time, seeing what the children had made, and taking part in the activities.

We raised just over



We are always delighted to see so many families in school. Please remember to get your Christmas concern tickets (2 per child) from the office team if you haven't already so that you can join the children in our festive performances next week.

I had a great time seeing what the children have made as part of their enterprise project and have been really pleased to see such skill and creativity, so well done to all of our entrepreneurs of the future!

We are looking forward to sending some children to Cotleigh Care Home to sing for the residents and really enjoy our children's opportunities to show a different range of talents at this time of year.

I hope you enjoy reading through our newsletter to see all of the fantastic opportunities the children have had this week!

12 Days of Christmas

Birley Spa Primary Academy are launching a **12 Days of Attendance Challenge!**

Every pupil who has 100% attendance for the next 12 school days (5th – 20th December) will go into a Christmas prize draw.

Please encourage your child/ren to take part in the challenge. School attendance has such a huge impact on a pupil's social and mental welfare, as well as academic achievements. We want to ensure we are working with you to enable each child to attend school every day.

Thank you



Hot Chocolate party.

Today some hardworking pupils were chosen by their teachers to be recognised for always doing the right thing. They went to Mrs Gibson's office for games and hot chocolate. The children really seemed to enjoy the hot chocolate and marshmallows.

I've made a new friend!

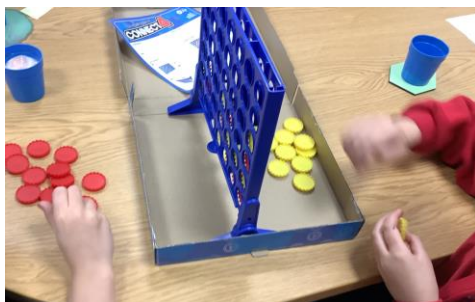
I always try to be a role model.

I think I was chosen because I'm always listening to the children and the grown ups.

I'm open minded and I think that's why I was chosen

Anyone can show the values all the time.

I just try to be the best I can be.



We have been learning all about different celebrations and last week we celebrated Whirlow Pig's birthday. She was 4 years old. We made cards with number 4 on them and wrapped her some presents to open. We decorated the classroom and made playdough cakes with 4 candles. Whirlow Pig had a lovely party where we shared the chocolate buns we had made for her and played party games. Happy Birthday Whirlow Pig!



Working on our enterprise project



It has been a great few weeks of learning in reception, we have learnt lots of way the police can keep us safe and how they can help us creating stop signs and police stations within provision.

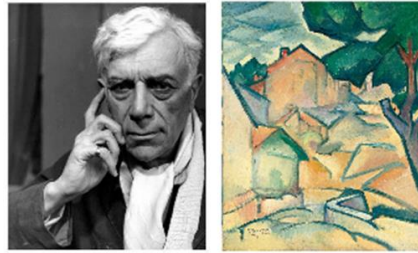


We have been independently practicing our reading skills and showing amazing learning behaviors. We have also been working on our teamwork and communication and language skills.



I hope you are all loving the advent Calander that has been put on Tapestry and we can't wait to see some of the amazing maths learning you do at home.

Key Stage 1 we have been creating local landscapes in Art. We have been learning about Cubism and the French Artist Georges Braque. We have also explored how to make colours lighter and darker, as well as creating different textures using a range of different media.



All of this knowledge has helped us to produce a Cubism style landscape picture which we are going to be selling at the school Christmas fair.



Dear Parents,

We've had a busy and exciting week in Year 3/4! We have been working very hard and certainly getting into the Christmas spirit! First of all, a massive congratulations to the children who have been taking part and sharing their answers with us with the Christmas advent calendar. You have shown real aspiration and resilience by doing this!

This week, we began exploring the excitement of persuasive writing. The children have been learning how to convince their audience by using persuasive techniques. We've looked at examples of persuasive letters and adverts, and the class has started looking at ideas surrounding their own persuasive pieces, all about New York. It's been wonderful to see their creativity and persuasive skills grow!

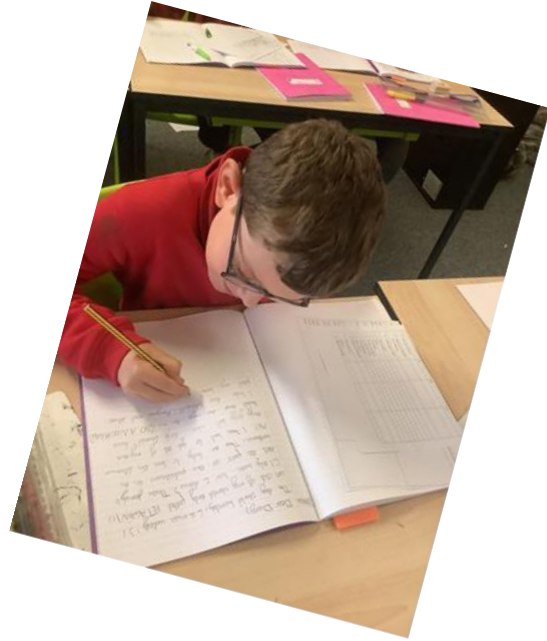
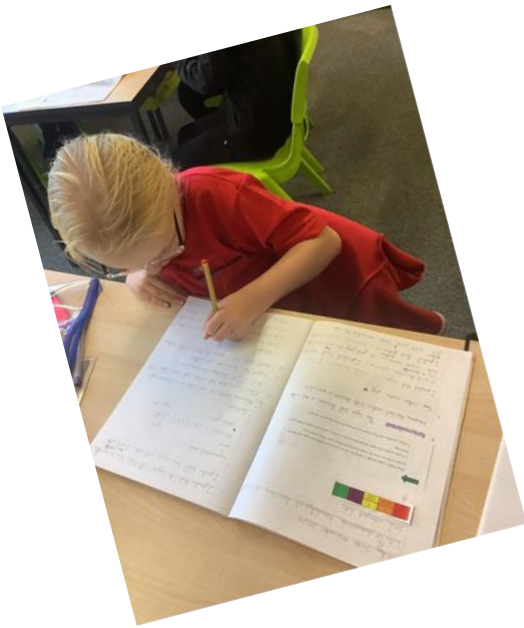
The festive season is fast approaching, and we've been getting into the spirit by rehearsing for our Christmas play! The children have been practicing their lines and songs with enthusiasm, and it's looking like it will be a fantastic show. We are so proud of their efforts, and we know you'll be impressed by their performances when it's time to take the stage.

In preparation for the Christmas Fayre, our crafty children have been working hard to sew their baubles. The children have shown great patience and attention to detail, and we're excited to see the final products. Thank you to everyone who supported our class projects by purchasing a bauble! Don't forget we still have more available.

We've had a week full of creativity, learning, and festive fun, and we look forward to what next week will bring! Thank you for your continued support.



In Year 5 this week, we have immersed ourselves into enterprise week! The children designed a brief for a product to sell at the Christmas fair; the children considered the audience, purpose, cost of materials, potential profit, equipment/supplies needed as well as the design of the product. In our maths learning, we have begun our multiplication and division unit; where the children have been introduced to some familiar and new mathematical terms such as factors, multiplies cubed and squared number. In English, the children have applied a range of techniques to create a diary entry from the view of Mr Spink – the selfish, unpleasant landlord! During science, the children took part in an experiment; the children used a fair test to measure the length of time it took various materials to dissolve.

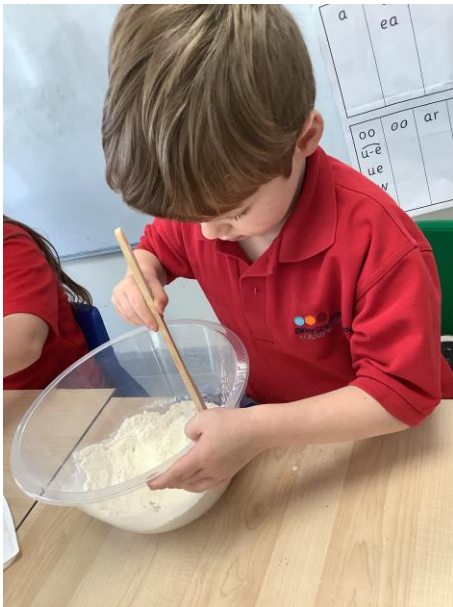


This week in Year 6, we have been refining our writing to make it portfolio ready! We have also been adding and subtracting more difficult fractions but we have taken it in our stride and done really well. We have enjoyed making macrame decorations for the Christmas Fair. We have looked at traditions across the world and then reflected on our own family's traditions at different points in the year.



This week has been one where Christmas has begun to sneak in. We enjoyed making our Santa gongs for our Enterprise project, using wool, toilet roll tubes and pom poms. The concentration on the children's faces was great to see and they looked brilliant (they were also very popular too). As you know we also had our Christmas Fair, with all the children visiting stalls and games, and having great fun.

Meanwhile, in the classroom we used our masks from last week to act out a scene from the story we are reading, Meet me by the Steelmen by Theresa Thomlinson. We have read more chapters and were pleased to hear the characters went back in time, when reading it in the sensory room, with added atmosphere. We have also been thinking about what 'empathy' is, and how it was included in our story to help us think about and relate to what was being described, compared to our experiences. We cannot wait to find out what happens next and see if our predictions are correct. In PSHE this week we continued to practice our speaking and listening skills through circle games, such as the popular 'The sun shines on me if..', 'There's a chair on my right' and simple instructional games. The children demonstrated their ability to listen to each other and respond to what they heard. We have also had two Food Technology lessons this week. One to make melted snowman biscuits to sell on the bake stall at the fair, and the other to make cupcakes decorated with icing and edible glitter.



Autumn Parent Support

Date	Event
Monday 9 th December	Inset Day School closed to pupils
Tuesday 10 th - Wednesday 13 th December	Book Fair
Wednesday 11 th December 2024 8:30am - 9:30am	LEAD IT Safe use of devices and apps Church Service
Thursday 12 December 2024	Christmas Jumper day Christmas Dinner day
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Christmas Performance Y3&Y4 – 17.15
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Performance EYFS - 09.30 & 14.30 Christmas Performance Y1&Y2 - 10.30 & 17.15
Thursday 19 December 2024	Christmas Performance Y3&Y4 - 09.15 Christmas Performance Y5&Y6 - 10.30 & 17.15
Friday 20 th December 2024	Christmas Parties and raffle draw
Tuesday 7 January 2024	School re-opens

STAR OF THE WEEK

2nd December – 6th December 2024

Class :		
A	Bobby – for showing confidence and independence in new activities	Aurora – for her independence and using lots of lovely talking
B	Harry – for showing great resilience working on his phonics knowledge	Logan- for showing great resilience with his letter formation.
C	Mailan - For showing endeavour and aspiration in class. Mailan has settled in well and is making lots of new friends.	Jenson Randerson– For showing creativity and producing an amazing landscape picture this week using the style of cubism.
D	Arlo – for thinking creatively when producing his abstract landscape	Archie – for showing aspiration and endeavor in his maths and writing this week
E	Isabelle for showing all the school values and setting a beautiful example with her hardworking attitude.	Charlie for aspiration and endeavour in his phonics lessons. Keep up the hard work!
F	Saif –for resilience and settling in really well to our class since joining, and is really beginning to show resilience in his learning when faced with a challenge	Boe – for endeavour and working hard on showing learning behaviours at all times in class
G	William – For being a fantastic role model during our Christmas show rehearsals and working extra hard to make sure his writing is the best it can be.	Taylor – For showing greater aspiration in writing and working extremely hard to improve his writing as much as possible.
H	Poppy – for showing aspiration through her home learning about safe and happy break times	Layton – For showing resilience and team work during the enterprise activity
I	Lyla – for empathy and tolerance, Lyla is aware of her own and other peoples emotions, showing support to all in all situations	Libby - for resilience , and knowing when to ask for help and understands that this is a positive step to making progress in learning
J	Lacie-Rose – for showing empathy and tolerance , you are a fantastic role model and your confidence is shining through	Evie – for showing creativity in English. You write with flair and have created brilliant sentence types
K	Mason- for endeavouring to always do better, setting goals high and achieving them!	Emaleigh - for aspiring to achieve the Year 6 standards in her writing! Super proud of your progress!
L	Osca – for producing an excellent piece of writing	Conor – for challenging himself in gymnastics and setting high targets for what he wanted to achieve
M	Harry - for showing resilience in his learning. He started the week unsettled but has shown resilience in changing that around and engaging brilliantly in lessons. Well done! 🤗	

Weekly Attendance

2nd December – 6th December 2024



Congratulations to these children who have
attended everyday this week!

EYFS		KS1		KS2		
Mustafa	Dylan	Parker	Paisley	Saif	Theo	Mohammed
Noah	Callie	Archie	Hazel	Daisy Rae	Layton	Lacie-Rose
Khenan	Harry	Luna-Rose	Ross	Boe	Noah-James	Remarni
Ronnie	Jackson	Oliver	Isaac	Amelia	Beryl	Elizabeth
Freddie	Ella-Rose	Harlee	Isla	Amelie	Ellis	Isabelle
Reggie-	Brooke	Lylah	Arlo	Max	Darcy	Jacob
Daniel	Ada	Freddy	Chloe	Evie-Rose	Jaxon	Darcie
Charlie	Sofia	Summer	Bentley-Jay	Drini	Emily	Leo
Daniel	Aaron	Cooper	Archie	Teegan	Hattie	Jayden
Helen	River	Eliza	Carter	Louie	Ezra	Kenley
Chester	Jack	Caitlyn	Georgios	Isaac	Bryley	Lukas
Remi	Khamilah	Jenson	Marcie-Mae	Poppy	Poppy-May	Harry
Jenson	Mylo	Mailan	Lottie	Phoebe	Darcey	Alarnie
Cally	Logan	Elinam	Pippa	Logan	Willow	Samuel
Layla	Jaxon	Harper	Olivier	Aniyah	Cullen	Scott
Pixie	Holly	Brody	Isla	Grace	Amelia	Evie
Noah	Brody	Ross	Rosie	Milana	Lyla	Gabriel
	Cody	Ellie-Mae	Henry	Annabelle	William	Amelia
		Louie	Bennie	Layla	Yaran	Freddie
		Isabelle	Felicja	Eli	Ivy	Jax
		Alfie		Poppy	Layton-Ray	Isaac
		Dion		Taylor	Thomas	Charlie
		Joshua		Eddie	Oliver	Amelia
		Charlotte		Darcie	Jayden	
		Esmae		Valerie	Kavern	
		Freddie		Amelia	Elijah	
		Charlie		Tiffany-Jayne	Sienna	
		Coby		Charlotte	Archie-Ray	
				Macey	Ben	
				Coen	Isla	
				William	Caelan	
				Madison	Kobie	
				Trisha	Jenson	
				Zac	Arianna	
				Oliver	Cheetah	
				Dexter	Keaton	
				Colby	Rhys	
				Margaret	Imogen	
				Harlow	Lyla	
				Lillie	George	
				Reggie		
				Alina		

