

### **Message from the Head**

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of a busy and successful Autumn term, I wanted to write to you to highlight some of the great work that has been undertaken in school this term, as well as some important information for the new year.

We have had another action packed half term. Children celebrated Diwali, enjoyed the pantomime and visit from the plumber drummer musician.

The festive activities are in full swing. It was lovely to see so many of you attend the Christmas Enterprise event which raised over £900 for school.

Our singing and signing choir performed at the Christmas Tree Festival at St James' Church and raised over £115 too. This week, our pupils in Key Stage 1 are performing in Nativities.

There will be also be lots of parties this week and a special visitor in school too!

I am pleased to announce that we have successfully achieved Bronze Award for Rights Respecting Schools which celebrates UNICEF's articles for each child.



### **Staff Leaving**

The end of term is often a time to say goodbye to much-valued members of staff and I am sure you would want to join me in warmly thanking them for their brilliant, lasting, contribution to the school and wish them the very best for the future. At the end of this term, we say farewell and pass our best wishes to:

Mrs Jas Ladd – Teacher of Red 6

Mr Bilal Hussain – Teacher of Red 4

Mrs Janette Varley – Teaching Assistant

Mr Josiah Allwood – Teaching Assistant

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

I know you will be aware of our ongoing - and very important - focus on attendance. I know you also understand the really important link for your child between attendance, good progress and success in school.

Pupils that are late for school or are collected early by parents miss out on teaching and important routines. Children joining or leaving sessions that have started interrupt and disrupt learning for others.

As always, we need your positive support to minimise lost learning. Please continue to actively support us and ensure good attendance at school.

### **Facebook**

Please check out our new Facebook page. It is updated regularly with news about the school.

### **Safeguarding: Accessing support over the holiday.**

We recognise that the Christmas holiday is not always a positive time of year for children or families. The current financial climate, poor mental health or reminders of family members who are sadly no longer around, can all contribute to negative feelings.

Whilst school is closed, there is plenty of support available for you and your child throughout the holiday period.

DfE funded Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) for SEND children and those in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals. The bookings are now open for Christmas please sign up

<https://bradford.haf.fun/login>

Childline (24/7): 0800 1111 NSPCC (Mon – Fri 8am – 10pm; weekends 9am – 6pm):

0808 800 5000 Bradford Children Trust . Emergency Duty Team - 01274 431010

### **Happy New Year**

I wish you and your family a peaceful festive season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I'm sure you will agree that the school photographs taken this year were beautiful.

School opens for pupils on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.



## News from Classes

### Yellow 1 (S)

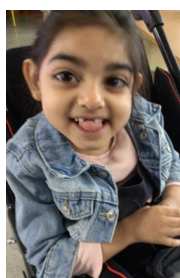


Yellow 1 S have been learning all about celebrations. They further developed their fine motor skills through making potions when celebrating Bats and Cats. During their Art lessons, the children made pictures inspired by fireworks. They used spray bottles with different coloured water. The children have made candles from Play Doh for birthday cakes and counted the number of candles. In food technology the children have been combining ingredients using one handed tools to make Play Doh. They added glitter to the Play Doh to create a special celebration Play Doh. It's been a great first term. The team in Yellow 1 S wish their families and friends a wonderful holiday. They look forward to seeing the children in the new year.



### Yellow 1 (W)

Yellow 1 have settled very well into their classroom. Their favourite time of the day is meeting their friends and familiar adults in music sessions exploring a wide range of musical instruments and dancing. They have made so many new friends, they have had so much fun and love learning with each other. Well done Yellow 1! The team are so proud of you. We hope you enjoy your winter break!



### Yellow 2 (W)

Yellow 2 Class have had an amazing first term at school. The children have settled in and are making great progress! We are enjoying visiting different areas of school, especially Jungle Gym and the Fort. We have enjoyed our weekly Food Tech lessons and our visits from Music Mike, our music therapist. This half term, our topic theme is 'Celebrations' and we have had lots of fun celebrating different special days including - Diwali, Children In Need, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Cats and Bats Day and of course Christmas! We have all enjoyed exploring the story of 'Spot's Birthday.' We had a Birthday Party for him in class. We made him a cake and helped him unwrap his presents! We have also had fun baking Birthday buns and biscuits and exploring Celebration messy media including glitter, jelly and icing and sprinkles! We ended the term with a fabulous Christmas party for our Parents Event. We are so proud of all the children in Yellow 2 Class and would like to wish all our families a very happy Christmas!





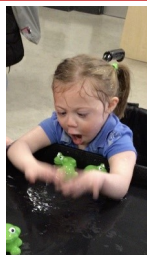
## Red 1 (S)

This term has been a very busy term. Red 1S have settled well into school and have done really well adapting to our timetable. We have been working on learning about ourselves and our friends. We have made new friends and some of us can recognise our pictures and respond to our names. This term we have been looking at celebrations and enjoyed our book called Elmer's Birthday. We have made gift wrappers, ornaments and collages of Elmer. We have also celebrated lots of exciting days like cats and bats, bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas. We have worked really hard and made fantastic progress. Well done Red1S we're so proud of you all.



## Red 1 (W)

Red 1 have been very busy this term. It was a lovely start to the year getting to know the children and creating our own Special People Story. We've also been reading the story of Cake. We've been exploring the different party outfits within the book and made lots of invites, cards and wrapping paper. We took part in World recycling Day too! We've had a visit from musicians in the Inner Vision Orchestra, we've enjoyed Plummer drummer, the panto, our amazing Winter Wonderland and Harvest celebrations. We loved carol-selling around School for Children in Need and enjoyed celebrating Diwali and Christmas on Christmas dinner day, creating the nativity and experiencing a Christingle service.



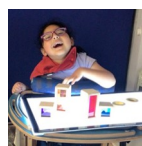
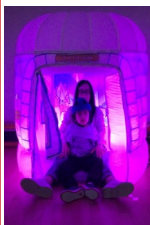
## Red 2 (W)

We have settled into our new class and have made lots of friends! We have enjoyed learning about ourselves and others through songs, stories and rhymes, and using mirrors to look at our own reflections. We have had visits from the plumber drummer and enjoyed the Pantomime! This half term we have been learning about different celebrations with our book 'Festival of colour', including Cats n Bats party, Bonfire night celebrations, Hannukah and Diwali! We are looking forward to the Christmas Enterprise Fayre and the Christmas Tree Festival and have made our Christmas decorations for the tree! We have had lots to celebrate!



## Red 3 (W)

Red 3 have had such a busy first term! We made new friends in class with adults and peers. We loved exploring how different families look by experiencing the story 'Families Can' by Dan Saks. We have been looking at celebrations around the world. We've explored Diwali, Christmas and Hannukah so far. We have been very busy with making decorations for the school and making chocolate lollies for the Christmas Enterprise. We hope you all liked them! We have also had lots of whole school events like the pantomime and the Children in Need activities which we really enjoyed. And we had a photographer come in for the first time to take our school photos! One of our favourites was definitely the Winter Wonderland! We enjoyed hot chocolate and exploring the igloo and the fake snow.





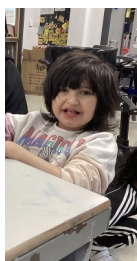
## Red 4 (W)

In Red 4, we have been looking at the artist, Jeff Koons who's famous piece of art focuses on the Balloon Dog. We made balloon dogs in class and explored in different media. We all enjoyed the puffy paint as it was soft and fluffy to touch. We have also been busy with lots of festive fun. We enjoyed our Winter Wonderland Day, watching the Nativity, and making lots of Christmas decorations! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



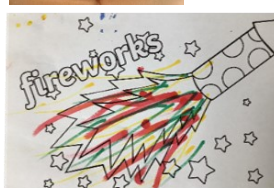
## Red 5 (W)

This term, we have been looking at 'people in my world' and 'celebrations around the world'. It has been so much fun to look at who is in our families and also look at the different ways we all celebrate! We have created so much from our topics, looking at a family tree, our book 'Two is enough', matching our family to theirs and how we have so much love in our family! We have also been looking at Halloween, Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas. Through it all, we have had lots of fun activities in the hall, exploring remembrance activities, our Christmas winter wonderland and we have a pantomime come in for us to experience as a class! It has been adventure and activity filled and we can't wait for next term!



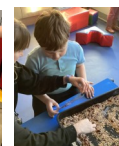
## Red 6 (West)

The children have had a very busy term. They have had so much fun learning through our topics 'People in my World' and 'Celebrations'. We have enjoyed the creative activities this term using paint and various collage materials to make the characters from the books. We also enjoyed the activities related to Diwali, India day and Children in Need. We enjoyed making rangoli patterns and tasting the pilau rice for Diwali. We have also enjoyed our food technology sessions this term and particularly enjoyed making biscuits. We enjoyed decorating breadsticks with chocolate and sprinkles for bonfire night. We have been learning about Christmas and watched the nativity play in school. We made snowflakes and paper chains to decorate our classroom for Christmas. Have a super Christmas break!



## Blue 1 (S)

This term the children in Blue 1S have focused on the topics 'People in My world' and 'Celebrations Around The World'. We've learnt about people who help us and continued to develop awareness of our own bodies through songs and rhymes. We've also learnt about how different cultures celebrate different events such as, bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas. We have built on our reading skills by listening to a range of exciting multi-sensory songs, call and response, simple stories, and nursery rhymes. We have continued to develop our fine motor and coordination skills through exploration of a range of wet and dry media using our hands and fingers. In maths, we have developed our awareness of number sequencing through simple songs, rhymes and physical counting. We have had lots of exciting events happen during the Autumn Term like, The Plumber Drummer, Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Pantomime and Winter Wonderland.





## Blue 2 (S)

Blue 2 have had a brilliant first term back at school we have been settling into our routine and making lots of wonderful autumn pictures. We have been doing some really fun maths activities and also we are all superstars at brushing our teeth, well done Blue 2 keep it up.



## Blue 3 (S)

This term we have focused on Families and Festivals around the world. Blue 3 loved exploring bonfire night and we made edible sparklers and also explored fireworks using shredded paper and a hair dryer. Everyone loved watching and listening



to the sounds fireworks made. We had great fun in the allotments finding different foods grown and harvested in Autumn. We found lots of Pumpkins which we made into soup in our food tech lesson.

This linked to a book we enjoyed reading in library time called Peek-a-boo pumpkin. This term we have enjoyed exploring Winter and Christmas including Advent, Diwali and Hannukah. Lights and colour have been the highlight of these festivals. Pupils loved sensory play with all the different coloured messy media including coloured rice and pasta. It's amazing what you can do with coloured pasta!



## Blue 1 (W)

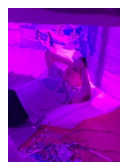
Blue One have had a great start to the school year! We have lots of new to school pupils who have settled in amazingly. They are becoming familiar with the routine of the school day and have visited all the different areas around school – hydro and jungle gym being class favourites! We have enjoyed celebrating lots of special occasions, such as Halloween, Diwali and Children in Need to name a few, through these and our daily lessons we have had exposure to a range of sensory experiences to support our learning. We enjoy spending lots of time outside, especially when we can explore the autumn leaves and fresh snow.

Through our topic 'people in my world' we have developed positive relationships with a wide range of people around school and our peers in class.



## Blue 2 (W)

Blue 2 have had a great start to the year. Everyone has enjoyed getting to know each other and settling in to our new class. We have really enjoyed our sensory play in class and have been able to learn a lot whilst getting messy. Blue 2 like to be active so swimming, Jungle Gym and PE are some of our favourite sessions. We have had a great time exploring Supertato this half term and have been able to work with lots of different vegetables in maths and for our Mark making. For Children in Need the class had a walk around school to see all the different activities each class made. The enterprise day was great fun Blue 2 enjoyed making our calendars to sell on the day. Recently we have really enjoyed the Winter wonderland day and the snow, we had a lot of fun! All staff in Blue 2 hope you have a nice time over the holidays and look forward to having you back for even more fun in the new year!





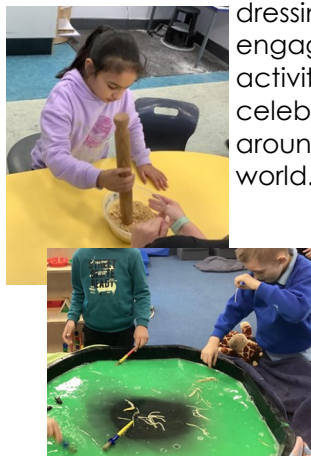
### Blue 3 (W)

In Blue 3 this term our topic was celebration and our book was cake. They enjoyed the sensory story with their peers, engaging with the different props and anticipating what will happen next. There will be a treat next week when blue 3 will have a go at getting into the piñata, which will be a nice ending to the story.



### Blue 4 (W)

This half term in blue 4 we have been working on our celebrations around the world topic with the focus being festival of colours. We have been learning about different celebrations around the world and how they are celebrated. We have also worked a lot around fire works and the colours and sounds they make. We have also celebrated children in need, Diwali, Halloween, Hannukah and the Winter Wonderland! The children have loved all the celebrations we have had this half term and have loved dancing, dressing up and engaging in activities relating to celebrations around the world.



### Blue 5 (W)

Blue 5 have worked really hard this term! We have enjoyed learning through the topics 'People in my world' and 'Celebrations around the world'. We have celebrated many special days including Harvest, Diwali, Children in Need, Remembrance day and Christmas. Well done Blue 5 you have all worked really hard and I am excited for the year ahead!



### Blue 6 (W)

Blue 6 have had a busy term and all the children have settled well into their new class. This half term we have looked at different celebrations and festivals that happen at this time of year. We have enjoyed carving pumpkins, making pretend bonfires, and exploring our very own winter wonderland.





## Green 1 (S)

We have had lots of fun and enjoyed many activities including Children in Need, we liked the photo booth as we got to make funny faces and take pictures. We loved the winter wonderland, playing in ice and foam and got a lovely hot chocolate with marshmallows. We have practiced our climbing skills in PE, learning to climb up and down safely. Outdoors we have been learning to be safe on bikes and the importance of wearing a helmet. Green 1 have had lots of creative time making lots of different things for Christmas, we have made cards and tree decorations and did some junk modelling. We have also done lots of baking, we make some cupcakes and decorated them, they tasted so yummy.



## Green 2 (S)

Green 2S have had a very busy term so far we have been doing lots of exciting activities and learning. We have been using the Food Tech room on Fridays to make different things such as buns and cakes and going to Jungle Gym on Wednesdays. Green 2 have also enjoyed the activities that have happened in school like Remembrance Day, the pantomime and Diwali day. I am sure we will be very tired by the time we get to Christmas!



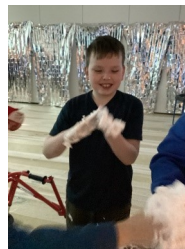
## Green 3 (S)

Well what a wonderful term it has been in Green 3. The children have been working hard; developing a love for reading and learning how to sequence stories has been a key focus. We have also enjoyed baking, learning basic cooking skills and how to use the equipment safely. As well as this the children have participated in creating some fantastic arts and crafts, movement and singing and lots of outdoor play. It has certainly been a hive of activity!



Green 3 children have particularly enjoyed the fun activities such as Diwali, Children in Need and Remembrance Day. Our Christmas Fair and trip to The Christmas Tree Festival were real highlights. The children loved seeing all the beautiful decorations and were a

real pleasure to take. Thank you to parents for their continued support and involvement over the past term.





## Green 1 (W)

We have loved all of our learning this term. We have learnt through our topics 'People All Around Us' and 'Celebrations of Light and Sound'. We have investigated our senses through tasting, seeing, touching, hearing and smelling. We have also learnt about different sources of light and sound. A highlight was creating a shadow puppet show and performing it using words, symbols, switches and torches. We investigated and celebrated sound during visits from the plumber drummer and the pantomime. We love to sing, dance and create food and wonderful pictures.



## Green 2 (W)

Green 2 have had a very busy Autumn term. This term, our Autumn 1 topic was 'People in my World' which has been all about people who help us including families, schools, communities and the emergency services. Our Autumn 2 topic was 'Celebrations around the World' which has been all about the celebrations different countries have and how they celebrate. The children have loved taking part in a wide range of activities that really bring their learning to life.



In Science, we have been learning about our 5 senses and light & Sound. The children have enjoyed a range of hands-on practical activities to bring their science learning to life. In maths, we have been learning to add numbers and tell the time using a range of practical activities that have engaged our children.



## Green 3 (W)

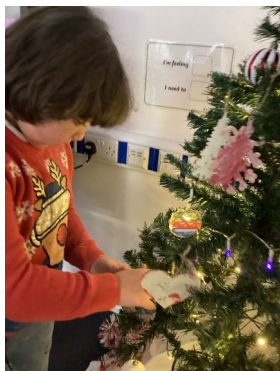
Green 3 have had a fantastic half term. This half term we have been learning about different celebrations from around the world. We carved pumpkins for our cats and bats celebration. We made poppies for Remembrance Day and baked a cake for Children in Need. We had fun making our own Christmas cards for the enterprise fair. In maths we have continued exploring and representing numbers up to 10. In phonics we have been exploring phase 1 and learning new phase 2 sounds. In science we have been exploring different sources of light and we have loved making shadows with torches. Well done Green 3!





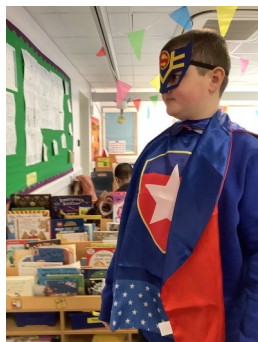
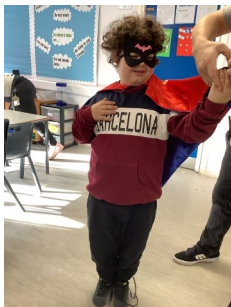
## Green 4 (W)

This half term Green 4 have been focusing on the book "Little Glow", learning about the different celebrations that people practice around the world. We then picked five celebrations to focus on: Halloween, Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas and Chinese New Year. We learnt about the different traditions and made crafts that were inspired by each celebration!



## Green 5 (W)

In Green 5 this term, we have been looking at the Supertato carnival story as the topic. In the classroom, we set up a supermarket in our classroom. The children have been writing about the story. In science, we learnt about light.



In maths, we have been practising number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. We looked at symmetry and learnt to tell the time. We prepared Christmas cards for the enterprise fair.

