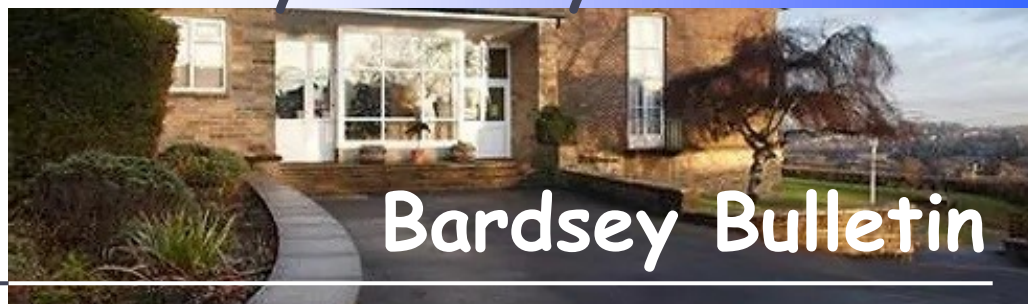


Bardsey Primary School



Message from Mr. Knight.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 18th December—
School Closes, End of
Autumn 2
- Wednesday 16th Decem-
ber FOBPS AGM
7.30pm
- Friday 18th December -
Christmas Dinner
- Monday 4th January—
School Opens for
Spring 1
- Monday 11th January—
Reception Training
Day (Reception chil-
dren only not in
school)
- Friday 12th February—
School Closes for Half
Term
- Monday 22nd February—
School Closed Teacher
Training Day

I would like to say a big 'well done' to all our children! They have worked so hard since returning to school last September and it is great to see how much they have learnt this term. Thank you also to all our parents for the support you have given the school this term, it has been brilliant to hear all of the positive feedback.

It has been a busy time in Education over the past week or so with announcements made about tests and Ofsted. Routine Ofsted inspections have been cancelled until at least April. The DfE has announced that Year 6 children will only be sitting Maths and Reading tests and there will be no SPAG test. The Year 2 children won't be sitting any test at all this year and schools will only report teacher assessment data in Reading, Writing and Maths. Education is a rapidly changing landscape!

With regards to any COVID positive cases over the two week Christmas break, you only need to contact school (by email please), if your child was in school 2 days prior to the onset of symptoms, should they test positive. Or, if they test positive during the Christmas holidays and the 10 days after the onset of symptoms edges into the start of next term in January.

For example: Yasmin develops a cough on Saturday 19th December and receives a positive test result on Sunday 20th December. She was in school on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December. Any contacts of Yasmin from the school on those days would need to be identified and advised to self-isolate.

As I am mentioning COVID matters, can I please urge parents who drop off children at 8.45am to disperse soon after and not stand around in small groups talking. Some parents have mentioned to me that parents congregating on pavements has made social distancing more difficult. Dispersing quickly after drop off will also help free up car parking. Thank you for your help with this.



Christmas at Bardsey



You may recall I mentioned in recent newsletters that the teachers in the classes were thinking about what they were going to do to celebrate Christmas especially as we are unable to come together as a whole school for performances. The teachers will try to film these creative pieces and try to upload them on to the website so you can view them. Just to give you a flavour of some of the things they are doing, here is a list:

- Reception : Nativity 'Angel Express' Year 1 : Puppet Show
Year 2 : A poem performance 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'
Year 3 : Christmas Carol 'Starry Night' with Van Gogh artwork
Year 4 : 'Merry COVID Christmas'
Year 5 : The Twelve Days of COVID Christmas
Year 6 : Christmas Poem



Hearts For Homes Gratefully Received

How lovely it was to receive a set of photos from Windsor Court Care Home in Wetherby showing some of senior citizens there receiving the children's lovely envelopes and their decorated hearts. I received these on Monday morning so what a lovely way to start the week. The home was overjoyed at receiving such an array of colourful heart-warming, Christmas messages from our children.

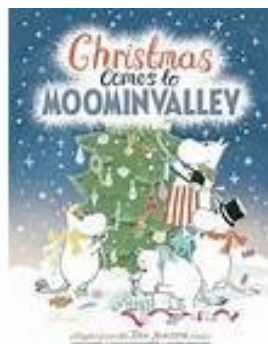


Book of the Week

Christmas Comes to Moominvalley
By Alexi Haridi & Cecilia Davidsson

This is an exquisitely illustrated retelling of Tove Janson's classic story *The Fir Tree*, in which the kindly Moomins are woken up from their winter sleep to be told that 'Christmas' is coming.

The only trouble is, the puzzled Moomins have no idea, who, or what, 'Christmas' is



A new generation of readers will enjoy meeting the loveable Moomintroll, his parents Moominmamma and Moominpapa, and all their friends in this beautifully illustrated story, in which the Moomin family demonstrate their special values of tolerance, kindness and integrity, as they prepare for their first Christmas - helping us understand what the festive season is really all about.

PE Attire

We currently allow children to come to school in PE clothing or sportswear on days that the class they are in have PE. This is to eradicate communal changing for PE.

Over the past weeks, I have been a little concerned that in some cases, these days seem to have been interpreted as non-uniform days and clothing is being worn which does not come under the umbrella of 'sportswear'. For example, combat trousers and t-shirts with inappropriate slogans are not acceptable as 'sportswear'.

Also, with the onset of colder weather, children can wear gloves, woolly hats and gloves for outside PE.



Behaviour of the Week

Behaviour continues to be very good at this school and this week these children in particular have been displaying the attributes of a positive role model for others:

Reception: Usayd & Airah

Year 1: Jackson & Edmund

Year 2: Rupert & Everlyn

Year 3: Eddie & Jess

Year 4: William & Eadie

Year 5: Owain & Eva

Year 6: Bo & Euan



Halloween Dressing Up

Halloween seems a long time ago now! I thought I would let you know that the school received a nice email from Leeds Mind this week. They sent a huge thank you to us for the money donated to them as a result of our dressing up day for Halloween which was £166.05.

It is lovely to know our donations are well-received. Thank you all for your support this.

School Christmas Lunch

On Friday 18th December we will be having our version of Christmas lunch. The dinner will be served to the children in a box in their classroom. This year the options will be:

Roast Turkey & Pork Sausage

Or

Quorn Fillet & Vegetarian Sausage

Served with:

Roast & Mashed Potatoes

Sage & Onion Stuffing (optional)

Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Christmas Ice Cream Pots

Or

Satsuma

Christmas Around The World

On Wednesday the Year 3 children were doing some work with me learning about how different countries celebrate Christmas and the various customs that take place. Here is a lovely piece of work by Erin about what they do in Mexico. Feliz Navidad!





It has been another exciting and sparkly week at Bardsey nursery and pre-school. Many of the children have been busy decorating their own Christmas trees at home, and after discussing their favourite decorations we spent a wonderful few hours exploring shredded tinsel. The looks of joy on the boys' and girls' faces as they waved it around, threw it high in the air and made a shiny silver pattern on the carpet were a sight to behold!

At Children's Corner we follow children's individual interests and some of our pre-schoolers have been keen to practise their writing skills, which is fantastic. We spent some time discussing and exploring their area of interest (superheroes for one little boy), looking at pictures and words for inspiration. The children then demonstrated excellent pencil control as they carefully formed captions. It is so rewarding to see the children expressing themselves through interests that are meaningful to them and to witness their blossoming creativity.

There have been lots of seasonal crafts for our children to explore. Painting is a favourite activity for all ages, and we have enjoyed mixing colours and printing with our new Christmas stamps, creating some bright festive pictures. Calendar making is a traditional seasonal activity to mark the end of the year. The children designed beautiful pictures with sprinkles, sequins, and ribbon, then chose their favourite coloured card to mount their 2021 calendar. We hope families love receiving theirs when they are sent home, where they will symbolise a fresh start and hopefully a better year for everyone.

For anyone who still needs time to catch up on things at home, time is ticking but we still have two Christmas Shopping Days before Christmas. We will take care of your child from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Monday 14th or 21st December, for just £25 including lunch and snack. We are also taking bookings for January for 15 and 30 hour funded places. Places are available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds dependent on eligibility. Please give us a call on 01937 573999 if you would like to learn more or take advantage of either of these offers.



FoBPS News

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PTA AGM

A reminder that next Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm is the Friends of Bardsey Primary School AGM. This meeting will be done via Zoom and there are details about this on the FOBPS section of the school website. The password for the meeting is Charity.

Please can I encourage as many of you to attend as possible as the committee is losing a number of members this year and 'new blood' is needed. The committee do some marvellous work and it is a very rewarding role. There are in fact, some nominations already in for some of the key roles but new committee members would be most welcome!



Last Week of Term

There are many things going on during the last week of term so I thought I would just give a few reminders.

On Tuesday (weather permitting) or reserve day Wednesday we are hoping to do some whole school carol singing outside. Children need to wear school uniform as usual (if it is not their PE day), but also have a warm coat and woolly hat, scarf and gloves please. Akin to the look of carol singers! We are hoping to film this event and put it on the school website.

On Thursday it is party day for all classes. Children may come to school in non-uniform ready to enjoy a number of fun activities in their classroom. Children can bring a plate of party food to eat for themselves (not to share). The school kitchen have said they will prepare the normal Friday fish lunch on this day.

Friday 18th December will be Christmas Fancy Dress! The School Council have organised this as their first fundraiser of the year. Children may come to school in their Christmas fancy dress on the theme of 'Glitter and Baubles', if they wish to. A shiny donation can be made to the School Council for the pleasure.

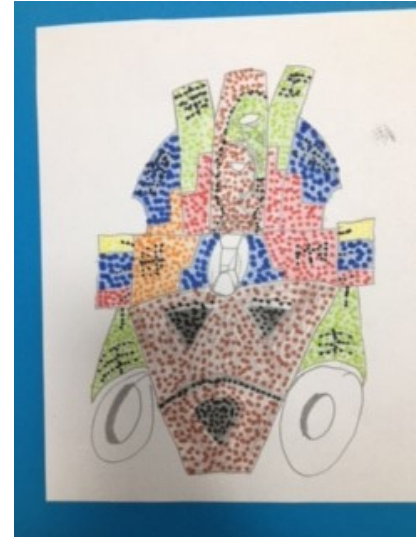


Tin Tuesday

Thank you for all of the contributions this week for the second of our 'Tin Tuesdays'. Wetherby Foodbank came the following day and were grateful recipients of all of the donations.

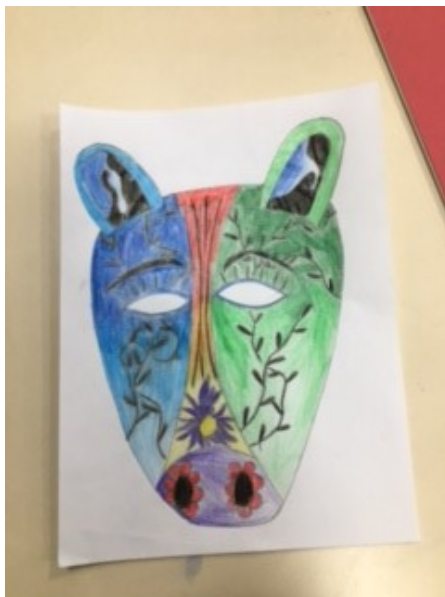
Our next 'Tin Tuesday' is on the 19th January for Year 4 and 5 to donate tins.





Year 5 Art Work

Year 5 have been drawing Mayan masks. Initially, they did some observational drawings using graded pencils. This gave them a good idea of the different strengths of colour. They then created a Mayan mask design of their own. Finally, patterns were added to enhance the quality of the effect. These mask designs were created by Owain, Hugo, Florence, Beatrix and Eva. They are all fantastic!



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Taking Maths Outdoors

Here are some pictures of our Year 4 children doing some measuring work outside. At Bardsey we try to take advantage of our outdoor environment as much as possible to do work outside. Here, the children were estimating, then calculating the perimeter of a number of rectilinear shapes using their footsteps as a measuring tool. Very ingenious!

