



Bryony School Newsletter



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Spanish

This week in Spanish, the children have been learning about a popular celebration called **Día de los Muertos**, which is celebrated in many Spanish-speaking countries. Commonly used during this celebration are colourful sugar or salt skulls, which the children have recreated using different medium.



Amrita has demonstrated the school value "Aspire & Achieve". She has been learning how to knit, and even knitted Mr Cactus (our Spanish mascot) a lovely warm scarf over the half term to keep him warm this winter.



Muchas gracias Amrita!!

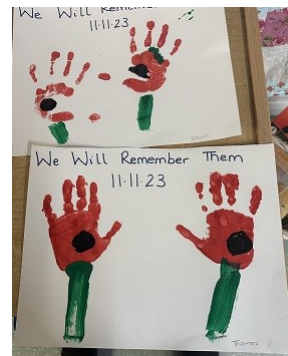
Miss Jug



Remembrance

This week in Pre-school our main focus has been Remembrance Day. The children have participated in a range of craft activities. We have used different techniques and materials to make our Remembrance Day Poppies.....

Mrs Oliver & Mrs Robinson



Juniors Remembrance Day Assembly

Mrs Foot arranged for two special visitors from the Army to take part in the assembly today. Mrs Foot welcomed everyone and began the order of service. It was a fitting way to remember those that lost their lives in the line of duty.

Order of Service
Remembrance Day
Welcome – Mrs Foot
Poppy Wreath laying – representatives from each class lay a wreath at the front of the hall.
What does Remembrance Day mean to me – LCpl C Baines
Song – Turn your thoughts on this occasion.
Last Post - Time of silence to reflect
Poems – from 6J
What it is like to be a soldier – LCpl C Baines
Poems – from 5L
Question time – LCpl C Baines
Final prayer – Mrs Foot

LEST WE FORGET

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM





Dogs' Trust

On Wednesday, a volunteer from the Dog Trust Company (Phil) came to visit the junior children. He brought a lovely toy dog called Lola who helped us learn how to treat dogs respectfully, how to act around dogs so that we keep both ourselves and the dog safe, and what to do to be good owners. We also learnt how Dog Trust works to help dogs get rehomed and how important they are.



We then had workshops where we got to be "Dog Detectives." The children enjoyed this immensely as they were able to immerse themselves into different characters (human and hound) to act out possible scenarios and discuss how we can act differently to keep ourselves from getting hurt.

Ines (Y4) "You should be quiet and if a dog is running at you, drop what you are holding."

Olivia (Y4) "Don't stroke a dog without the owners' permission."

Amira (Y4) "We learnt about how not to make loud noises around dogs, not to pet them on the head when it is not your dog and not to touch their nose, tail and paws. It is important not to get into the dog's face because you will look like a big, blurry monster as they are colourblind."



Dogs' Trust Continued

Sai (Y3) "My favourite part of the day was when I got to get to help the volunteer at the front."

Jovan (Y3) "To stay safe when a dog is running to you, you should curl up to protect your fingers and stay still."

Bibiana (Y6) "My favourite part about the Dog Trust visit was all the funny scenarios because at the same time we were having fun, we were also learning interesting and important things."

Kesi (Y5) "I have learnt that sometimes, you have to think what the dog wants and be careful. Especially not to run away if the dog is excited or comes running to you."

Mya (Y6) "I learnt how to approach dogs in the correct way. I hope now that I am trained now to take care of my dog in the right way."

Shaarav (Y6) "I have learnt that you should never ever approach a dog when it is relaxing in case you spook it."

Thank you Dog's Trust for coming to visit us! For more information on the work the Dog's Trust does please follow the link <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/>



Gymnastics

Ava from Year 5 has achieved her level 4 certificate in gymnastics this week, we are so proud of her! **Well done Ava!**



Swimming



Mireya from Year 3 has achieved her 5 metres award for swimming! Well done **Mireya** that's great news.

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Extreme Earth

Year 4 have been learning about Extreme Earth as their geography topic.

Over half term the children made model volcanoes. They were amazing!

Lyla also brought it the ingredients to make it explode! Thank you Lyla.

Mrs Foot



Black History Month

You may remember **Mrs Atkins** introduced an assembly on Black History Month last month (see issue 73). Junior children were asked to research and produce a poster on a British black woman who they felt had been a big influence in their field. A prize was given to the best entry from each class.

Here are the winners! Well done everyone!



Love to Read

These children have achieved their **yellow** certificate in our love to read incentive! Well done all of you !



Basketball MYG

On Tuesday we entered the Mini Youth Games Basketball tournament. We took part in the cup competition and finished a very creditable 5th out of 27 schools. We won 5 games, lost 2. and drew 1. We'll done everyone!



Mrs Atkins



Museum of London

On Thursday, Years 1 and 2 enjoyed an afternoon with the Museum of London via a livestream. We watched a video of a curator called Meriel talking through the events of the Great Fire of London, whilst showing artefacts from the 'Fire! Fire!' Exhibition. We got to type and send over questions for Meriel to answer which was very useful to help us with our new topic!

**Mrs Dyne,
Mrs Paice,
Mrs Apps
and Miss
Stevens**



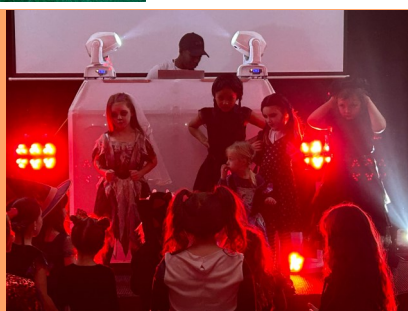
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FoBs Halloween Party

Pumpkin Competition



Pumpkin Competition winners



Infants

- 1st - Harland- Pre school
- 2nd - Shawn (year 1) and his sister Aariya
- 3rd - Shawn year 1

Junior

- 1st Olivia-Grace - year 4
- 2nd Saffron - year 6
- 3rd Charlotte - year 4

A huge thank you to **Mrs Pittock** for organising the annual Friends of Bryony School Halloween Party during the half term. There were amazing pumpkin designs and fabulous costumes for the competition entries.

The children enjoyed posing for spooky photos at a backdrop we had set up for them. There were lots of games and great dancing!

Mr & Mrs Pittock had lots of help on the day to from **Mrs Bernini, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Wilmot and Mrs Osborn**. Mrs Wilmot took some fantastic photographs. Mrs Pittock, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Wilmot and Mrs Osborn made sure all the children were fed and had plenty of refreshments after all the dancing! **Jay** also helped us during clear up which was much appreciated.

Alvin the DJ was wonderful and kept the children entertained all afternoon with games and dancing. He also acted as our judge for all our competitions which was no easy task with so many wonderful entries. **Magdalena** was very pleased to have retained her title as winner of the dance-off for the second year running!

Costume Winners

- Best makeup - **Ollie** - year 2
- Creative costume - **Inès** - year 4
- Best Costume - **Bebe** - Pre-school



Thank you Alvin for the great entertainment and for judging our competitions.

Please see Alvin's Facebook page for more details of the services he provides.

<https://www.facebook.com/bemajesticld>



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Halloween Party 2023



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Reminders

School Uniform

Children should now be dressed in their Winter Uniform . Caps and Hats continue to be worn throughout the year.

New uniform is available at **Schooltime** .

87-89 High St, Chatham ME4 4EE. You can also visit their website:

<https://schooltime.co.uk>

NB:- The weather is changeable this time of year. Please send your child to school with appropriate clothing for the day.

Please arrive at school wearing your Bryony cap/hat, unless you are wearing your PE kit.

Academic Diary

Our academic diary is on our website. Please follow the link: <https://www.bryonyschool.org.uk/calendar-of-events/>

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Morning and After School Care

If you require morning or after school care please complete the ParentMail form, in advance.

Diary Dates

November

Monday 13th - Friday 17th - Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 14th - Year 6, STEM Forensic Science Workshop

Thursday 16th - Year 5 Swimming , Medway Park (last session)

Friday 17th - Children in Need

Monday 20th - Friday 24th - Road Safety Week

Thursday 23rd - Year 6 Swimming , Medway Park (first session)

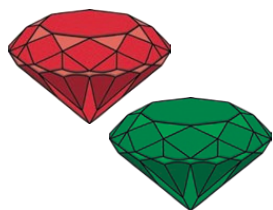
Friday 24th - Pre-school, Infant and Junior Class Photographs

Tuesday 28th - Year 6 Kent Life Visit WW2 workshop

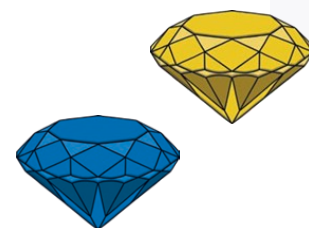
Thursday 30th - Year 6 Swimming , Medway Park

Junior Clubs

Day of the Week	Lunchtime/ After School	Type of Club	How to Sign Up	Teacher
Monday	Lunchtime	Library	See Mrs Foot/ Mrs Ware	Mrs Foot/Mrs Ware
Monday	Lunchtime	Japanese	See Mrs Atkins	Mrs Atkins
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Art and Mindfulness	FULLY BOOKED	Mrs Kilbourne
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Construction Club	Mrs Foot	Mrs Foot
Tuesday	After School	Archery Years 3 to 6	Via ParentMail	Mrs Atkins
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Homework	See Mrs Foot	Mrs Foot
Friday	Lunchtime	Christmas Connects Choir	Via ParentMail	Mrs Foot



House Points Term 1 & Term 2



Weekly House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Emerald	205
2nd	Sapphire	179
3rd	Zircon	147
4th	Ruby	103

Well done if you achieved house points this week!

Zircon and **Sapphire** are level for the term. Can anyone close the gap?

Running House Point Scores.

<u>Place</u>	<u>House Team</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1st	Zircon	1437
2nd	Sapphire	1437
3rd	Emerald	1323
4th	Ruby	1175



Congratulations and best wishes to:-

Mireya, Olivia M, Ovo and Isabelle

who celebrate their birthdays this week!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Practising your spellings will always help you when you have your spelling tests...

- Year 1:** 1st - **Shawn**
2nd - **Nihaal**
3rd - **George**
- Year 2 :** 1st - **Obarinsola**
2nd -
3rd -
- Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**
2nd - **Jayden**
3rd - **Rachel**
- Year 4 :** 1st - **Sylvia**
2nd - **Amira**
3rd - **Lyla**
- Year 5 :** 1st - **Tyler**
2nd - **Olivia**
3rd -
- Year 6 :** 1st - **Jedidiah**
2nd - **Inara**
3rd - **Ava**

Well done to all the children for using the **SpellingShed** program to practise your Spellings.

The more you practise the better you will become!

- Year 1:** 1st - **Shawn**
2nd - **George**
3rd - **Rhianna**
- Year 2 :** 1st - **Obarinsola**
2nd -
3rd -
- Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**
2nd - **Rachel**
3rd - **Jayden**
- Year 4 :** 1st - **Sylvia**
2nd - **Amira**
3rd - **Avery**
- Year 5 :** 1st - **Safet**
2nd - **Olivia**
3rd - **Tyler**
- Year 6 :** 1st - **Jedidiah**
2nd - **Ava**
3rd -

Fantastic to see a full house for **MathShed** this week. Well done to all of you!