



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Christmas Roar

Friday, 08th December 2023

41⁶th Edition

Ho Ho Ho! Hello Banks Lane! We have put together a Christmas Roar newsletter to tell you about all the fun things that we have coming up in December!



CHRISTMAS DISCO

We will once again be holding our Christmas Disco this year. Entrance will be £2 and we suggest that children bring a maximum of £3 to spend in our Christmas tuck shop. Please put money in an envelope with your child's name on; their class teacher will collect and give it back to them at the end of the day. Children can bring a change of clothes and will change into these at 3:15pm, ready for the Disco to start at 3:30pm. If you are able to help support at one of our Disco's please contact the school office.

Tuesday 12th Dec - Years 3 & 4 - 3:30 - 4:45pm
Wednesday 13th Dec - Years 5 & 6 - 3:30 - 4:45pm



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

We are holding Carol Concerts in the school hall this year. Parents/Carers are more than welcome to come along and join in - audience participation is very much encouraged!

Tuesday 19th December - Years 3 & 4 - 9:30-10:15am

Wednesday 20th December - Years 5 & 6 - 9:30-10:15am



CHRISTMAS TREE

This year our BLJS Christmas tree is over 16 foot! It's huge!!

The children have really enjoyed spending time decorating it and are very proud of how it looks.



PG FILMS

Over the next few weeks, some of the classes will be showing Christmas films. These may include 'PG' rated movies such as Home Alone or Elf. There may even be a few sweet treats too. If you would prefer your child not to watch any PG rated films, then please get in touch with school. We can then ensure that 'U' rated films are played in their class.



REVERSE ADVENT

Christmas can be a very difficult time for some people and we are aware that many people in our local community are struggling financially at the moment. This year, we are collecting donations for Stockport Foodbank to help them to support people in our town over the festive period. If you feel that you are able to do so, please send donations into school over the next two weeks. See below for the items that are needed.

If you feel that you need support over the festive period or at any other time, please email gill.collins@banks-lane-jun.stockport.sch.uk or phone school and ask to speak to Mrs Collins in confidence if you would like to access food bank vouchers



REVERSE ADVENT

It's time to look at Advent differently!
We all enjoy taking a treat from our advent calendar – but maybe this year we could all put something back and help those in need?
Could you add a daily food item into a collection bag?

We welcome donations of:

- Long life milk & orange juice
- tinned meats
- tinned vegetables
- tinned potatoes
- tinned desserts
- tinned fruit
- Christmas treats
- tinned fish
- biscuits
- shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes

PLEASE, NO CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS.

Your donations can be dropped off at:
Banks Lane Junior School
from 4th to 15th December

For more information please contact:
foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk Tel: 07483 115349
stockport.foodbank.org.uk

Stockport foodbank
Reg Charity 1156261

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & NON-UNIFORM DAY

We are once again looking forward to our School Christmas Lunch this year, which will be held on 21st December.

This will also be our school non-uniform day.

Festive music will be played throughout lunchtime; we have also purchased Christmas crackers for all of the children to enjoy.

Please see menu below if you have ordered a meal.



Christmas Dinner

Mains

Roast turkey

Vegetarian Style Chicken Roast

Sides

Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes

Baby Carrots and Peas

Chipolatas, Stuffing Balls and Gravy

Dessert

Christmas Shortbread

Chocolate Crunch

Satsuma



CHRISTMAS CARDS



If your child would like to send Christmas cards, they are more than welcome to do so. We will have a post-box located on the corridor by the library from Monday 11th December so children can post their cards, they will then be delivered to classes.

As we break up for Christmas Friday 22nd December, please can all cards be sent in before Wednesday 20th at the latest. Thank you.

TABLE DECORATION

We will be holding the annual competition for the children to make a Christmas Table Decoration. Please use your imagination and make use of what you have around the house to create something festive! There will be prizes for each year group. Please can these be handed to the school office by Wednesday 20th December. We are looking forward to seeing some Ho Ho Homemade festive creations.



AWARD WINNERS

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to;

Shae 3S - for always listening, always trying his best and for showing amazing resilience in his assessments! Well done!

Elsie 4B - for always being enthusiastic and positive - she is a wonderful student and friend! Well done!

Emelie 5S - for consistently using all of her Learning Powers; she is a perfect BLJS role model! Thank you!

Jac 6L - for being an 'all round superstar!'. He is a role model for everyone at BLJS! Thank you!

The Headteacher merit awards were awarded to;
Roxy 5L and Jessica 6S

A huge well done to all of our award winners!

DOJO WINNERS

Our DOJO winners for this week are...

1st - Yousafzai

2nd - Biles

3rd - Attenborough

4th - Rashford

5th - Windsor



LEARNING POWERS JOKE OF THE WEEK

What did one Christmas tree say to the other?

Lighten up!



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD



This week's Winners

1 st	3B
2 nd	5B
3 rd	4B

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday this coming week to,

Hanna - 3S

Noah - 4B

Aurelia - 4L

Samuel - 4L

Matilda - 4S



SCHOOL VISIT

Imran visited Y6 from Bolton Mosque this week to teach us about Islam. We learnt about the five pillars of Islam, halal food and parts of the UK that have significant Muslim populations. We also learnt about some famous Muslim people and about Muslim dress codes. We tried on a hijab and learnt about Islamophobia.



USEFUL WEBSITES

CEOPS

CEOP help young people who are concerned about on-line images and communications.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/help/CEOP/

Family Lives

Family Lives is a charity with over three decades of experience helping parents to deal with the changes that are a constant part of family life.

<http://www.familylives.org.uk/>

Guidance for Parents re Instagram

http://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/instagram_guide.pdf

Kidscape

'Preventing Bullying, protecting children'

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/what-we-do/>

Kidsmart

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

Netmums

The network offers information to parents about parenting on a national level. Amongst the topics are child welfare, maternity, playgroups, child health and child safety.

<http://www.netmums.com/>

NSPCC NetAware

https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=nsppc_net_aware&qclid=EAIaIQobChMI6rq9lqCa1QIV77XtChOn0w-aEAAYASAAEgIawPD_BwE&qclsrc=aw.ds

Stockport SEND Local Offer

<https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/localoffer.page>

UK Safer Internet Centre

E-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe on the internet.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>