



News at BPS

26 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your feedback before and during our recent parent's meetings. I was very pleased to see that 99% of parents stated their child felt safe in school, 91% felt that homework is focused on reading, spelling, times, tables and Mathematics and 98% said that they would know who to speak to if they had a concern in school.

On a personal level, many parents told me how well their child had settled into their new Year group, how much they were enjoying their learning and how appreciative they were of the enriched curriculum we are able to offer. This includes everything from sport, junior band and Shakespeare to Mathematics, cooking and Forest school club. Particularly pleasing was the feedback on reading. Not only are our children reading more than ever, but progress is evident and Honey the reading dog has only add to children's enjoyment of books, reading and language.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Book Fair which was once again a huge success. The Book Fair enables all parents to not only purchase books which encourage reading outside of school, but also to contribute to our school library. Don't forget that our recommended reads (Top 100 books/suggested reading list for each year group) is also available on our [new website](#). These books can be read independently or shared together –they are designed to enrich and broaden children's reading experience as they go through school.

Finally, as we come to the end of our first half term in school, I would like to thank all parents not only for their support in school, but also for their generous, charitable donations. In the last few months we have raised an amazing £2641.05 which is broken down as follows:

Just Giving- £1574.44

Mind- £303.50

Macmillan- £81.00

Jeans for Genes- £264.12

Young Enterprise- £417.99

I hope you all manage to have some family time over the coming week and look forward to welcoming everybody back after the holiday. Please remember that due to training days, school re- starts on **Tuesday 6 November**.

Have a lovely half term break

Rachel Colbourn

Headteacher



Next half term, we will be hosting our first 'Bramhope Spelling Bee'. This is one of our House Events.

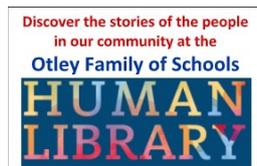
The first round will involve everyone taking part in a short individual quiz before progressing through the rounds to an exciting final.

All words in the first round are 'already seen' words. This will be a random selection taken from home spellings so far this year, the current year Autumn 1 CEWs and the previous year's CEWs. Sooooo – get recapping over the holiday.

On Tuesday 23rd October, class 4/5S got to experience a visit to a Human Library, where people were the books! Whilst we were there, we got to 'borrow' three books and heard interesting stories about their childhood. Toni's story was about family separation and how, as a mixed race child in the 1970s, she never realised until she was at secondary school that she was in any way different to anyone else in her class. We also heard from Gary, who grew up in Northern Ireland and told us a story about starting 'Big School'. At this school, there was a bully of a PE teacher and his granddad stood up to him and told him off! Finally, we heard from Rob who told us a story about growing in Northern Ireland during the Troubles of the 1970s and he described how a very 'unnormal' life involving guns, soldiers, helicopters became very normal to him.

"We had a fantastic trip".

Mathilda and Emily



You can now find the e-mail addresses to contact Staff [here in our Staff Contact Directory](#). If you want to get in touch with staff then use these e-mail addresses found via the 'Meet the Staff' page. You will find class e-mail addresses as well as subject coordinator e-mails to direct your questions to the right staff members. As ever, you can always pass a message through our admin team or pop into the office. We will always use Parentmail in the first instance to contact you about school.

Did you know that Bramhope Primary School now has the 'Primary Science Quality Mark' award? Find out more about [Science at Bramhope Primary School here](#).



After spending several weeks working on their rugby skills the children in Key Stage 2 competed in an Intra-House tag rugby tournament.

Each House team played against in a league, with Year 6 prefects scoring and time keeping.

The children showed some excellent skills, building on their P.E. lessons improving footwork, passing, attacking and defending.

Congratulations to the overall winners Bronte House who managed to win in three out of five classes.



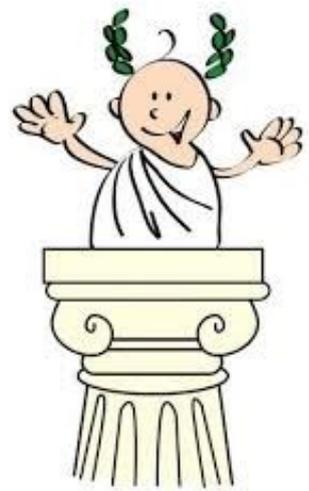
On Thursday our wonderful Y6's performed Shakespeare to the rest of the school. This gave us all a second chance to see Julius Caesar following last week's fabulous production at The Carrigaeorks Theatre. Here's what some of our children said about the experience:

It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. When you go on stage at the Carrigaeorks you feel very excited because you're about to perform to 300 people.

Josh

It was fun because we got to show everyone our acting. It was also quite scary because there was a large audience, full of people from the public. Performing a play on stage made me feel proud of myself and the cast. I also enjoyed watching the other schools perform. It was a really good experience. *Lily-Grace*

It was very exciting because you get to be on stage with lots of people watching you perform. On the other hand, it was nerve-wrecking because all of the practice comes down to one performance and your hoping you don't forget your lines or miss a timing. Overall it was very fun and exciting. When the performance finished I felt proud of what we had achieved on stage. *Madison*



After half term we will be selling Poppies of every description in school. Two of our school Ambassadors will be coordinating sales and prices will be as follows:

Poppy and a pin - donations

Pin Badges - £3

Stretch coloured bands - £1

Cord Bands with Poppy disc - £1

Poppy reflectors for bags 50p

Hand knitted Poppy by the W.I £5

We also have pencils, rubbers, rulers and sharpeners - all 50p each



Christmas Dates for your diaries

29 November - PTA Christmas shopping evening (adults only)

12 December - KS1 Nativity **9:30am**

12 December - Reception Nativity **2:30pm**

13 December - KS1 Nativity **9:30am**

13 December - KS2 Christmas service at St Giles **1:00pm** (volunteers welcome to walk the children to and from Church)

15 December - Christmas fair

19 December - December Reception Nativity **9:00am**

20 December - Christmas dinner (available for the whole school)

21 December - Christmas jumper day (whole school)



Well Done everybody!

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Dates for your diaries

Training day - Monday 5 November

School reopens - Tuesday 6 November

Robinwood residential meeting for Y5 parents - Tuesday 13 November 6:00 - 7:00pm

Christmas Shopping Evening - 29 November (adults only)

