

Thank you to all of our children, staff and families for their continued support and hard work. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all in January.

Attendance and Lates

Sadly, our whole school attendance and late figures are not as good as they should be:

Current Attendance = 94.62% (National Average = 96%)

Remember that gates **close promptly at 8:45am** and any children coming to school after this time receive a late mark in the register.

Punctuality is extremely important, please bear in mind that if your child is:

5 minutes late every day they lose 3.4 days education a year

10 minutes late every day they lose 6.9 days education a year

15 minutes late every day they lose 10.3 days education a year.

Panto Project

Ten children from Years 5 and 6 have been working with the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton and storyteller Peter Chard (one of Europe's most renowned storytellers) to create short stories based around the theme 'Time and Tide', which is present in the midnight aspect of the Cinderella story (This year's pantomime). These stories have now been used as part of a display at the theatre, with stories being written on clocks or even Cinderella's dress!

Having created the stories, Peter chose four children to attend the Pantomime Launch at the Grand Theatre, with one pupil being asked to read out his story at the launch!

Congratulations to all of the children involved!



#YES Anti-Bullying Charter Status

We are extremely pleased to announce that Berrybrook has been awarded #YES Anti-Bullying Charter Status for demonstrating a commitment to preventing and dealing with bullying among young people.

To achieve charter status, Berrybrook showed their work on the 5 statements in the charter. These are:

Having clear policies: Discussing, monitoring and reviewing anti bullying policies on a regular basis;

Take action: Support staff to identify and tackle bullying appropriately;

Tell: Ensure that pupils are aware that all bullying concerns will be dealt with sensitively and effectively;

Take action: Report back quickly to parents/carers regarding their concerns on bullying;

Understand: Seek to learn from anti-bullying good practice elsewhere and utilise the support of City of Wolverhampton Council when appropriate.



This is Me Poetry Competition

As Part of their English work and to continue to create our children's love of writing, Year 5 all wrote a poem for the This Is Me Poetry Competition, celebrating themselves in verse.

An amazing 27 children had their poems chosen to appear in a published poetry book! All children will receive a certificate and, with parental permission, have their poem published in the finished book.

Very well done to all of the children who entered the competition, keep up the good work!



Road Safety

Please remember to ensure that you show the children how to use the pedestrian crossing on Underhill Lane.

Our wonderful crossing guard Carla would love to say hello to you all and see you safely over the road.

Important Dates

3rd January - Bank Holiday

4th January - Inset Day

5th January - Back to School

18th January - Buddhist New Year Day

WB 24th January - Y6 Trip to Laches Wood

WB 31st January - National Story Telling Week



Year 3 Flamenco Lesson

As part of their topic on Spain, Year 3 had the chance to take part in a Flamenco lesson!

During the session, the girls wore Spanish flowers and the boys put on silk waist ties. They learnt about the origins of Flamenco, met a Spanish Flamenco dancer, watched her dance, explored rhythm in Spanish music, listened to the percussion through clapping and feet, understood the importance of posture and expression in Spanish dance, learnt a dance sequence to Spanish music and performed a dance sequence to Spanish music.



Timestable Rockstars Day

During Maths Week, the children took part in many different lessons and activities based on Mathematics and on the Wednesday, children came dressed as Timestable Rockstars! The costumes were incredible (Thanks to all parents) and a great day was had by all. Most importantly, the children were reminded of the importance of learning their timestables.

Well done and keep logging on to Timestables Rockstars!



MP Christmas Card Competition

Earlier in the term, all of the children designed Christmas cards for local MP Jane Stevenson's competition. With the winner having their design printed on Jane's official Christmas card!

Hundreds of children from local schools entered and two children at Berrybrook were chosen as runners up in the competition! Jane visited Berrybrook to present the children with some Houses of Parliament prizes and their designs will be featured on the back of her Christmas card.

Congratulations!

