



# Bramford Newsletter

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*"Greatness from small beginnings"*

Hello Bramford Family,

Wow! The first term is over and done! This term in school has seen our Griffins going from strength to strength, as they have taken on every new opportunity that has come their way with enthusiasm and resilience. From our very youngest pupils to our oldest, they have shone with their brilliant attitudes to learning and zest for every aspect of school life.

The last two weeks in school has seen lots of Christmas themed activities going on.

Nursery Santa and Songs did not leave a dry eye in the house and both Reception classes wowed their parents and grandparents with the fantastic biscuit making and decorating, then hosting them at their Christmas Tea Parties. The Year 1 and 2 Griffins also have excelled themselves in their Christmas productions of 'Barmy Bethlehem' (loved the party sheep). Thank you to all of the families who came and watched the productions.

Both Mrs Taylor and myself were incredibly proud of our Year 6 choir who joined our other Griffin Schools to create the Griffin Children's Chorus. A Celebration of Carols were shared with an audience at St Giles' Cripplegate Church, London. A huge thank you goes to Ms. K Clarke for teaching our choir the wonderful carols.

And finally, one of our much loved Proud Traditions was undertaken by our KS1 and Year 3 & 4 Choir. Once again, this year they have been in demand and have sung beautifully at two different care homes in Dudley and Coseley, and have also shared their carols with the Dementia Singing Friends. The Dementia Singing Friends have become part of the Bramford School Community and this year, we would like to thank them for their thoughtfulness and generosity, providing some of our Griffins with lovely Christmas presents and sweets.

Have a wonderful festive break everyone and we will see you in 2024!

Merry Christmas!

**Ms C Handley**  
**Head of School**



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## Christmas Around the World

As part of their topic on Christmas Around the World, our Year 1 Griffins were looking at how far Santa Claus can travel. They have been looking at Christmas traditions in the UK and across the world. On December 6th, pupils in 1 Holiday left some shoes under the tree and in the night, St. Nicholas filled them with lots of sweets, just like he does in Germany!



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## Nursery Santa & Songs

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, our youngest Griffins performed for the grown-ups for the very first time! There was not a dry eye in the house as the children shared what they would like for Christmas and sang so beautifully. There was even a visit from Father Christmas himself!

Well done Nursery!



## Griffin's Children Chorus

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, some of our Year 6 children from Bramford Primary joined other pupils from our Griffin Schools Trust schools to celebrate the coming of Christmas with a truly breath-taking service of carols at St. Giles, Cripplegate at the Barbican Centre, London.

The Griffin Children's Chorus consisted of 180 young performers and celebrated the collaborative spirit of our family of schools in the Griffin Schools Trust, and the wide range of music reflected the spirit and unity that music brings.

The children had practiced with Miss. Clarke, demonstrating dedication and resilience, and we were very proud of each of our choristers.

Well done everyone!



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## Christmas Choir

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, our wonderful Year 2, 3 and 4 Choir went to sing a variety of Christmas songs at two local care homes – Island Court in Coseley and Castle View in Dudley.

Once again, all of the children sang beautifully and were appreciated by the carers and the residents of both of the homes. Our Griffins in the choir and Bramford staff would like to thank everyone in the care homes for inviting us to sing and showcase the children's talents. Some of the residents enjoyed singing along with the choir and at Island Court, one lovely lady actually joined the choir and performed with the children!

After the choir had sung, they were able to chat to the residents of the care homes and wish them a happy Christmas. A good time was had by all involved.

Once again, Bramford staff would like to say a big thank you to the children in the choir for not only their dedication and their beautiful singing, but most of all for the way they represent Bramford. You make us very proud!

A special thank you to Mr Siviter for driving the minibus and for organising the music.



## Flip's Christmas Show

Early Years and KS1 started this week off with a bang when Flips' Christmas Show landed at Bramford.

Flip entertained the children with tricks, games and a Christmas disco, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, including the staff.

Thank you to the BPFA for funding this and thank you to Flip for a truly enjoyable morning.





## **Baarmy Bethlehem**

All the children in Years 1 and 2 made their way to Bethlehem this week with the help from all the Key Stage 1 staff. The "party sheep" visited Bethlehem looking for a big celebration and they certainly found one in the stable! Here the party sheep met with, innkeepers, citizens, servants, shepherds, kings, angels, camels a donkey and of course Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus who were in Bethlehem on Caesar's instruction.

All the children worked very hard to learn their lines and all the words to the songs. They looked wonderful in their costumes and Christmas jumpers - well done everyone for all your hard work. A special well done to the narrators who helped the actors retell the Christmas story so well. "Barmy Bethlehem" was a great success!



## **Reception Christmas Tea Parties**

Our Reception Griffins had lots of fun baking and decorating biscuits and making their own Christmas jam sandwiches for their Christmas Tea Party.

They enjoyed performing Christmas songs and sharing the tea party treats with their grown-ups. A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to our parents/family members for joining us.



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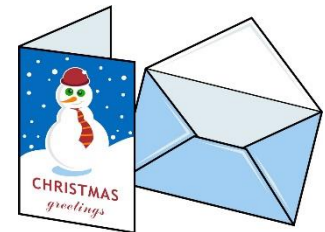
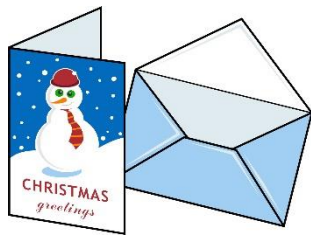
## A Visit from Marco Longhi, MP

Last month, Bramford pupils were asked by our local MP, Marco Longhi, to design a Christmas card reflecting our local community.

We were thrilled that one of our Griffins, Oscar in Year 4, was awarded runner up in the competition.

Marco joined us in our end of term Praise Assembly to present Oscar with a selection of gifts including a framed copy of his Christmas card.

Well done Oscar!



## Attendance

We want to say a huge well done to all 114 pupils who have 100% attendance since September. Congratulations everyone and keep up the good work!

The winning class for Autumn Term 2 is...  
**2 Mozart and 4 Wiltshire** with **98.29%**. Well done to everyone in Miss Evan and Mrs. Simpson's class!

Each year group's attendance from 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 are as follows:

**Reception – 94.8%**  
**Year 1 – 94.3%**  
**Year 2 – 96.2%**  
**Year 3 – 95.4%**

**Year 4 – 97.1%**  
**Year 5 – 96.0%**  
**Year 6 – 95.5%**

### Attendance Ladder





## Parking - Reminder

We are continuously receiving complaints from our local residents concerning behaviour and bad language from the adults regarding parking. Please follow the 3 C's when parking around the school site.

Please take **CARE** when parking, be **CONSIDERATE** of our neighbours and take **CAUTION** when driving and parking around the school.

Thank you.



**Remember the 3Cs  
Bramford rules of parking**

**CARE**

- \*Be careful where you park
- \*Don't cause an obstruction
- \*Do not park on the yellow road markings

**CONSIDERATION**

- \*Don't block driveways
- \*Always consider our neighbours
- \*Be polite and courteous

**CAUTION**

- \*Look out for other children, not just your own
- \*Always observe the speed limits
- \*Stay off the pavement and verges

## Key Dates

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Pupils return to school / Year 6 Visit to Warner Bros. Studios Group 1**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 Visit to Warner Bros. Studios Group 2

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 Visit to Warner Bros. Studios Group 3**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 Visit to Warner Bros. Studios Group 4

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Brew Monday Coffee Morning for Parents with Pastoral 9.00am**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 Parent SATs Meeting 5.00pm

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – BPFA Mad Hair Day**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Reception Orthoptic Vision Screening

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Founders Day**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – BPFA Mother's Day Pop-up Gift Shop / BPFA Clown Show 6.00pm**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – BPFA Easter Egg Decorating Competition

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Parents' Evening 5.00pm – 8.00pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Pupils break up for Easter Holidays**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Pupils return to school