



Newsletter

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We've certainly had a busy first two weeks back! Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the our information meetings the first week back. I hope that you found these useful and that they provided you with an overview of what your child will be learning this half term across all curriculum areas, other relevant information and gave you an opportunity to ask any questions. If you were unable to attend the information meetings copies of the meetings can be found on our website [January 2023 Information Evenings](#)

Curriculum newsletters, knowledge organisers and homework menus have also been emailed home this week. Please take the time to share and look at these with your child to understand what they will be learning this half term and to also to remind you of our homework expectation. All children have expected homework to complete which consists of reading (which needs logging on Boom Reader), spelling and times tables but then there are a range of optional homework that can be completed linked to a range of curriculum areas. We encourage pupils to bring this in to share with their class when it is completed or in the final week of term. If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thank you for your support regarding homework.

Our second round of extra curricular clubs started this week and there is certainly a fantastic variety! We offer over 20 different clubs and have a total of 308 places which are all full which is fantastic. There is very high demand for clubs and we do ensure that we try and allocate at least one club to every child who has expressed an interest in attending a club. If your child will not be attending a club for any reason, please ensure that you let Mrs Meares know.



We are now officially part of the BDAT family of schools and our pupils are already benefiting from a range of opportunities which I will tell you about in more detail over the coming term. However, our school council along with Miss Joshi and Mrs Sofia have been busy collecting items to put into the BDAT time capsule. During the Autumn term, BDAT schools buried their time capsules to celebrate 10 years of BDAT, however we decided to wait until we officially joined the BDAT family. The time capsule consists of art work, letters, news events and items such as coins and stamps. We were due to bury the time capsule this week, but unfortunately due to all the rain we have had this week we had to reschedule to when the weather is a much drier! I will be sure to add a photograph though in my next newsletter (hopefully!).

In March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. But I just wanted to make you aware that this year the children will not be dressing up as characters. I am sending this message early as some parents like to get organised and I would hate for parents to be spending unnecessary money. Mrs Newman has many exciting things planned but dressing up is not one of them this year! Further details will be shared towards the end of this half term.



Upcoming parent events this term:

Parent Drop in Workshop (Bradford West Family Hub): Monday 16th January. 1pm.

BDAT Parent Engagement Meeting: Wednesday 18th January. 3pm—4pm.

Family Fun Swim (all year groups): Wednesday 1st February. 3:15-4:15pm.

Reception Phonics Workshop: Thursday 2nd February. 8:40 - 9:30am .

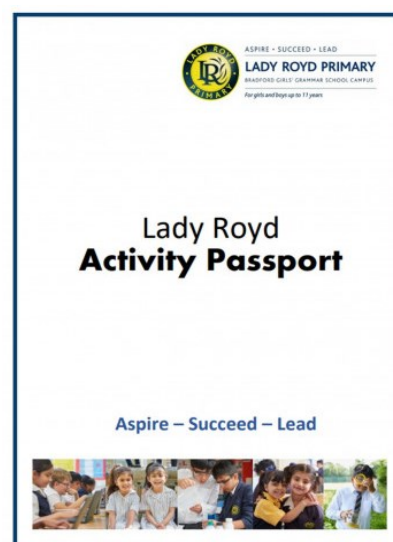
Reception Oral Hygiene Workshop Thursday 9th February. 8:40 -9:30am.

Friday 10th February : Curriculum Showcase 8:45 - 9:20am.

Please remember to also read Mrs Martin's letter every Friday as this also includes information relevant to Lady Royd parents.

News and Notices

Next week, we are re launching our activity passports again. Each of our pupils will be given their own activity passport which will move through school with them. Our Lady Royd Activity Passport has a list of carefully planned activities and opportunities for your child to experience in different years. Some of these can be completed in school and others at home. Within the list, children should find things they have never done before and other activities they may want to experience again to develop confidence, curiosity and support their emotional wellbeing. When children have taken part in an activity at home, they are encouraged to bring in a photograph, object or picture to share with their class. Children will have the opportunity to update their passports in school. [Click here to view our Activity Passport.](#)



It was a pleasure to attend the first meeting of the whole school council last week, to learn about the fantastic initiatives they have been working on since the start of the Autumn term and their plans for the forthcoming year ahead. Presentations were given by pupils from both the Senior and Primary phases .



Primary Phase committees have been working on developing rewards, securing training as anti-bullying ambassadors as part of the Diana award and focusing on raising money for different charities.

All parents should have received a letter from Carol Dewhurst, CEO of BDAT this week, informing parents and students that Mrs Martin will be leaving us to take up a new role as Headteacher at King James's School in Knaresborough. Whilst this is a fantastic opportunity for Mrs Martin we shall, of course, be very sad to see her go. Ms Dewhurst's letter also communicated that we also have a new Chair of Governors, Mr Chris Sutcliffe, who has taken over from Mrs Alison Cooper from January.

Attendance Counts!

Our weekly attendance this week has been
95.83%

The winning class is 2P 99.29%

The winning house this week is **YELLOW**

Look out for your flag flying on Monday!

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.



For children starting Reception in September 2023, just a reminder that you need to apply for a place with Bradford Admissions by January 15th. Please see the link for further information: [Primary Place Application](#)

Parent Drop In Workshop

Bradford West Family Hub will be running a drop in workshop on Monday 16th January. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Classroom Activities

Reception

This week, Reception have enjoyed reading the story Whatever Next! We found space so exciting and decided to create a space scene. We played alongside our friends, some of us pretended to be space gladiators and some of us were aliens. We have all shown Pilly Perseverance this week, whilst using tools to save animals that were frozen in ice. Our hands were so cold, but we used our shoulder and finger muscles to crack the ice and free the Arctic animals.



YEAR 1

In Maths, we have continued with our numbers to 20. The children have practised counting forwards and backwards on a number line to 20 as well as comparing and ordering numbers to 20. In English, we have focused on our alternative version of Little Red Riding Hood and have completed a character description of Little Red. The children used many different adjectives they learnt this week to complete this piece of writing. In Science, we have started our topic on plants: children named common garden and wild plants and are eager to go out into the school grounds to explore further. In Geography, we are continuing with map work and have now improved our directional language and the use of compass points. As we are looking at traditional tales, in DT we are learning about structures and have started to look at what materials we can use to make a strong bridge for The Three Billy Goat Gruffs.

YEAR 2

Children have settled back well after the holidays and it has been so lovely to see them!

In English we have introduced our new class text 'Poems Aloud'. Children have been exploring poetry and emotions. They have performed a poem to an audience. In Maths children are learning about money. They have been recognising different values of money and understanding that different coins and notes can make the same amounts. In Science children have been 'sugar detectives' and recognising how much sugar are in different drinks. There were some surprising results. Please ask your children why! In DT children have been developing their understanding of food hygiene and why this is important when preparing food.

Classroom Activities

YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful start to the term and have been very enthusiastic learning all about Rivers. We have started off reading and learning about the book 'A River', by Marc Martin! During, PSHE we had a discussion about our dreams and goals and what we aspire to be in the future and why. In Maths, we have revised over multiplication and division, where we will now be moving on to multiplying 2 digits by a 1 digit number. Lastly, we are getting ready for our River Wharfe trip, which will take place on the 7th February. Children need to remember to bring their letters back in as soon as possible.

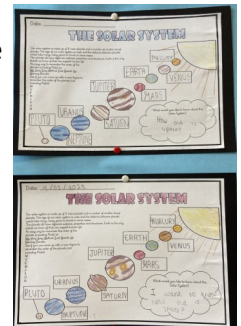
YEAR 4

Year 4 have been extremely busy this week researching about Ben Nevis so we can begin drafting our non-chronological reports. We have also been looking at different ways mountains are formed whether it be fold mountains like the Himalayas or Fault Block mountains like the Sierra Nevada in the USA. In Design Technology, we have been looking at sugar content in the foods we like and thinking about healthy alternatives. This will help us make healthy choices when we make our own meals in a few weeks. Keep up the good work Year 4!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful start to the term and have been very enthusiastic learning about all about Space. We have started off learning the names of all the planets and sang a song to help us with this! In Design Technology we have designed and decorated our cushions that we will make later on this term. During, PSHE we had a discussion about our dreams and goals and what we aspire to be in the future and why. In Maths, we have revised multiplication and division, where we did long multiplication using 4 digits by 2 as well as short division using the bus stop method.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have started their new cross curricular topic about the First and Second World Wars and have shown themselves to be avid learners due to their questions about why the wars started and the events which took place. We have lots to cover and it's going to be a great topic! In Design Technology, they have been looking at Anderson shelters and have started working in groups to plan and create designs for their own model shelter, while considering which materials would serve the best purpose. In English, we have started reading Goodnight Mister Tom and the pupils were eager to learn about the evacuee programme and what life could have been like for them as a child during WW2.



Parent Workshop

At Lady Royd Primary School

Would you like help or advice with...

- ◊ **Mental Health**
- ◊ **Debt and Finances**
- ◊ **Emotional Support**
 - ◊ **Benefits**
 - ◊ **Parenting**
- ◊ **Employment and Education**

Please join Joanne Belgrave & colleagues from Bradford West Family Hub on

Monday 16th January at 1pm.

Joanne will discuss the help available and put a friendly face to the service.