

Brays School Newsletter

December 2021



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Message from our Head Teacher

**First of all let me wish everyone at Brays
A very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

There is no doubt that it has been a difficult year for everyone with all the problems caused by covid. However, everyone at school has risen to the challenge and continued to provide not only first class quality care and education for all children at Brays but also great support for families where needed. So, a big

THANK YOU!

to all the staff at Brays for all their support, care and professionalism throughout 2021.

What will 2022 bring? I know provision for your sons and daughters will continue to be delivered by a skilled and dedicated team of teachers, support staff, physio and nurses. I know that as parents you will continue to support us in any way that you can to ensure the academic, social and physical development of your child. I also hope it will also bring a sense of stability with the appointment of new support staff and a permanent headteacher in the New Year.

To all children, parents and staff at Brays I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A. Moore-Stow Interim Headteacher

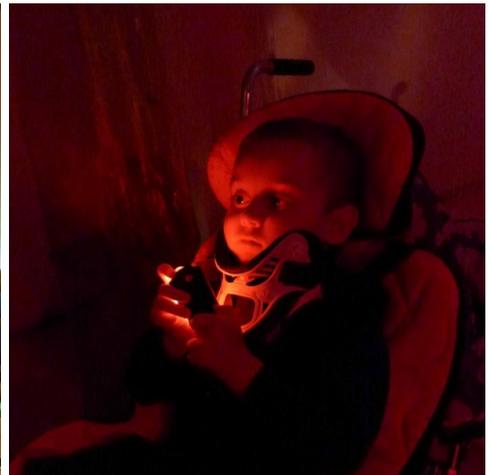
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Pupils across school enjoyed a special assembly, a nativity play, organised by St Thomas Church. All pupils enjoyed the sensory elements of the play, some of our pupils had opportunity to show off their acting skills.

Sensory Drama Sessions



It has been an exciting term in the sensory drama studio where we have been learning about Ancient Egypt and The Body. First we visited Ancient Egypt where we caught fish in the River Nile. Then we harvested barley and made clay gifts for The Pharaoh. Finally we visited the Pharaoh's Tomb and saw the mummified body!

Inside The Body we found a massive heart which we could lie on and feel the heartbeat. Everyone helped support the children who were lying on the heart. Then we felt the air filling up the lungs and the stretchiness of the muscles.

Music Services Sessions



Katy from Music Services has visited Class 1B every Wednesday morning to provide exciting and fun music sessions. Katy is now a familiar face in 1B and is welcomed with loud personalities and happy faces. Each of the pupils have loved the opportunity to sing songs, make choices, and play instruments. Having music as part of their routine has helped the children engage with their peers and offered excitement to the day.

We have been working on playing our instruments to a specific rhythm with differences in pace and volume (our favourite is fast and loud). We love it when Katy copies what we are doing like stamping out feet or swaying our bodies. It makes us smile from ear to ear when we watch Katy play her ukulele and sing hello.

Wellbeing Week



During Wellbeing Week, we used creativity, music and art to focus on positive things that make us happy and encourage a balanced life. Some classes talked about food, housing, family, dreams and ambitions to create large drawings that reflected their ideas.

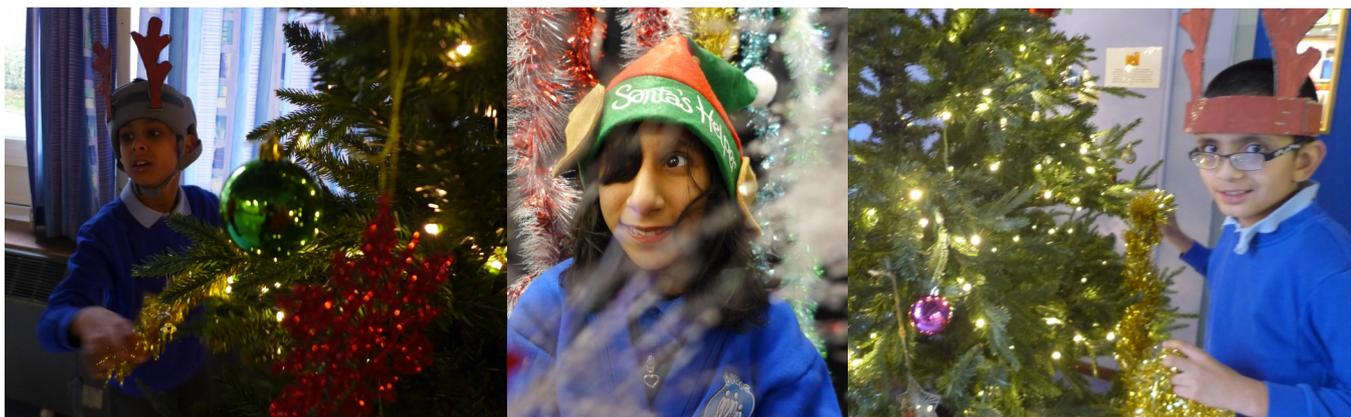
Some classes enjoyed being looked after by staff, using gentle music, massage and large soft brushes, pupils took part in a pampering session. It is important to take time to think about balance and about things that enrich our lives.

Children in Need



This year for Children in Need, we had another successful fundraising day. Throughout the day pupils participated in a range of Pudsey based activities. Pupils and staff enjoyed a fun filled day, telling jokes and making friends laugh, getting pie faced, cooking and creating Pudsey art work. We all particularly loved taking part in games, definitely our favourite! Thanks to everyone's 'Spotacular' effort we made a fabulous £210.00 Well done everybody!

Seasonal Celebrations



Pupils and staff at Brays have made sure to keep up seasonal cheer this half term. Due to Covid restrictions, we may not have been able to invite parents into school to see our fantastic Christmas productions; We have created videos across classes featuring Christmas songs and of course our talented pupils, we hope to share the videos with our families.

Classrooms have been decorated with Christmas trees, tinsel and baubles and the sound of seasonal songs are heard in classes and down the corridors. Pupils have taken part in a number of fun and creative seasonal activities, Christmas songs and school discos in the hall, crafts and art sessions and decorating the schools fantastic Christmas Tree. Pupils also looked forward to special assemblies and a visit from Santa's special elves.

Christmas with 1J



1J have loved the Christmas period this year. We have taken part in lots of different activities such as a Christmas Sensology where we explore different Christmas objects related to our 5 senses, a dance massage to popular Christmas songs we might hear on the radio, making Christmas cards for home and to send to our friends around school. Our favourite days was our Polar Express Day! We started by having messy play with different types of chocolate and we made some lovely marks in it. We then had a group sensory story where we had different props for the different parts of the film and we finished the day by having a cinema in the hall with other classes.

COVID 19 Information

If you have COVID-19 symptoms you should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. You should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. If this PCR test result is positive, you must continue to self-isolate.

If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms, but you have a positive PCR test result, you must stay at home and self-isolate.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you must stay at home and self-isolate if you are not fully vaccinated.

Visit
www.gov.uk
for most recent guidance

Quick Diary Dates

Christmas pupils break up:
17th December '21

Pupils return to school:
5th January '21

A warm welcome to:
Andrew Moore-Stow
Courtney Blackmore and Dianne Smith

A sad goodbye to:
Aderra Holt, Chris Partlett
Helen Watson, Karen Parkins
Karen Topham, Elaine Harris
and Sue Logan

School Uniform

School uniform is compulsory, please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform. Orders for uniform are made online please visit www.brigade.uk.com or e-mail sales@brigade.uk.com Uniform is easy and comfortable for children to wear and makes it easier to manage personal care. If you find this difficult for any reason then please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

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Pupil Absence Notification

Always ring school by 9AM to let us know if your child will not be in.
On some occasions if your child has been absent for 3 days without notifying the school, a safe and well check may be carried out to the family home.