



# Bryony School Newsletter



## Autumn Term-Issue 80 - 8th December

### Voices of Angels - Carol Singing



The Junior Choir sang beautifully in Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre this week to raise money for **My Shining Star Children's Cancer Charity**. Thank you to all the families that came to support us. Thank you to **Mr Johnson** for preparing the children for this occasion. Well done children, we are so proud of you. For more information on this Charity does or to make a donation please follow the link.  
<https://www.myshiningstaruk.co.uk>



### Visit from Father Christmas

A huge thank you to **Mrs Bernini** and Friends of Bryony School for the generous Christmas presents for all our children. The pre school and infants received their presents via Father Christmas himself! Thank you to **Father Christmas** too for taking time out of his hectic schedule preparing for the big day.





## Christmas Dinner at Bryony



All children and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by Mrs Curtis, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Margett. Thank you all!

The Juniors sang to the kitchen team and lunch supervisors Mrs King and Mrs Knowles.

In the infants the children and staff all sang and danced to Christmas songs.



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## Christmas Nativity Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the School Christmas Nativity performance of 'The Apprentice' have been going well with years 1 and 2 joining the juniors this week for a full run through. We are looking forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 13th December at St Luke's Church, Gillingham at 7 p.m.** Please see the separate ParentMail for details including arrangements for the morning rehearsals at the church.

Our Early Years classes put on a full dress rehearsal to the rest of the infant site. The pictures here are a sneak preview. We look forward to seeing our Early Years parents on **Tuesday 12th December at 2.30 p.m. in Marshall Road** for the Christmas Nativity.



## Christmas Gift Bag for 'One Big Family'

This year we are supporting the local charity 'One Big Family' by taking part in their Christmas Gift Bag Appeal. **Please see the separate ParentMail for full details.**

Please drop the bags off at school no later than **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, and help someone in need this Christmas!

**Please do not put in razors, alcohol rub or mouthwash in.**

**We will also accept any single donations of the items above to combine and make up any extra bags.**

Thank You  
Mrs Dyne

**CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG APPEAL 2023**

ITEMS THAT WOULD BE USEFUL INCLUDE:

- SOCKS (NEW)
- CHOCOLATE
- UNDERWEAR (NEW)
- SWEETS
- TOILETRIES
- READING BOOK
- PLAYING CARDS
- DIARY
- HAT
- SMALL CRAFT ITEMS
- PENS AND PUZZLE
- GLOVES

BOOKS

PLEASE LABEL MALE/FEMALE. NEEDED BY 18TH DEC FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NO ALCOHOL OR HAND GEL PLEASE  
PLEASE EMAIL [INFO@HELPINGTHEHOMELESS.ORG.UK](mailto:INFO@HELPINGTHEHOMELESS.ORG.UK) FOR ENQUIRIES

One Big Family  
Helping the Homeless  
Reg. charity no. 1155947

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## Year 6 – WWII Evacuees

On 28th November, the children of year 6 visited the Museum of Kent Life to experience life as a child during World War II (WW II), and especially as a child evacuee moving from the city to the countryside. This was an exciting and interactive day out which helped bring our learning on WW II on our topic lessons to life.

The children (and their teachers) had the opportunity to dress as a child during the war, to fully

empathise with an evacuee. During the day the children engaged in various workshops such as a drill with the staff sergeant in the Home Guard, Dig for Victory, writing a letter home as an evacuee and also making a rug out of rags. It made the children aware of how tough life was for everyone during the war years. Thank you **Miss Jug, Mr Johnson and Mr Wood** for taking the children.



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## Badminton

On Thursday 30th November, the school entered a team into the MYG Badminton Cup competition. The team consisted of 4 girls and 3 boys, some of whom had played very little Badminton. However the children soon developed a winning streak and won 6 of their 8 matches.



Each match consisted of 3 games; a girls double, a boys double and a mixed double.

It was a tremendous performance with Bryony achieving 6th place out of 23 schools who entered. Our sports teams are coming very close to achieving a top three placing and bringing back a trophy.

Well done children. Thank you to those parents who were able to come and help and support the children.

## KS2 'Love to Read'

Here are our 'Love to Read' certificate

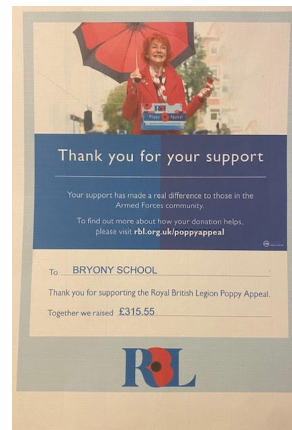
Winners:-

**Green** certificate for 60 reads: **Matilda (Yr 4)**, **Yellow**- 30 reads: **Alicia (Yr4) Nancy (Yr4) and Honey (Yr5)**

Well done to all of you this is fantastic!



## Poppy Appeal News



Thank you for all your donations - we received our certificate confirming that **£315.55** was collected by Bryony School.



## Online Safety



Staying safe online is the one of the biggest worries parents have for their children. With Christmas approaching and Disney + is very popular. Despite Disney's reputation for wholesome, child-friendly content, however, there's far more material available on their platform – some of which is aimed exclusively at adults. This could easily fly under the radar, given the company's general image.

This week's safety guide by the National Online Safety team examines the hugely popular streaming service Disney+ for potential risks, giving advice on how to avoid them, and to help your family sit back, relax and enjoy what Disney+ has to offer.

For more information please follow the link:-

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday>

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## FoBs Christmas Fayre



## FoBs Christmas Raffle



## Diary Dates

### Coming up next week..

**Monday 11th** - FoBS 'Mini' Christmas Fayre at Marshall Road, 3.20 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

**Monday 11th** - Deadline for the Christmas Gift Bag for 'The One Big Family'

**Tuesday 12th** - Pre-school & Reception Nativity - 2.30 p.m., Marshall Road

**Tuesday 12th** - FoBS Christmas Shop and draw of FoBs Christmas Raffle

**Wednesday 13th** - Year 1 to Year 6 Christmas Performance, St Luke's Church, Gillingham, Rehearsal 9am to 12 noon. Performance 7 p.m. start

**Thursday 14th** - Year 6 Swimming , Medway Park

**Thursday 14th** - Christmas Jumper & Party Afternoon (**non-uniform day**)

**Friday 15th** - Year 1 to Year 6 Pantomime, 'Aladdin', Central Theatre, Chatham

**Friday 15th** - Early Years Christmas Party Day

**Friday 15th** - Autumn Term Ends

## FoBs Christmas Jumper and Nativity Shop

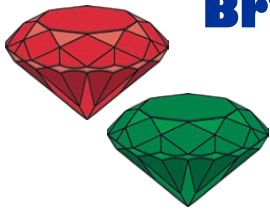
Thank you to **Mrs Pittock** for organising the donations for the Christmas jumper and nativity costumes shop and to **Mrs Bernini** and **Mrs Osborn** for running the stall.

A lovely idea and helps us get ready for

**Christmas Jumper Day** on

**Thursday 14th December.**





## **Weekly House Point Scores.**

<u><b>Place</b></u>	<u><b>House Team</b></u>	<u><b>Total Points</b></u>
<b>1st</b>	<b>Emerald</b>	<b>362</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Ruby</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Zircon</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>157</b>

Well done if you achieved house points this week!

**Zircon** is still holding the overall lead making it harder for other houses to catch!

## **Running House Point Scores.**

<u><b>Place</b></u>	<u><b>House Team</b></u>	<u><b>Total Points</b></u>
<b>1st</b>	<b>Zircon</b>	<b>2,530</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Emerald</b>	<b>2,504</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>2,329</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Ruby</b>	<b>2,213</b>

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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**Congratulations and best wishes to:-**

**Shawn (Yr1) and Jedidiah (Yr6)**



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

- Year 1:** 1st - **Shawn**  
2nd - **George**  
3rd - **Nihaal**
- Year 2 :** 1st - **Obarinsola**  
2nd - **Sara**  
3rd - **Hollie**
- Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**  
2nd - **Rachel**  
3rd - **Sai**
- Year 4 :** 1st - **Sylvia**  
2nd - **Charlotte**  
3rd - **Matilda**
- Year 5 :** 1st - **Safet**  
2nd - **Darcy**  
3rd - **Olivia**
- Year 6 :** 1st - **Jedidiah**  
2nd - **Naila**

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

What a great way to reinforce your learning. The results in each year group for MathShed this week are:-

- Year 1 :** 1st - **Shawn**  
2nd - **George**  
3rd - **Rhianna**
- Year 2 :** 1st - **Obarinsola**  
2nd - **Sara**  
3rd - **Hollie**
- Year 3 :** 1st - **Evelyn**  
2nd - **Rachel**
- Year 4 :** 1st - **Sylvia**  
2nd - **Jack**  
3rd - **Alicia**
- Year 5 :** 1st - **Sienna**  
2nd - **Olivia**  
3rd - **Safet**
- Year 6 :** 1st - **Naila**  
2nd - **Jedidiah**

Well done to everyone who logged into **Maths he's** this week. **You** could get your name on the board if you log in and have a go. Good luck!