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The snow has been a wonderful surprise for us this week and I hope you got to experience some wonderful moments with your children and families building snowmen or just having fun. Of course, please do continue to stay safe as it gets darker and colder with more ice.

The snow has come at a good time as Christmas songs begin to fill the KS1 classrooms in preparation for the nativity. On Monday, a letter regarding tickets was sent home with the children with a form to fill out to book tickets. Thank you to everyone who has returned the forms already. We are overjoyed with the support you have shown and we are certain that this nativity will be truly magical.

This week, we were joined by Sophie from Coram Life and she ran some wonderful sessions with the children. All of the children were engaged in the lessons and she discussed some very important topics with them, including friendships. Thank you for joining us, Sophie. The children had a blast and enjoyed contributing in your sessions. KS1 also had a special visitor this week from the author and illustrator Sean Perkins. They took part in some lovely workshops and loved listening to his books! A letter has gone home if your children are interested in purchasing his "Oscar and Ben" books. Please see the office if you are interested in more.

Our Book Fair has had a fantastic start! The children's enthusiasm and excitement has really stood out this week. All of the classes had a chance to have a look at the books that are available, which has encouraged lots of passionate discussions about reading. Our Book Fair is still available next week on Monday and Tuesday, so if you haven't had a chance to pop in for a look yet, be sure to have a look at the timetable and join us when it's next open!

As always, a big thank you to the children for all of their hard work this week. We have lots of exciting events coming up on our leadup to Christmas, so let's keep it up.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Joanna Owen

NEWS

Following on from last week's news, we are delighted and grateful for everyone who has already come forward to offer their help and support in repainting and redecorating our school. Brinscall St John's is important to us all and we wish to show our love and care through beautifully decorated classrooms and environments for our children. We truly value all the support and kindness that we give as a school community.

**If any parents are able to spare the time and energy to help, we would be very grateful. If you think you would be able to do this, would you be kind enough to email the days/times you would be available to bursar@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk
Thank you.**





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YEAR 4 WORSHIP

Year 4 will be leading our worship on **Friday 29th November at 9:00am**. The theme is "Advent and Christmas Around the World". We would love if you were able to attend to share in this worship with us.

SCHOOL NURSE – RECEPTION AND Y6

The School Nurse will be in school on **Wednesday 27th November** for Reception and Year 6. They will be checking the heights and weight of the children. Thank you.

RECEPTION ELF FOREST

Reception are going to 'Elf Forest' at Joseph Noblett's Christmas Tree Farm on **Tuesday 3rd December**.

The children will have the opportunity to take part in a number of exciting activities run by elves in their workshops as well as meeting Father Christmas. Fingers crossed they're all on his 'nice' list and will receive a gift from him too!



BRINSCALL TO BETHLEHEM Sunday 8th December

All families are welcome to join in with Hillside Church – they start off at our school and walk down to Hillside.

If children (or adults) would like to dress up as angels, shepherds or kings, they are very welcome to do so!

Look out for the new-born baby and some local animals who will also be joining in!



BRINSCALL'S GOT TALENT

It's that time of year!

Sign up sheets for Brinscall's Got Talent are up in each classroom. As always, we're looking for our children to show off their talents, both solo and group acts.

We are so incredibly proud each year of the spectacular performances the children share with us and we again look forward to another wonderful show.



More details to follow.

BRINSCALL ST JOHN'S BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will only be with us for **two more** days! If you are interested in checking it out, please see the timetable below for more information.

We will be accepting cash, contactless and online payments. If you wish to pay for a book through the online payments, you can do so through the link:
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1330180>

Monday 25 th November	Tuesday 26 th November
8am – 8:45am	8am – 8:45am
School Hall	Y6 Classroom

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FRIDAYS

Friday 13th December: Y1 and Y2 at 2.30pm

Tuesday 17th December: Y3 and Y4 at 2.30pm

Thursday 19th December: Y5 and Y6 at 2.30pm

SHINING FLAMES WORSHIP YEAR 3 AND 6

Year 3 and Year 6 Shining Flames will be leading assembly on **Thursday 28th November at 9.00 am**. Parents and families of these children are invited to come and join us at this time.



Lancashire Day

On Wednesday 27th of November, we will be celebrating Lancashire Day. To show how proud we are of our county, we would love to hear what you love about Lancashire. This includes:

- ✓ Your favourite place in Lancashire to visit
- ✓ Your favourite Lancashire food
- ✓ Something that makes you proud of our area

If you would like to share this with us, please send us an email to

lancshireday@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk

and we will showcase everyone's ideas together to celebrate this special days. Thank you.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We raised £148.90. Thank you so much to everyone who donated!

PTFA DISCO

The PTFA raised £473.22! An amazing amount. A huge thank you and we hope you had fun!



NATIVITY

Tuesday 10th December at 2pm
Wednesday 11th December at 6pm

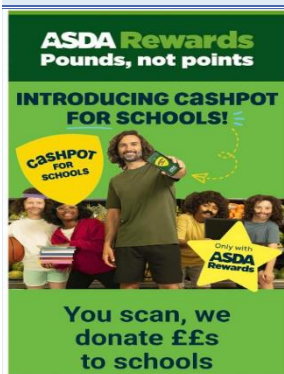
TICKETS ARE FREE OF CHARGE - Donations to charity at each performance.

All infants (R, Y1 and Y2) are expected to take part in both the performances ·
Junior children and Nature Trail Nursery (Brinscall) will see the dress rehearsal on Monday 9th December at 1.30pm.
Tickets are very limited due to hall capacity.

Priority will be given to our Year 2 families. Year 2 families may request up to 4 tickets per family in total but can only request 2 for the evening

Reception and Year 1 families may request up to 2 tickets per family in total – please request afternoon tickets whenever possible

Please fill in the order form to request your tickets. This form will be sent home with the children.
(Tickets will be issued week commencing 2 December – we cannot guarantee you will get all the tickets requested, but we will do our best!)



PLEASE SIGN UP TO ASDA REWARDS THROUGH THE APP. IT IS FREE TO SIGN UP, AND IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR PERSONAL REWARDS, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT SHOP IN ASDA WE EARN £1 FOR EACH PERSON THAT SIGNS UP.

It's the **last 8 days** before the Asda Cashpot finishes. It will be available until November 30th 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to us! All you have to do is go on the app, select Brinscall St John's CE & Methodist Primary School and we will start to earn rewards. You will be able to view in the app how much money school is earning throughout the scheme. Any money we can earn, will be used to support our school family.

We have currently raised £320. Let's keep it going.

ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

YEAR 6: Allana
YEAR 5: James
YEAR 4: Emma
YEAR 3: Priya
YEAR 2: Evelyn
YEAR 1: Isobella
YEAR R: Yusuf

WELFARE AWARD

YEAR 6: Allana
YEAR 5: Freddie
YEAR 4: Elma
YEAR 3: Kieran
YEAR 2: Rosa
YEAR 1: Anna
YEAR R: Hellena

LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

YEAR 6: Jane
YEAR 5: Martha
YEAR 4: Elea
YEAR 3: Heidi
YEAR 2: Alice
YEAR 1: Phoebe
YEAR R: Annabelle



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RECEPTION

Reception class have been reading the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and we learnt about all the physical features that the family discovered on their adventure. We decided to have our own adventure down in Brinscall Woods with our Y6 buddies and had so much fun hunting for many of the physical features from the story. We've been recreating them using collage materials as well as retelling the story using lots of natural materials. As part of anti-bullying week, we have been thinking a lot about being kind and what we could do to be a good friend. We have all been trying really hard to be the I in KIND!

YEAR 1

In Year 1 this week, we have been using digital art via the Paintz programme to replicate the work of the artist Mondrian, this has tested our skills using the trackpad and we have been pleased with the results. Our new poetry module in English contains rhyming pairs, so our provision based activities have allowed us to revisit this concept and we have played classroom games finding our 'rhyming buddy'. We have also enjoyed watching Michael Rosen act out his story 'We Are Going On A Bear Hunt'. As we edge closer to Christmas we have begun to make links in learning about giving and receiving gifts and how Jesus was God's gift to the world. We have used playdough, pencils and paint to retell the story so far. Nativity singing practice is now also well underway!

YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a busy week preparing and learning our song words for our upcoming Nativity. We had a special visitor on Tuesday, Sean Perkins, who came to read his new story book to us all. We had lots of fun with the puppet characters and super sound effects. Five members of our class represented our school brilliantly in a gymnastics festival in Chorley, which was lots of fun! We have started our new English book "Meerkat Christmas", as we prepare to write our own festive postcards.

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3, we have been finding complements to 100 and using estimating to check our answer in maths. We have started out poetry unit in English, and we are writing a seasonal poem for autumn using lots of personification. In science, we explored different rock types and then attempted to classify a selection of rocks based on their appearance. We used computers for design and technology as the children used CAD to design gift boxes for Christmas. We furthered our sequences in gymnastics by adding rolls to them, and we worked on developing and improving our dances in PE. We used drama to try and understand how the shepherds might have felt when visited by the angel as part of our RE.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been working hard to develop and master their skills on FMS Logo. Over the past week, they have been using these skills to design their own wrapping paper, in preparation for the festive season. In PE, they have been practicing their throwing and catching techniques through dodgeball games. The children were amazing at keeping their eyes on the ball to help them overcome these challenges.

YEAR 5

In Year 5, we have enjoyed starting to film our videos in computing. We're working towards editing our work (using a free program called Openshot, if your child wants a go at home). The children enjoyed coming up with their own sketches and have some very creative ideas about what to do next. In English, we have started to look at 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs. We've watched some of the animation and produced some wonderfully creative writing about how snow felt for the child. Serendipitously, as it snowed this week, it gave us the chance for some first-hand experience of snow that we used to inspire our writing. We've also enjoyed the visit of Sophie from Coram Life, who talked to us about friendships and assertiveness. We looked at ways we can maintain and support friendships and how we can challenge behaviour that might make us unhappy.

YEAR 6

This week, our Year 6 students dove into the fascinating world of bird adaptations! They explored how different beak types help birds thrive in their habitats and access various food sources. Using a variety of tweezers and pegs to mimic beak shapes, they raced against the clock to see how much food they could collect in just 10 seconds! 🐦
The results were eye-opening and sparked great discussions about nature's incredible designs. Way to go, Year 6! Keep up the amazing work in science!

Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ Brinscall to Bethlehem
- ✓ Christmas Market Hoghton Village