



Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th December 2021



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Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's winners:

Good to be green: Year 3

Attendance: Nursery

Punctuality: Nursery and Reception

Sports class of the week: Year 5

This Week's

Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 1 Eshan Khan

Year 2 Omar Miah

Year 3 Areeba Bhatti

Year 4 Hastyar Mohammed

Year 5 Melissa Da Silva

Year 6 Aaliya Khan



	Attendance	Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	No. of late marks
Nursery	8	2
Reception	21	2
Year 1	37	22
Year 2	17	8
Year 3	13	15
Year 4	13	4
Year 5	31	10
Year 6	23	6
	Attendance Stars Nursery	Punctuality Stars Nursery and Reception

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!!!



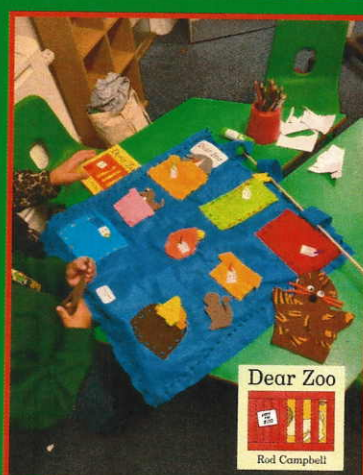
Parents and children working together make memories!!

Over the Autumn Term, Parents of children in our Nursery and Reception classes have been coming into school to work with staff from the Family Learning Service and their own children to create fantastic pieces of art work and support development in all areas of the Early Years Curriculum.

These groups have almost come to the end but we are running to run **new courses in February**. If you are interested then please speak to your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you then!



Lots of reading,
writing, talking
and making!!!



The book they looked at was
"Dear Zoo".



Challenge 15

Christmas READING CHALLENGE

Our challenge
over the
Christmas
Holidays is to
read as many
books as
possible. Get
ready to tell
your teachers
about what you
have read!!



News and Notices

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COVID-19 UPDATE

As you will be aware, further measures are likely to be put in place in the coming weeks to try and curb the spread of the Omicron variant. Any further changes that affect school will be emailed to you when we receive them so please keep checking your emails and the school website over the holidays.



Sad News—Mrs. Thomas

I am very sorry to let you all know that our School Business Manager, Mrs Thomas (was Darlington) will be leaving us today to move to an exciting new role in a secondary school in Manchester. She has worked wonders here at school since she joined us and we will be very sad to see her go. I know you will join us in wishing her all the very best as she starts her new role. Good luck!!!!



Breakfast Club—Changes from January 2022

From January 2022, Breakfast Club will no longer operate on a drop in basis. Over the last year, the club has grown considerably and due to health and safety reasons we can only accommodate a limited number of children on a full time basis. If your child usually attends Breakfast Club then you will have had a letter about requesting a place and you will receive a letter confirming whether your child has been given a place before we finish for Christmas. We will be operating a waiting list system. For further information please contact the school office.



Christmas Performances

These are now available on your child's class page on the school website. These have taken a while to be recorded and uploaded this year so thank you for your patience. Each class focussed on a different country and how Christmas is celebrated there.

Nursery and Reception—Nativity

Year 1—Germany

Year 2—Spain

Year 3—France

Year 4—Turkey

Year 5— The Netherlands

Year 6—South Africa



We wish you all a restful and relaxing holiday with friends and family.

Please stay safe and look after yourselves and we will see you all on

Tuesday 4th January 2022

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When parents and carers finally have the chance to spend some quality time with their child over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are sackfuls of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. We've compiled our own 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions for how to...

MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONLINE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS

1 EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Budding bakers will relish helping out in the kitchen with some tasty festive treats. Spend some time together researching child-friendly Christmas recipes online (the BBC Good Food site is an excellent place to start), and then you and your little elves can rustle up gingerbread santas, marshmallow snowmen or reindeer shortbread. The only thing that's more fun is eating your creations afterwards!

WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW...

4 A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW

From turkey on the beach in Australia to roller-skating to church in Venezuela, Christmas is celebrated in a variety of ways worldwide – curious youngsters might enjoy discovering other nations' festive traditions online. Google's Santa Tracker is a brilliant (and free) starting point, with games, activities and animations to help children enjoy learning as they count down to the big day!

2 THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST?

We've all had that Christmas compilation CD that was almost perfect, if it wasn't inexplicably missing one of your best-loved tracks. In this era of music streaming, however, your little helpers can assist you in compiling a definitive playlist of all your favourite seasonal songs – no more pining for The Pretenders or wishing for Wizzard.

5 THE NEAR AND THE DEAR ONES

Between time constraints, distance, the weather and Covid precautions (or a combination of all four) for many families it just won't be possible to physically spend time with everyone they'd ideally like to this Christmas. Video calling technology, of course, takes some of the sting out of the disappointment by virtually transporting loved ones into your living room.

3 DECK THE HALLS

There's no such thing as 'too many' Christmas trimmings! Let your child channel their excitement into some creative crafting, and you'll make memories as well as your own DIY decorations. There are loads of step-by-step guides online (including video walkthroughs on YouTube) for seasonal shoppieces like paper plate angels, handprint wreaths and cupcake wrapper Christmas trees.

6 KIDS FROM ONE TO 92

If Santa's brought your young ones a console this year (or they already had one), it's a perfect excuse for some quality time while they gleefully trounce you at FIFA or Mario Kart. Digital versions of traditional board games like Monopoly and Cluedo are available on most platforms, too; get the whole household together for a modern take on some old-school family fun.

7 A WINTER'S TALE

Everyone enjoys a story at this time of year: after all, the whole celebration is based on an engrossing yarn. Sites such as Audible are an excellent way of entertaining excited young ones, with classics like Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and seasonal short stories by Enid Blyton alongside more contemporary Christmas tales by the likes of Tom Fletcher, JK Rowling and Ben Miller.

8 CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THOSE FACES

People used to express their gratitude for a thoughtful Christmas gift with a thank you card or a dutiful phone call. Not in the digital age: now your relations can see first-hand on video calls how delighted the children are with their presents – and even how they look in that slightly questionable hand-knitted pullover.

9 BROUGHT ME SOME CORN FOR POPPIN'

Snuggling up against the winter weather with the family (and a generous helping of chocolates) to enjoy a well-loved movie is a delightful Christmas tradition. The usual streaming services have some classic candidates on offer: *Home Alone* and *The Santa Clause* are on Disney+, while Amazon Prime has *Elf* and *The Grinch*, and Netflix goes with *The Princess Switch* and *The Christmas Chronicles*.

10 GUESS WHAT I FORGOT?

Friends and family pitting their wits against each other on Zoom, Teams or Skype really took off during lockdown, so why not revive the tradition over the holidays? Your questions could be on the biggest news, sport and showbiz stories of 2021, or be Christmas themed, or you could stick to classic general knowledge. Ideal for those days between Christmas and New Year.

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