



# Brampton Primary School Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary

### Friday 18th December

- Last day of term

### Monday 4th January

- Inset day (School closed)

### Tuesday 5th January

- Back to school

### Thursday 7th January

- Rwanda and Somalia trip to Victoria and Albert museum

### Friday 8th January

- Togo and Uganda trip to Victoria and Albert museum

### Monday 11th January

- Into University Year 6 FOCUS Week - Turkey

### Wednesday 13th January

- Year 5 Nepal - Kensington Palace trip



Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all I want to say a huge 'Thank you!' to all members of the school community for coming in and supporting the nativity shows and other performances this week. The sheer number of parents and families who came to watch was phenomenal. The children were, as they usually are, amazing and my biggest well done is to them for standing on that big stage in front of a large audience and performing without fear. I have been overwhelmed with parents expressing the pleasure and enjoyment they got from the performances.

### Early Years Playground

You may have noticed that we have had a new climbing frame installed in the reception and nursery outdoor area. The children have been very excited watching the workmen take down the old slide and replace it with a lovely wooden framed activity station. We hope the children enjoy climbing, balancing, sliding and problem-solving when they are outside. To ensure it is used properly and that it lasts for years, please ensure your children do not climb on it before or after school. Thank you.

### Safeguarding in School and the Peshawar Anniversary

I had a lovely assembly with Years 5 and 6 this week where we talked about why Brampton is such a fantastic school. The children said that the teachers are kind, lessons are fun, they learn to play instruments, PE is outstanding and Spanish lessons are exciting. The children also felt that this school and country was a safe place in comparison to some places around the world. We then discussed how we do our best to educate them in making sensible choices and that we are very fortunate to live in a relatively trouble-free society. I shared with the children that this week marks the first anniversary of the attack on a school in Peshawar, Pakistan, where 141 pupils and staff in a school were killed by gunmen. As many of our community originate or have family still living in Pakistan, we shared a minute's silence and reflected on how fortunate we are to attend a great school like Brampton and be able to study in peace.

### Staff Leavers

Sadly this term we are saying goodbye to Mr Ervalho, Mrs Watson and Miss Kirk. Mr Ervalho is leaving to work in another Newham school and Mrs Watson is going to be working with children with SEN. Miss Kirk is returning to Australia and will be teaching her own class from January. We wish them all well for the future. Liberia Class will be taught by Ms Nguyen and Djibouti Class will be taught by Mr Merhi. We are also having Mr Stephen Lambert join us. He is an experienced teacher and will be supporting the upper school children in preparing for their SATs. Please take a well-earned rest and enjoy the break. Remember the children come back to school on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2016. Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr Reid

## Big Talk Home Learning

If children can't say it then children can't write it.

Dear All,

This weekend's BTHL 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> December

In our 'In the News' assembly this week we learnt about Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights and we thought about how fortunate we are to live in a country that allows people the freedom to follow the religion of their choice.

What do you enjoy most about living in Britain?



# News from the Lower Phase Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have been learning about winter and Christmas celebrations. During our story time, the children read the story 'The Very Smiley Snowman' the children were very excited by this story as it was a pop-up book.

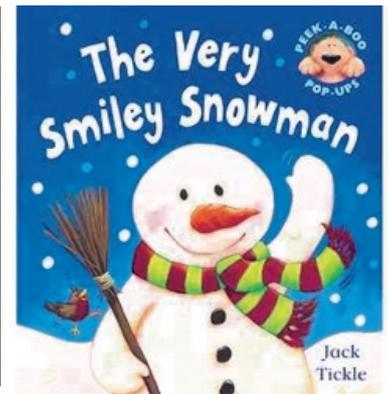
There have been many different opportunities for the children to learn maths through this topic. By counting and ordering snowmen by size and using the interactive whiteboard to count and order the buttons on the snowman's body.



On our finger gym table the children have been exercising their fingers by making their own snowmen; they pushed pipe cleaners into the foam to make the snowman's arms.

On the creative area the children chose which media they wanted to use. They used a variety of joining techniques to make their own snowmen puppets.

On Monday the children performed their end of year assembly. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and sang their winter songs brilliantly. Well done to all the Nursery children who took part!



## Nursery Birthdays

This week we celebrated...

None





# News from the Lower Phase Reception

Reception started the term with a very exciting inspiration day to introduce our new topic: 'Superheroes'. The children dressed up as superheroes and took part in lots of different activities in each of the reception classes. They built superhero houses using the construction, designed their own superheroes, created their own comic strip, moved around like a superhero and listened to superhero music. The children had a fantastic day and were really inspired about their new topic.



During our literacy lessons, we looked at a variety of Superhero stories. Our pupils learnt about storytelling and looking at the characters from the different stories. They discussed the characteristics of superheroes and what qualities a superhero may have. We also created superhero costumes using a variety of resources and used role play to act out different scenarios from familiar stories.

Maths lessons allowed us to visit the concept of addition and subtraction. The children used a variety of practical resources such as counters and Numicon to understand adding two groups together and taking away one item from another. They also have begun to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting.

The reception classes have been very busy rehearsing for their Christmas Nativities. All of the children have worked extremely hard to create their nativity hats and learn all their songs and actions. We are very proud of them and we hope you enjoyed the show.

We hope you have a relaxing Christmas break!

## Reception Birthdays

This week we celebrated...

Mohammed





# Other Information

## Attendance

Congratulations to Qatar class for achieving an amazing attendance of 100% for Monday 7th December 2015 to Friday 11th December 2015. Well done!

*Ms Pillai – Education Welfare Officer*

Group	% Attend
Albania Nursery AM	90
Cyprus Nursery AM	94.3
Bulgaria Nursery PM	92.8
Denmark Nursery PM	84.3
Estonia	86
France	96.7
Germany	92.7
Hungary	97.6
Kosovo	95.7
Lithuania	93.7
Malta	97

Group	% Attend
Norway	92.9
Angola	92
Botswana	98
Chad	94.5
Djibouti	95.7
Kenya	96
Liberia	97.9
Mali	98.3
Nigeria	98.3
Rwanda	99.3
Somalia	99

Group	% Attend
Togo	91.3
Uganda	97.2
Nepal	98.7
Oman	96.7
Pakistan	95
<b>Qatar</b>	<b>100</b>
Russia	98
Sri Lanka	97.7
Turkey	94.3
Uzbekistan	91
<b>Totals</b>	<b>95.5</b>

## School Menu - Week 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Choice	Fisherman's Pie with Mashed Potato Topping*	Tuna & Sweetcorn Pizza	Cod & Salmon Biryani*	Tuna Wrap with Salad*	Fish in Batter with Chips or Mashed Potatoes
Meat Choice	Southern Seasoned Chicken with Mashed Potatoes*	Lamb & Vegetable Jolloff Rice*	Roast Lamb with Roast or Boiled Potatoes	Lamb & Vegetable Tikka Masala with Rice*	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Chips or Mashed Potatoes*
Vegetarian Choice	Quorn & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice*	Vegetarian Mous-saka*	Wholemeal Leek & Tomato Quiche with Boiled or Roast Potatoes*	Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese*	Jacket Potatoes with Mexican Mixed Beans & Cheese
Vegetable Selection	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Peas Mixed Vegetables	Fresh Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli Carrots	Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Sponge Ice Cream Roll	Pear & Pineapple Crumble with Custard*	Fruit Cheesecake*	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard*	Fruit Salad & Ice Cream