



## Our Deputy Principal Interview Process

Yesterday was a big day for us all here at BPA. We held our Deputy Principal interviews and what a long and challenging day it was for the three candidates who attended. The interview panel of four led a series of tasks during the morning and then a formal and informal interview in the afternoon. I am delighted to inform you that Miss Wright was the successful candidate and shone through with her ability to tackle all of the tasks with accuracy and poise.

I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Miss Wright. She has been a huge part of our journey so far as the Senior Teacher but will now take on the further challenge of being the Deputy Principal, a role we now need due to our increase in size. She will formally begin this role in September next year but continue her current role until then.

## Year 1 News!

This week in Year 1, we have been learning about fractions and finding a half. We made pizzas to help us understand that a half is 1 of 2 equal parts. We really enjoyed this!

In English, we have written a newspaper report to let everyone know that Penelope (the snake) ate Miss Bloat (the Head Teacher) in our book 'There's a Snake in my School'. We have also written letters to Santa and we have given them to Mrs Crow to post so that he knows what we are hoping to get. We are so excited for Christmas!

Our Nativity is coming together perfectly and we are looking forward to performing to you next week.



## Reception (EYFS) News!

This week in Reception the children have been super busy getting themselves ready for the Nativity. We have been practising very hard and we are looking forward to showing you all next week. We have been stretching ourselves with challenge cards in Maths all linking with buses, demonstrating our addition, subtraction and counting skills. The children have also worked hard on creating a story involving the Naughty Bus and Santa!

The children were very excited to help get their classroom all ready for Christmas and help us with our decorations. I wonder if they are going to spot our new classroom visitor too! He's come all the way from the North Pole and he's very good at making good choices!



## Coming Up...

- **Reception/Y1 Nativity** - Wed 6th or Thurs 7th December at 10:30am - 4 tickets per child - available from the Office from Monday 27th November
- **Christmas Fayre** - Friday 8th December at 3:15pm
- **All clubs finish** for this term from Friday 8th December
- **Carol Service at St. Matthew's Church** - Monday 11th December at 9:30am. Led by Y2/Y3 - All parents/carers are welcome. Come along to this lovely community event and get into the festive spirit
- **Drop in session to look at your child's books**
  - ⇒ Reception: Tuesday 12th December at 3:15pm
  - ⇒ Y3 + Y4: Wednesday 13th December at 3:15pm
  - ⇒ Y1 + Y2: Thursday 14th December at 3:15pm
- **Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner** - Friday 15th December - **No donation required**
- **Pantomime** - at The Embassy Centre on Tuesday 19th December - this is during the school day

## Christmas Fayre

Friday 8th December at 3:15pm

Please come and support this festive event. All funds raised will be spent on our BPA children for additional resources/experiences.

If you are able to donate any bottles of wine (or any alcohol!) and boxes/bars of chocolate this would be much appreciated. Tables for stalls are available for just a £5 donation.

The choir will be singing and Lisa Jay is also going to invite the children in her dance club along to perform to you.

Please help us to make this a great event.

The PTFA group would appreciate any help on the day so please let us know if you can help - everyone is welcome.

Thank you.

## Groupcall Xpressions App

Last week we had 74 parents who had downloaded the App and we now have 87!

Please download the App and get started. Let us help you to do this if necessary so that you do not miss out.

You can see all of the home/school communication, pay for trips/lunches etc. and access key information about your child. Information is sent out daily so don't miss out!

This App will work on any smart phone so please take the time to get started today. You will love it when you get going.

Let's see if we can get everyone using this App before next week! Pleeaasssseeeee!

## Year 3 News!

In English, we have been looking at the book 'Coming Home'. We have looked at how language, structure and presentation contribute to the meaning of the text. We have also drawn our own text map of the story and have started to plan our own version of Coming Home.

In Maths, we have been focusing on money. We have looked at the value of money, solved calculations and solved money problems.

In Science, as part of our unit of light, we have looked at the importance of keeping safe in the sun. We have spoken about wearing protective clothing including, sun glasses and sun cream.

In Guided Reading, we have been looking at Reading Eggs and exploring all of the exciting things we can buy with our eggs. Please remember to log on to Reading Eggs at home!



## An Apology...

I am very aware that we have had a lot going on recently and have asked for your support in contributing money or donating items for our Christmas Fayre etc. Please accept my apology for allowing all of these things to come together in a short space of time.

Events and experiences are always planned with our very best intentions - we want to do all that we can to create special memories and opportunities for our children and, on this occasion, these have grouped together at what is an expensive time of the year. We will certainly try to space out these requests as much as we can moving forward.

We do heavily subsidise all trips and school experiences but we do need your support with some of these along the way so please continue to support the forthcoming events in the best way that you can - we really do appreciate all that you do for us and for the benefit of your children. Thank you.

## Year 2 News!

In the Year Two classroom this week, we have been writing a story beginning, ensuring that we include all of the necessary details. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was used as an example and, again, we have had the pleasure of seeing some of Miss Struggles' excellent drawings as part of our planning process.

In Maths, we have been looking at 2D shapes and lines of symmetry. This has been fun and we have even been using the mirrors to help us see the reflection and find the quite tricky lines of symmetry that Miss Struggles had done for us. How sneaky!

The focus of the week though has been our visit to Cadbury's World. It was an early start to the day and a later finish than normal but what a great experience for us all to have. Keep an eye out for some of the pictures on our Year Two page to see what we got up to. It really was fun and the smell of chocolate was brilliant. It really was a good job that none of us ended up like some of our story characters e.g. Augustus Gloop and Violet Beauregarde. How funny that would be!



## Year 4 News!

The Lemurs have been using their History learning in their writing this week, planning their time travelling stories about the Iron Age. In Maths, they have also been solving some really challenging time problems, converting seconds, minutes and hours, as well as days, weeks and months. Please keep practising this at home, especially as you are counting the days until Christmas!

In Science, we have been learning more about circuits, and made a human circuit in class when we pretended to be parts of a circuit including buzzers! Remember that you can access the lesson activities from the espresso website at home too.

Our PE session was great fun, practising different ways of rolling, and we enjoyed creating our own postures in yoga this week to represent Mr Beaver from our class story, The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

