



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection

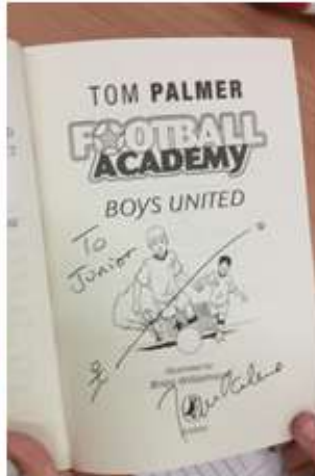


The Weekly Roar!

Friday 20th December, 2019
272nd Edition

COMPETITION WINNER

Well done to Junior McDonald, winner of the Tom Palmer reading competition. Junior was one of many children nominated around the country for being a great role model and reader who deserved a signed copy of a Tom Palmer book. He was very excited to open his prize last week and is already half way through the book!



CHRISTMAS READING ADVENT



Pupils have really enjoyed our reading advent this year with more and more pupils arriving each day to spend time listening to our new stories. I would like to thank all our 16 'secret readers' who have given up their lunch break to enable your children to participate in such a lovely story around the Christmas tree. Hopefully Santa will bring a few more books this Christmas for you all to enjoy over the holidays.

CHRISTMAS AT BLJS

As always, our annual Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday evening was a great success. The church was filled with BLJS families. Absolutely everyone who took part did an exceptional job, from singers to musicians, dancers and of course readers - well done to all.

We would like to thank Mrs Austin Strange for all her time spent rehearsing with the children, our staff who give their time so we can run these events and of course you and your children for all of your support.

Yesterday was Christmas lunch day in school; the children had a fun filled time and were fed until 'stuffed'. Lunch was served by staff and all children received a Christmas cracker. It was a very excited lunch time filled with laughter and cheer and all of the children showed impeccable manners throughout.



FACUP FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class	% Attend
3B	94.2%
3L	96.4%
3S	96%
4B	93.9%
4L	95%
4S	96.1%
5B	95.8%
5L	95.2%
5S	94.7%
6B	96.1%
6L	96%
6S	96.3%



This week's Winners		
1 st	3L	96.4%
2 nd	6S	96.3%
3 rd	4S & 6B	96.1%

This week we achieved an overall average attendance of 95.3%

Our running total is 95.5%

Our weekly and overall target is 96.5%. Please help us to achieve this.

STAFF CHANGES

Today, we said a very sad goodbye to our Year 6 lead Mrs Constant.

Mrs Constant has been with us for 4 years and will be a much missed member of our teaching team. We wish her the best of luck in her new job.

good luck

We would like to welcome Mr Grinsted who will join as our Year 6 lead and 6B class teacher in January, he has been in school to work with the children over this half term.

We also welcome Mr Ellison who will cover maternity for Mrs Windas in 3B after a transition period within class. Mr Cawley will also join our support staff team in the New Year.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

The Headteacher's Merit Award was given to Sky from 4L, Caitlin from 3L and Jake from 6S.

The Headteacher's Gold Award was given to George from 4L for organising the charity sweet stall and Daniel from 5B for a huge improvement in his reading.



Well done to all of you!

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday over the holidays to,

Holly, 4L
Marissa, 6L
Olivia, 5L
Lilie, 6S
Zara, 3L
Ellis, 5L
Emma, 6S
Samuel, 6S
Thomas, 5S
Jack, 3L
Ollie, 4B



Owen, 5B
Layla, 4L
Oliver, 6S
Toby, 5S

NEW YEAR, NEW CLUBS

There is still availability for each of the after school sports clubs starting next half term. The letter detailing these has been attached to the newsletter.

Homework club will recommence on Monday 13th January.

For the next half term, we will be reverting to holding Reading mornings starting Wednesday, 8th January from 8.45 am - 9.15 am.

From everyone at BLJS may we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This newsletter is emailed weekly to parents/carers. Please let us know if you would like us to email it to you.

It is also available on our website at www.bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk

If you have any queries or concerns, please email admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk or phone the school office on 0161 480 2330



USEFUL WEBSITES

NSPCC NetAware

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

Kidsmart

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

CEOPS

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

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

Kidscape

'Preventing Bullying, protecting children'

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

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/>

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/>

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/>

Guidance for Parents re Instagram

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