



# Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Our Year 2 children had a brilliant time visiting the Tower of London on Monday and finding out about the origin of Bonfire Night and the Gunpowder Plot. They were able to share their historical learning with us all during today's epic class assembly which was both informative and highly entertaining. Very well done to all of our Year 2's for both today and also for their excellent behaviour on their trip. Mrs Apostolos reports you were amazing. Well done also to Mrs Apostolos and Mrs Lilley for their assembly organising and directing skills.

It has been another sporty week and our football and netballers have played on two occasions this week:

Our netballers won 2, drew 1 and lost 3 to finish 4<sup>th</sup> at Tuesday's tournament and our footballers came very close to winning this overall, finishing runners up. They hit the post in their final game and had this gone in, would have jointly topped the tournament.

On Thursday the netball team and the football team played against St Cross. The footballers drew 2-2 and the netballers lost, though once more showed great resolve against an extremely strong St Cross team.

Very well done to all involved in the football and netball teams. Thank you to Miss Wild, Mrs Davidson, Mrs Cecil-Smith, Mr Markham and Mr Wilson, for giving our pupils these wonderful opportunities. Next week the children have their final matches before Christmas in the Hoddesdon and Broxbourne District Tournament.

Next week also sees our first Inter-House Sports Tournament and our Year 3 and 4 pupils will play matches against each other over lunchtimes next week. Our newly elected House Captains have organised the teams and games kit, football boots and shin pads will be needed by all players. The matches are taking place next Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Year 5 and 6 will contest their Inter-House matches the week after. We are delighted with the increased sporting opportunities being offered to our pupils and hope all houses enjoy their matches. Thank you to Miss Wild for organising these initiatives as our new Sports Premium Leader.

Thank you for all the EY2 parents who attended the reading and writing workshop on Wednesday morning. We hope it was very useful to you all. The presentation is now available on the school website on the EY2 page.

Finally, Alex in Year 5 has shown amazing commitment in his use of Athletics and on Wednesday brought in the World Leaderboard from a previous day. He had achieved the number one position and must have really gone for it on that particular day. An amazing achievement and well done Alex.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you to next Friday's Christmas Fair and in advance of this, we wish you all a restful and successful weekend.

Best wishes Paul Miller

## CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATE

With only a week to go until we are all getting into the festive spirit at our Christmas Fair, preparations are well underway! Here are a few reminders of things we still need:

- We'd still love donations for our '**Produced by Parents**' stall, which is something new we've introduced this year. If you love creating crafty good for fun or sell lovely products for your business, we would be grateful if you could donate something to our stall by next Thursday morning – please just leave them in the PTA cupboard in reception. Kids goodies, Christmas decorations, sweet treats and decorative plants are just some of the things our talented parents have created so far.
- There are only a few days left to bring in **sweetie jars and bottle donations**. It would be great if you could make sure these are in by next Wednesday.
- This year we will be running a festive tea room for the first time and would appreciate any donations of **baked goods (cakes, biscuits etc)**. Please bring these in by next Friday morning at the very latest.
- Lastly a reminder that **raffle tickets** were sent out this week in book bags so please so get selling to friends and family! If more books are needed you can get them from the coffee table in reception.

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations so far, which will go towards making the fair a huge success and raising money to benefit our children!

The PTA

### Rotary Club Shoeboxes

Thank you to all those who have already brought in their Rotary Club shoeboxes. The closing date for all shoeboxes to be in school is 3pm next **Thursday 16th November**. We are aiming to donate over 136 boxes, to beat last year's total! So far we only have **15!** We look forward to seeing lots more arrive over the next few days, we have given out 150! If you are not using a box please return it to school, for other to use! Please encourage your children to get involved.

This simple act of generosity really does give hope to children caught in the midst of wars, natural disasters and extreme poverty and shows them they have not been forgotten.

Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR THE ELDERLY 2017

We are supporting the 'Hoddesdon Christmas Parcels Scheme' again this year. The scheme provides food parcels and small gifts to local elderly residents during December in readiness for Christmas. We have been asked to donate small boxes of tea or tea bags (125 grams is best). Please bring donations in by Thursday, 23rd November. Thank you .

#### YEAR 6

**House of Parliament Trip  
next  
Tuesday, 14th November**

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**Crucial Crew  
next  
Friday, 17th November**