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A NOTE FROM MRS TOON

It certainly has been a jam packed December with lots of fabulous events that have taken place.

Thank you to the pupils and staff teams in EYFS and Year 2 for working exceptionally hard to put on super nativity performances. They were amazing. I am very proud of all the children who took part.

Thank you parents / Grandparents who were a lovely audience and your generosity raised £81.00 for EYFS and £108.50 for Year 2. These contributions will go towards replenishing our costume wardrobes.

We have also had delicious Christmas lunches - a huge thanks to Jacque and the Catering Team for working hard to get the food out to the children and staff.

Our PTFA organised another successful event for our Christmas fayre at Springwell Baptist Church. Thank you for all your hard work making this as successful as ever. A big thank you to staff, parents, children and children who came down to support this event.

Finally, the last note from me is to wish all our pupils, parents and staff a restful and Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed in the New Year.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 2 for being top of this months attendance leader board.

Attendance Figures - Autumn Term to date

Year 1	% Attendance
EYFS	96.2%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	94.9%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	94.2%

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS IS BACK

Battle of the Bands is a fun TTRS competition between classes in year groups 2-6. Children will have 1 week to compete by answering as many questions correctly as possible from 13th January 2023 - 20th January 2023. The class in each year group that has the highest average number of correct answers will be the winner. Every correct answer in any game type is worth 1 point towards their team's score. In other words, children can play in Garage, Rock Slam, Soundcheck, etc and earn 1 point per correct answer.

To kick off our first Battle of the Bands of the year, we will be holding a Rockstar Day on Friday 13th January. All children and staff are invited to dress up as a range of rockstars! We can't wait to see your best rockstar hair, make-up and clothing choices #determination.



YEAR 2 CO-OP VISIT

Children in year 2 have been learning about how to keep healthy and fit. They visited the Co-op on Dog and Gun Lane to learn about the traffic light system used on co-op branded food and drinks. This was extended further in their science lessons at school. On their visit they also learned about Fairtrade and RSPCA assured products. They had great fun on their tour of the store, especially standing inside the warehouse freezer and scanning products on the tills!



YEAR 6 VIKING ARTEFACT

Year 6 have been building museum display cases to house a Viking artefact. They have measured the wood, cut the lengths using saws and secured them using glue and cardboard triangles for strength. They have also been programming the Crumble Kits to create an alarm system complete with flashing lights and an alarm!



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CLASS 5PC

Thank you to Mr Clarke who has made a fabulous video of his pupils learning this term. This has been sent out to parents via Teachers to Parents.

FOOTBALL



The boys football team played Danemill Primary School, Feddie scored for Badgerbrook, but despite the team playing well they lost 1-2.



CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all of the children that have taken part in the recent cross country events. Badgerbrook brought home trophies for Year 5 boys and Year 3 boys #teamwork.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY



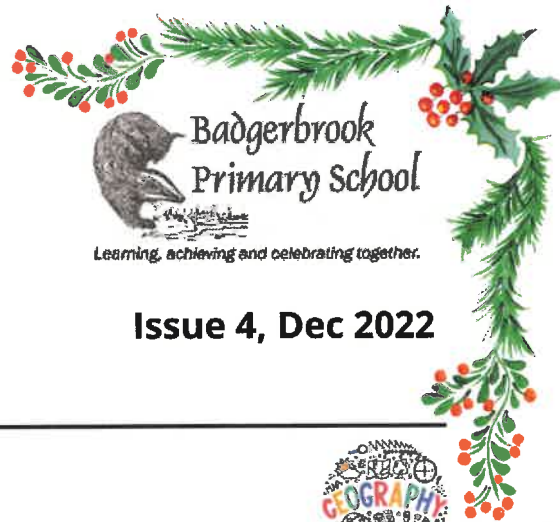
Pupils in Year 2 have had a busy half term learning lines and songs for their nativity performance, Christmas with the Aliens. They held a daytime and an evening performance to friends and family on 6th & 7th December. All children performed incredibly, displaying many character muscles. These included courage, determination and creativity to name a few! We are very proud of how hard the children worked in school and at home to learn their parts. Well done Year 2



Foundation stage performed their nativity to parents and Grandparents on Tuesday 6th December and Wednesday 7th December. They all did an amazing job, acting, dancing, singing and speaking. Well done to everyone, you were fabulous!



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OTHER NEWS



YEAR 2 GEORGRAPHY

After Christmas, our year 2 children will be learning all about Whetstone village and the jobs that people do there. If we're able to get enough responses, we'd like to organise a job fair for them. The job fair would involve local companies and workers giving a 5-10-minute presentation about their job. The children would then have the opportunity to visit different 'stalls' around our school hall to ask questions and conduct their own research.

The job fair would take place from approximately 1.30-3.00pm on Monday 30th January 2023. If this interest you and you feel you could support us, please email the school office at office@badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk by Tuesday 3rd January #making links
Thank you.



INCREASE IN SCHOOL MEALS

School Food Support have informed us that the cost of all school meals will be increased to £2.45 with effect from January 2023.

Please can we remind you that money should be in your Parentpay account the day your child takes their meal.



ECO SCHOOLS

After Christmas, we will be expanding our eco-committee. It is currently made up of 11 children from Year 1- Year 6. We would like to increase the number of KS2 pupils on our committee for this academic year (2 from each class). If you have an interest in protecting our environment and the planet we live on, please let your teacher know. This information will be passed on to Miss Samuel.

One of our eco-actions is Waste. The children on our committee would like to have some new bins on the playground to reduce litter and encourage recycling. We will be fundraising to enable us to purchase these, in addition to purchasing recycling bins for paper in each classroom. We welcome any donations to support us #teamwork.



SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child in our school, or you wish to discuss aspects of safeguarding, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead Ms A Wood or one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs V Toon, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Little & Mrs P Horne.

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THE SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP



South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership
Health | Well being | School Sport | PE | Physical Activity

The South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership is kicking off the New Year by challenging staff and families to complete 23 activities by 23.02.23. This could include a walk to the park, an online dance workout, a family swim or an afterschool sport club. This can be a personal or family challenge. All participants that complete the challenge will receive a certificate, 23 will receive a t-shirt and 3 lucky participants will win an Amazon voucher. Please follow the link for more information.

<https://learningsouthleicestershiressp.org.uk/parent-guardian-portal/>

STAY ACTIVE FOR LESS

To run alongside the 23 for the 2023 challenge we have created the Stay Active for Less Campaign. We recognise that staying active is difficult during the cost-of-living crisis. We believe that physical activity should be accessible for all children and families. We've put together helpful resources and information for families to stay active for less.

Stay Active for Less – Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership
(learningsouthleicestershiressp.org.uk)

FREE WINTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

- Sign Up Now for Free Winter Holiday Clubs

Families are being encouraged to sign up now for free holiday activity clubs running across Leicestershire over the festive break. Bookings are open for the sessions which include activities such as arts and crafts, sports, dance, games and music, alongside a nutritious meal. They are available for children aged five to 16 who are receiving benefits-related free school meals. You can check eligibility to take part, search providers and book places [here](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/enrolling-children-and-young-people-in-free-holiday-clubs):-

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The free clubs are being offered as part of 'Leicestershire Holidays Together' - a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme funded by the Department for Education.

Leicestershire County Council is working with Active Together to deliver the scheme, which is being held at venues across the county by schools, voluntary and community organisations, childcare providers and sports clubs.

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E-SAFETY

The online world presents both opportunities and risks for young children. We now live in a world where we have the ability to communicate with anyone at any time via the internet and it can feel very hard to keep up with new websites out there. Therefore, it is important that our children understand the importance of keeping themselves safe when online and understand that while connecting online can be exciting, it can also leave them at risk and the possibility of talking to strangers



- Protecting their personal information and not sharing this information with anybody that they do not know.
- Spending time looking at privacy settings on devices or any form of media to manage who can see your child's profile and the content that they might share.
- Reviewing the apps, sites and games your child engages with to be aware of how to interact and discover any new safety features that could help your child to stay safe.
- Discuss your child being cautious about what they share with people online and remind them that even though people they've met online might seem like their friends they may not be who they say they are.
- Make sure that they never meet someone online without a parent being present.

Here is also some links to some videos that you might want to share with your child to help them stay safe.

KS1- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_duZ-1LApq

KS2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQuXmAlcdCw>

#making links



DOGS TRUST

Mrs Morgan, Year 6 teacher, will again be sending used stamps to the 'Dogs Trust Charity'. When you get your Christmas cards please could you bring the stamps into school so they can be forwarded onto the trust. It is a nice and easy way of helping a charity with something that we would usually throw away.

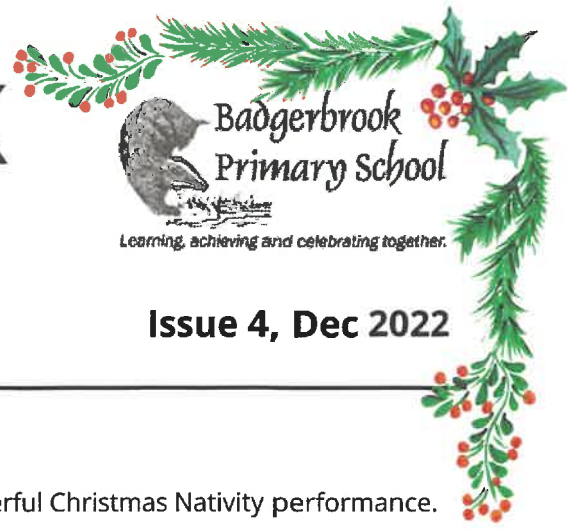
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is eligible to start primary school in September 2023 (born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019), you will need to apply to the local authority for a school place by 15th January 2023. School places will be announced on 17th April 2023. If you would like to have a tour of the school, please contact the office as we would love to show you around.

Parents of Year 6 children will need to complete their High School application on-line by 31st October 2022. School places will be announced on 1st March 2023 #independence.



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STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

To all of Year 2 and Foundation Stage pupils on a wonderful Christmas Nativity performance.

Also to the staff of Year 2 and EYFS on all their hard work to ensure the productions goes ahead #teamwork.

Well done to Miss Samuel, Year 2 teacher, for coming first in a cheerleading competition.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2023

Wednesday 4th January 2023 - School opens for Spring Term

Friday 6th January 2023 - Year 5 re-arranged Anglo-Saxon Day

Tuesday 10th January - EYFS & Year 6 Height & Weight



**NO
OUT
SIDERS**

