



Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

I continue to be hugely impressed by the resilience of our children and staff—thank you so much!

It was great to 'see' so many parents on Zoom last week. As you know, we would far prefer to have you come to school and fingers crossed, with all the news about vaccines, we will be able to do so next year.

Earlier in term, we were able to invite you in for Annual Reviews of Educational Health Care Plans as we were confident that our protective measures ensured everyone's safety and well-being. This had to stop thanks to Lockdown 2 so a special thank you to those of you who have joined me by Zoom for your child's Annual Review. We know this is not ideal and appreciate your understanding.

We are busy planning our Christmas celebrations so please look out for letters in book bags. Despite the current challenges, it is the Blanche Nevile Way to find a solution!

Stay Safe and Stay Well

Heulwen Rees *Headteacher*

Matt's Class

Year 4 has settled in so well to the second half of the Autumn term. We've begun our new topic 'Light and Sound'. Pupils have enjoyed doing a number of sentences and have already learned the difference between volume and pitch! We will have a number of future experiments planned to stretch their understanding of how light and sound works. In Art, we have explored how light and shading can be used to create depth in an image, making it look 3D. I'm sure you'll agree we have a number of up and coming artists



Emily's Class

The children in EYFS have been reading 'One Snowy Night' and learning the different woodland animal names. They have also been acting out the story in the role play area with masks, knocking on the door and going into the hut. We have been counting the number of animals that have entered the hut because it cold outside! At forest school the children pretended to be the different woodland animals and made leave angels on the ground.



Sharon's Class

In Years 1 and 2 we have been finding out about the Hindu festival of Diwali and made Rangoli patterns with coloured rice. We painted glittery firework pictures to mark Bonfire Night and found out the firework display are popular at Diwali too!

Our role play area is now a fire station, and here is a pupil making notes about the latest rescue.

In Maths, we have been using our new interactive screen to practice our Maths skills. We've found some really fun games online!



Rose's Class

Year 3 are enjoying the topic "Chocolate" this half-term. We have explored the rainforest, how cocoa grows, how it is transported around the world and made into tasty chocolate. We have been reading a book which took us on a magical journey to a very special chocolate factory. Can you guess which chocolate factory it was? Next, we are going to be designing gift boxes and writing recipes ready to cook up some healthy and delicious festive treats for our families!



Omar's Class

This half-term, Year 5 and 6 have been learning about migration and why people move to different countries. In Literacy and Topic lessons, we have been looking at Shaun Tan's wordless book, 'The Arrival' and practising prepositions (such as in, on and behind). The children also filmed themselves signing the experiences of the Windrush passengers. In Maths, we have been practising multiplication and division, and in Science we have been discussing inheritance and evolution, including how people inherit features from their parents.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy half term at Primary. The children are working hard and are enjoying their new topics. Their classrooms are full of beautiful displays showing all of their wonderful learning and work over the last few weeks.

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to join us for our parent/ teacher consultations last week. It was a new experience for all of us! I'm sure you all appreciate the hard work of our school team and enjoyed listening to the updates from your child's class teacher. We are very proud of all of your wonderful children!

The next few weeks we will be busy with our usual Christmas activities and celebrations. Our Christmas shows will have to be a bit different this year, but we will be in touch soon with further details.

As always, thank you very much for your continued support.

Wishing you all the very best,

Kathryn

Assistant Headteacher

Important Dates

Last day of Autumn term 2	Thursday 17th December 2020
Christmas Holidays Start School closed to pupils	Friday 18th December 2020
Christmas Holidays Finish	Friday 1st January 2021
Whole School Inset School closed to pupils	Monday 4th January 2021
Start of Spring 1 School open to pupils	Tuesday 5th January 2021
End of Spring 1	Friday 12th February 2021

BSL Classes

This term, for British Sign Language (BSL) Classes, I have been teaching parents level 1 BSL online using Zoom. There have been a growing number of new parents joining in, creating more dialogue. Each parent has shared their experience of having a Deaf child while I taught them BSL. If you are a parent of a Blanche Nevile child, you are very welcome to join in our course. Please contact us for more information.



Please note that school will be closed to pupils on Monday 4th of January for an INSET.

Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.