

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 29th November 2019



It's almost that time of year again and time to enjoy the exciting run up to Christmas in school. This year we have had a beautiful Christmas tree kindly donated by Mole Country Stores as part of their 'Decorate the Tree' competition so if any of you are visiting the store remember to vote for our tree! Thank you.



The tickets for the EYFS and KS1 Christmas productions are now on sale. If you would like tickets, complete the slip on the letter sent home, or pop into the office. Tickets are priced at £1 each. Thank you.



In December children in year groups 1 to 6 will be taking part in some Interactive STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) Days. These workshops will allow the children to explore STEM through play. Interactive STEM days are a great way to engage students in physics and engineering concepts, while playing and having fun. The children will be visited by a team from Airbus in Filton, who will demonstrate the 4 forces of flight, aircraft control, types of aircraft, and parts of the aircraft by making and testing different types of paper planes. Using K'Nex, children will try and build the longest wing that can withstand the highest load, as well as a Top Trump style game where the children will learn about and compare different Airbus products, including commercial aircraft, helicopter and satellites. They can also use the cards to play snap, or trade off to create a whole set. The workshops will take place on the 9th & 10th December. Exciting!

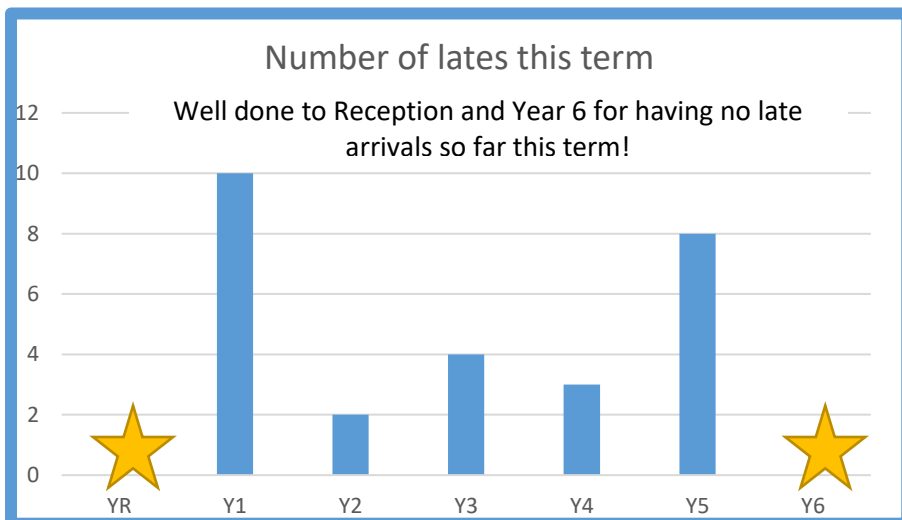


Weekly Certificates

YR – Cayla
Y1 – Bethany
Y2 – George
Y3 – Aurelia
Y5 – Joseph & Gabe
Y6 – Imogen

Prefect Certificates

Y3 – Lucas
Y3 – Olive



Reading Awards

YR – Joshua
Y1 – Felicity
Y2 – Rosie H
Y3 – Olivia F
Y4 – Oscar
Y5 – Kittie
Y6 – Beth

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The Governors would like to warmly welcome you all to Berkeley primary school this academic year, especially if you are new to our school. Our Headteacher and her fantastic team have made a great start to our new academic year, with fast paced implementation of the school improvement plan. A massive thank you from all the governors for all the hard work staff have put in this autumn term already. The Schools Local Governing Body has had a name change this academic year. To bring us in line with all CBAT schools, we will now be referred to as the School Development Board. The members of this Board will continue to be known as governors. The school development board have met twice this term reviewing key priorities for the school moving forward.

Governors are working in unison with the school's leadership team to monitor the school development plan. To enable governors to ensure priorities are met, each governor has taken different link roles and responsibilities. For more Information about Governors responsibilities and link roles, please visit our governor's webpage on the school's website where you can learn more about us. (Home Page > About Us > Our Governors) The whole School Development Board warmly welcome Andrew Rome, who was recently elected as a new parent governor. We are looking forward to working with Andrew and making use of his knowledge and expertise as we drive school improvement further.



Earlier this month a group of children from year 5 & 6 took part in a netball tournament held at Rednock. They played 3 games drawing one match and winning two, resulting in them being the overall winners on the day! WOW! The children showed great teamwork and sportsmanship and were extremely proud of their achievement! Well done team!



Last week some Y5/6 boys took part in a football tournament. The boys showed amazing team spirit in what proved to be some very compelling games. They came 3rd overall out of 8 schools competing!

The boys took defeat well and congratulated the other teams on their success. The boys represented the school with pride. Well done. And as always, we would also like to thank parents who gave up their time to assist with transport to and from these events. We couldn't do it without you!



Please find attached the Makaton Advent Calendar. We would like all children to practise the sign for each day, as this will enable them to use the Christmas signs in school and during Christmas songs. It's a wonderful spin on an Advent calendar, and a chance for the children to explore Christmas through Makaton. We will encourage children to share their Makaton skills in classes and indeed in assembly!



On Friday 15th November, we held a non-uniform day for Children in Need. Everyone made a huge effort from wearing spots, ears and Pudsey t-shirts to onesies, football players and princesses. The children had great fun and with your support we raised a fantastic £191.92.

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Please be reminded that if you wish to contact any member of school staff, this needs to be done through the official channels. Our school telephone number is 01453 810254 open from 8:30am - 3:30pm. The office email address is admin@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk where all messages will be passed on and you should receive a response within 48 working hours. Please do not contact staff through any other email address, as our main system provides efficiency and monitoring to ensure all concerns are addressed. We kindly ask that you could please respect staff well-being and do not contact staff directly outside of working hours using any other methods of contact. Thank you.



We would like to celebrate some wonderful writing that brought Miss Robbins and Mrs. Vizard great joy today. Super writing Olivia F (Y3). You have made us so very proud.

A golden glow filled the stable. The sheep baaed all through the night. The hay was warm and cosy. The camel swung his tail with joy. The angel singing in great harmony. The cries of Jesus Christ. The cold wind. The cold breeze on my ear. The animals fur against my cheek. The angels wings glimmering in the moon. The smelly animals in the bright stable.



A polite reminder that party invitations cannot be handed out in school; this must be facilitated outside of school as we cannot be responsible for lost invitations and the upset caused to children who may not be invited. Thank you.

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Upcoming Events

Items **highlighted in blue** are for parental involvement/action. Other items are for information only.

Wednesday 4 th December	EYFS Christmas Crafts with parents 10am-11am
Thursday 5 th December	Y4 Wow afternoon for parents 2pm **Y3 to be re-arranged**
Friday 6 th December	Y1 & Y2 WoW afternoon for parents 2pm
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS (Little Jesters & Reception) Christmas play 4:30-5.15pm
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas Play 5:30-6:30pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th December	Y5 & Y6 Wow afternoon for parents 2pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas dinner
Friday 20 th December	Treat Day 2 for winning House
Friday 20 th December	KS2 Family Carols around the tree at St.Mary's from 5-6pm

Yours sincerely

Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary