



# November 2022 Newsletter



Now that it is getting darker earlier, please remember to stay safe.

Don't forget to read page 4 to find out more about another school in PHMAT.

## Attendance and Lates

Although our attendance is currently better than last year, figures are not as good as they should be:

**Current Attendance = 93.97%** (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.**

## Photographs

Please remember that **no photographs** should be taken of other children whilst on the school site, no matter the relation. As not all parents agreed to photos being taken at events, **please do not take photographs during any assemblies, plays etc.** There will be time afterwards to take photos of your child.

## Christmas Performances

2 tickets per family are available from the front office

**EYFS** - Monday 12th December **10am**

Tuesday 13th December **10am**

**Years 1 and 2** - Tuesday 13th December **2pm**

Wednesday 14th December **9:30am**

## Parent Consultations



Thank you to all parents who attended our Parent Consultations on Wednesday 16th November 2022. We are extremely pleased that **77%** of parents booked and attended a meeting!

Thank you!

## School Uniform

We are really proud of our uniform at Berrybrook and of how smart the children look; however, please remember that **trainers are not part of school uniform.**

Boys

Jumper– Royal Blue

Cardigan/Jumper – Royal Blue

Polo Shirt – Light blue

Pinafore – Grey

Trousers – Grey or black

Skirt/Trousers – Grey or black

Shoes – Black (**No Trainers**)

Blouse/Polo Shirt – Light Blue

Socks – Black/Grey/White

Shoes – Low heeled, black (**No Trainers**)

## Important Dates

**2nd December** – Parent Christmas Workshop

**2nd December** - Wellbeing Friday

**5th December** - School Choir at St. John's

**5th December** - Year 3 & 4 PCSO Workshops

**13th December** - Year 6 PCSO Workshop

**14th December** - Nursery Visit to Wonderland

**14th December** - Christmas Dinner

**16th December** - Christmas Jumper Day -  
Produce Donations to The Well

**15th December** - TFTs & Nursery final day of term

**16th December** - Final day of term, all children finish at 1:15pm, no creche



## Peer Mentor Training and Parent Assembly

On the 9th and 10th November, the successful SUMO Peer Mentor applicants were joined by SUMO4Schools lead Kevin Pace and Miss Potts to train as Berrybrook's Peer Mentors. The two days consisted of valuable discussions and learning around the SUMO principles, active listening and empathy.

Following the training, all Peer Mentors used their gained specialist understanding of SUMO to lead a whole school assembly, on the 28th November, to our cohort of pupils and then, on the 29th November, to our parents/carers and families. Thank you to all that attended.

Our SUMO Peer mentors will now be the valuable additional layer of first-line support to help to meet the emotional and mental health needs of our students. Also helping to meet the ever-increasing need for someone to listen and access to first-line support that has a strong focus on building resilience and promoting wellbeing.



## Flamenco Dancing Workshop



On Monday 21st November, Year 3 were visited by a Spanish Flamenco dancer as part of their Geography topic: Spain. During this visit, they listened to Spanish rhythms and watched and learnt the key movements of Flamenco dancing. By the end of the hour visit, all children were able to recognise, copy and perform Flamenco movements within a dance sequence as a class.

"I really liked it, it was fun and we learnt a lot of new Spanish movements," – Richard.

"I think Flamenco dancing is a very good way to help us to understand a Spanish tradition and helps our learning in Geography," – Bella.

"I liked watching the Flamenco dancer using their hands and feet to make percussion, I had not seen someone dance like that before, it was amazing," – Daniel.



## Year 4 Spell It Challenge

Berrybrook sent two teams to the Year 4 Spell It Challenge at Wolverhampton Girls' High School.

During the day, the children answered a variety of questions whilst having to ensure all answers were spelt correctly too. One of the teams finished in second place overall!

A massive congratulations to both teams!

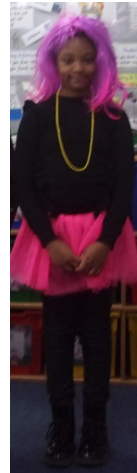




## Year 5 - Remembrance Assembly & Timestable Rockstars Day

Earlier this term, Year 5 presented our first parent assembly in a very long time! They taught the children and parents about memory and why we celebrate Remembrance Day on the 11th November every year. During the assembly, some children also read out poems they had created about the First World War. Thank you to all who attended.

Year 5 also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our whole school Timestable Rockstars Day!



### Other Wider Curriculum Activities this month

Head Boy and Girl Awards

**Year 2 Trip to the Bookshow at the Grand Theatre**

Digital Ambassador Training

**Remembrance Day**

Odd Sock Day

**Anti-Bullying Week**

Maths Week England

**Year 4 and 5 Class Assemblies**

### Children in Need

Thank you all of your donations to Children in Need. We are extremely pleased to have raised **£97.66** for the charity.

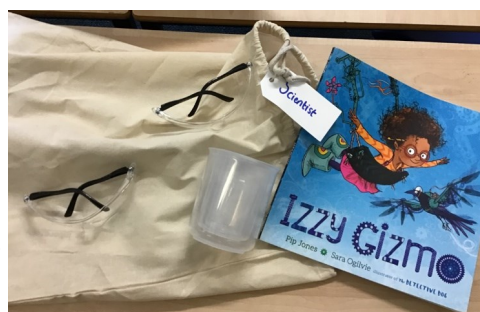


### Year 1 - The Words for Work: Dream Big Programme

Year 1 have enjoyed exploring different jobs through stories and the story sacks provided by the programme.

The children asked, "Are we learning about jobs that we could do when we are older?"

The jobs they have explored so far include: scientists, chefs, shop assistants and doctors.



In the parent survey, parents and carers expressed their wishes to find out more about other schools in PHMAT.  
Continue reading to find out more about Stanley Road Primary School in Worcester.



## Stanley Road Primary School, Worcester

Stanley Road Primary is a larger than average school set in the heart of Worcester. It is a culturally rich, diverse and very welcoming community.

Stanley Road Primary's aim is to provide the highest quality education for children from 3 up to 11 years of age. In that time, the staff make sure that the children have lots of exciting learning opportunities to enable them to reach their full potential.

After up to seven years at Stanley Road, the school staff hope that all children will leave as a confident individual, successful learner and responsible citizen. The school sincerely hopes that the children will leave with a strong sense of achievement, satisfaction and a life long love for learning.

### Pillars of Citizenship

Debated, written and promoted by the School Council, the 'Pillars of Citizenship' are at the heart of good behaviour at Stanley Road. If children follow these principles, they will have a successful and safe education and will turn out to be a successful and productive citizen.



### Eco Committee

The Eco committee is elected at the start of each academic year. Children from every class from Year 1 to Year 6 campaign to be the Eco Representative for their class and children then vote for their chosen child. Democracy in action!

At the start of each year, the committee complete an 'Environmental Review', which helps them to identify the areas that they need to focus on in their action plan.



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