



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Christmas Roar

26th November 2021

Ho ho ho, hello Banks Lane. The Communication Wizard has been in touch again and asked me to send out some Christmas information to you all, so I spoke to my chief elf Buddy and we have put together a BLJS Christmas Roar to tell you about all the fun things we have coming up. Enjoy!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

School Christmas Lunch this year will be on **Friday 17th December**. Lunches can be purchased on the 'other' section of SchoolMoney for £2.20 **on or before 2nd December**.

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



CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

We have lots of fun activities coming up in the next few weeks including;

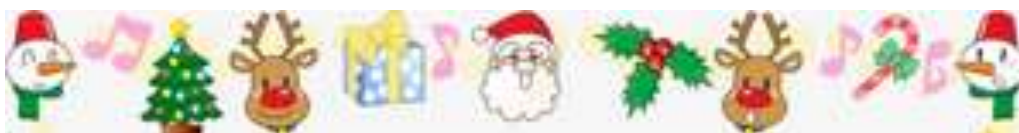
*Christmas Quiz
Christmas Lunch
Virtual Carol Concert
Non uniform Day
Party Day
Best Decorated Class Door*

We are still finalising dates for some of our activities; we will publish these in future Roar newsletters.

BEST DECORATED CLASS DOOR COMPETITION

This year, for the first (and maybe last) time ever we are going to hold a best decorated classroom door competition. Our School Council will discuss how best to run and judge the competition at their next meeting and will share the details with the rest of school.

There could be themes to choose from, bonus points for homemade decor, prizes for the best class - who knows? One thing we're sure of, there will be lots of fun and lots of glitter and tinsel!



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 Mon 6th Dec so children can post their cards, they will then be delivered to classes. As we break up for Christmas on Tuesday 21st December, please can all cards be sent in before Friday 17th December at the latest.

CHRISTMAS TREE



Not wanting to be outdone by the 12 foot tree we had last year Mr Milner has ordered a 14 foot tree to be delivered to school next week. This will be placed in our school hall - although we're not quite sure yet how we are going to decorate the top half! We will post a photo once decorated.

REVERSE ADVENT



We have chosen to support Stockport Foodbank in their Reverse Advent appeal again this year and will be welcoming donations.

If you could spare anything such as long-life food items including milk, juice, tinned puddings, rice pudding tinned meats, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, biscuits, snacks and toiletries including soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste etc please send them in with your child. We will also have a drop box in our school foyer from 1st December. Please could all donations be sent by Wed 15th December.

All donations are gratefully received.



PG FILMS

Over the next few weeks, some of the classes and breakfast club 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 before Friday 3rd December, either by phone, email or a note in your child's home/school diary. We can then ensure 'U' rated movies only are played in their class.



READING ADVENT

For our Reading Advent this year, staff have recorded themselves reading winter stories for each of the days running up to Christmas. These will be played in the quiet dining hall each lunchtime throughout December.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow is the next cross country race of the season.

Wrap up warm and arrive in plenty of time, as the car park gets really busy.

Race times are as follows:

10:30 Y3 & 4 girls;

10:45 Y3 & 4 boys;

11:00 Y5 & 6 girls ; and

11:30 Y5 & 6 boys.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their part in our Children in Need fair last week. Year 5 for their fantastic efforts, the rest of school for their generosity, our staff team for all of their hard work and our BLJS families for their donations and support.

Our Year 5's are still totalling up the amount raised; we will share the total next week.

AWARDS

Headteacher Award

Monday's Assembly

Year 3 - Chloe, 3B for her determination and independence this week.

Year 4 - Jacob, 4B for his resilience and passion for knowledge.

Year 5 - Jacob, 5L for being a true role model and presenting fantastic home learning.

Year 6 - Teagan, 6S for always going above and beyond in every lesson.

Today's Assembly

Year 3 - Ethan, 3L for being a fantastic Banks Lane learner, particularly in writing.

Year 4 - Alfredo, 4L for using his growth mindset and reflection skills to make good progress.

Year 5 - Lucas, 5B for using incredible resilience during Children in Need day.

Year 6 - Natasha, 6B for her attitude to work and willingness to help others.

Great job **Red** team, you are our weekly dojo winners!



The classes with the highest dojo points this week are 4S and 5S, well done to you!

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this coming week to,



Oscar, 3L

Lottie, 3S

Jack, 4B

Maria, 6L

Emmy, 4B

Benjamin, 5S

Tilly, 4B

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD



This week's Winners

1 st	3S
2 nd	4S
3 rd	3L

Quick Reminder

The catch up session for nasal flu vaccinations is next Friday, 3rd December.