

# New Brighton Weekly News



## Friday 9th December



### A Festive Fun-Filled Week in Foundation 1!

We have been very busy in Foundation 1 this week visiting Santa in his grotto, having a Christmas movie afternoon and lots of other exciting activities . . .



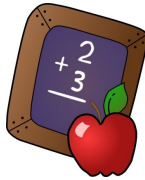
Library Visit  
We visited our school library and listened to a story about a polar bear. We then made our very own winter picture.



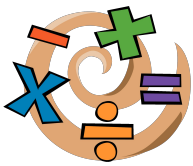
Post Office  
We have been using our very own post office in our classroom to wrap parcels, sell stamps and write Christmas cards!

Christmas Jumper Day!  
On Thursday we had a very festive day wearing our Christmas jumpers, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!





This week in 3NF, we have been using part-whole models to help us understand inverse operations.



### Scarlet fever and Strep A information.

Many parents may already be aware that there has been an increasing trend nationally in the number of children contracting scarlet fever and strep A (IGAS). Please follow the two links below for the latest information and FAQ's. We will circulate further advice as we receive it:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-hsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/07/strep-a-and-scarlet-fever-what-are-they-and-what-are-the-symptoms-information-for-parents-schools-colleges-and-early-years-providers/>



### **It's behind you!**

KS2 had a fantastic time at the pantomime. It was great to have everyone sitting together experiencing the magic! A raucous time was had by all! Oh no they didn't... Oh yes they did!





## Christmas Jumper Day

Children looked colourful and cosy in festive jumpers on Thursday. They tucked into Christmas dinner at lunchtime and enjoyed a festive film night after school. Ho ho ho!





## Here comes Santa Claus!

Children welcomed a special visitor this week as Santa took up residence in school. Pupils from all year groups chatted with The Big Man in Red who then gave every child a gift.

A December to remember!



## On the right track

Class BK visited Birkenhead Transport Museum to bring their English lessons to life. The children rode on a tram, explored the different vehicles from yesteryear and shared the tale of the Naughty Bus. A wheely good time was had by all.



# Christmas Around the World



In India, people like to decorate their houses and streets with colourful, folded paper stars.



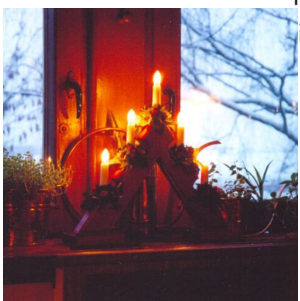
Just before Christmas, during the 'Festival of Radishes', Mexican farmers carve radishes to make Nativity scenes.



As well as Christmas trees and other decorations, Australians decorate their houses with 'Christmas Bush'. This is an Australian plant with white flowers that turn a deep, shiny red at Christmas time.



In Sweden, one of the biggest celebrations around Christmas time is St. Lucia Day, which is on December 13th. A popular food eaten for breakfast on St. Lucia Day is a saffron bun called 'Lussekatte', which means 'Lucia cat'.



In Ireland, people like to light candles in the windows of their homes to act as a guide for Joseph and Mary to travel to their resting place.

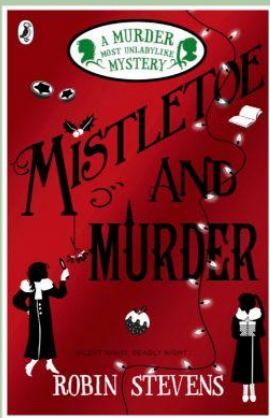


Each Christmas, thousands of people go to see the world's tallest floating Christmas tree in a lagoon in Rio de Janeiro.

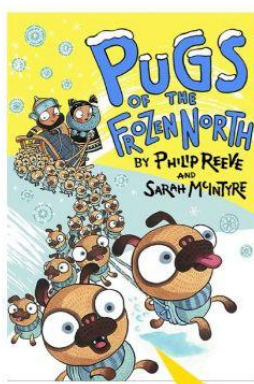
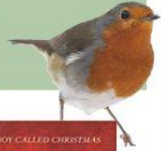


*Club enrolment opens next week*

Wednesday December 14th on Arbor at 7pm



**Mistletoe and Murder** by Robin Stevens The fifth in the 'Murder Most Unladylike' series joins Hazel and Daisy as they investigate what looks to be an accident. Can they get the mystery all wrapped up in time for Christmas Day?



**Pugs of the Frozen North** by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre 'The Race to the Top of the World' - a once-in-a-lifetime event! The prize? Your heart's desire. Can Shen and Sika beat the competition? Maybe... with a little help from their friends.



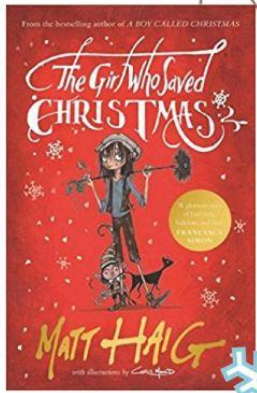
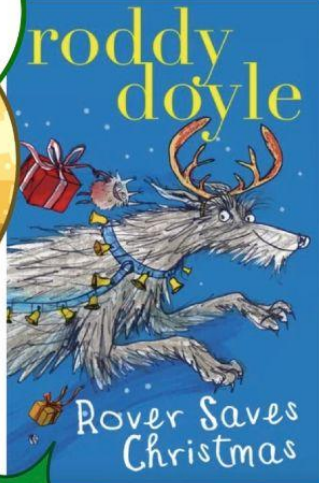
**The Polar Bear Explorers' Club** by Alex Bell Stella Starflake Pearl is on an epic trek across the frozen Icelands where she encounters frost fairies, pygmy dinosaurs and... carnivorous cabbages. Will she and her friends escape unharmed?

# Mrs Waldron's

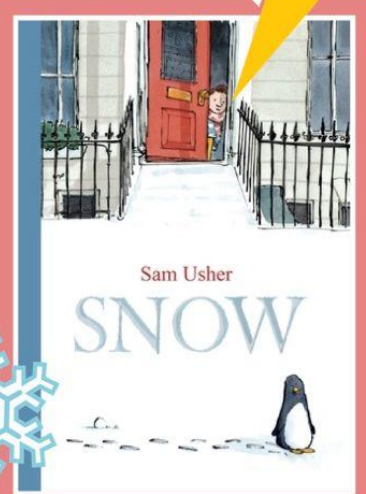


'Tis the season to be reading...  
Fa La La La  
Laaah!

## Cracking reads for a cool yule



**The Girl Who Saved Christmas** by Matt Haig It's Christmas Eve but all is not well. Amelia is trapped in the workhouse and the magic is fading. Only Amelia can save Christmas, but only if she can be found . . .

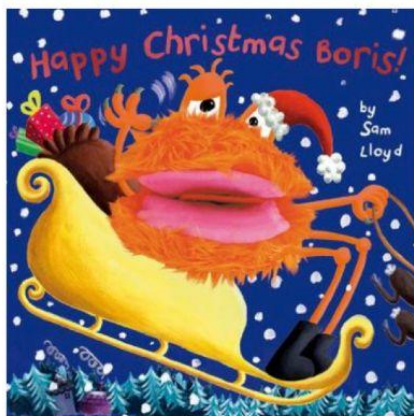


**Snow** by Sam Usher It's a snow day, so no school for Sam. While he waits for his Grandad he sees everyone else off to have fun, and I mean, *everyone else* - even the local zoo animals. A beautiful picture book.

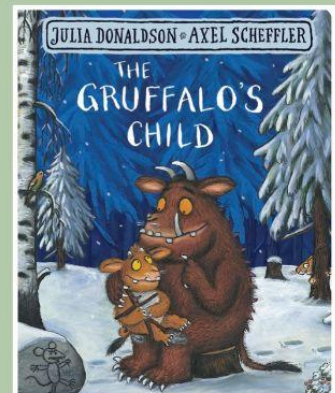
**The Snow Merchant** by Sam Gayton Lettie Peppercorn lives in a house on stilts, which is the most interesting thing about her life. Until one night, when there's a knock at the door. The Snow Merchant has arrived and things are about to get magical.



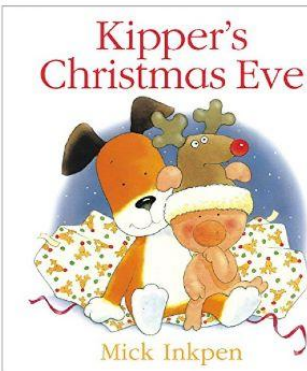
**Rover Saves Christmas** by Roddy Doyle Rudolph is too sick to pull Father Christmas's sleigh. Jimmy and Robbie wait anxiously for the tinkle of sleigh bells. Can Rover the wonder-dog save the day?



**Happy Christmas, Boris** by Sam Lloyd Join the very lovable Boris on a Christmas adventure as Father Christmas entrusts him with delivering presents to all the little monsters. Lots of fun and lots of 'kissy, kissy!'.



**The Gruffalo's Child** by Julia Donaldson The Gruffalo's Child doesn't believe the stories of the Big Bad Mouse in the deep, dark wood. One snowy night he sneaks outdoors to find out...



**Kipper's Christmas Eve** by Mick Inkpen Christmas in my house wouldn't be complete without this festive favourite picture book. Kipper and his friends are getting ready for Christmas, they've got the tree and the presents . . . and a small, unexpected visitor.



## Vale Park cafe's feeling roasty



Need a warm-up? The Coffee Roast in Vale Park is opening its doors from 6-9pm on Wednesdays to Sundays each week.

Known as Ronan's Roasty Retreat, the cafe is offering free meals and drinks in the evenings, ensuring that no one is cold or hungry this winter.

The venture has been made possible thanks to generous donations from the local community.

If you need a meal and can't make it in the evening, please ask for Ronan's menu anytime. Please check The Coffee Roast at Vale House on Facebook for details before you visit.



## Dancing on air

Millie, Year 2, won a first place medal along with her under-10s dance team, ADC Minis, in a regional street dance competition in Blackpool. They have qualified for the world championships in August. Well done!

## Is your home fire safe for the winter? Here's some helpful tips and guidance from Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service.



### FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

Keeping you safe from fire, while you stay safe at home.



#### SMOKE ALARMS

save lives, but only if they're working. You should have **AT LEAST ONE** smoke alarm on every level of your home.

You should test your smoke alarms at least monthly.

#### ONE SOCKET = ONE PLUG



Don't overload your plug sockets. Appliances such as washing machines should have a single plug to themselves as they are high powered.

#### IN THE KITCHEN...

**DON'T** leave pans unattended while cooking and **NEVER** leave children and pets in the kitchen alone.

Keep cooking areas clear from combustible items like tea towels, oven gloves and food packaging.

Clean your oven and grill regularly. A build up of fat and grease can cause a fire.

Ditch the chip pan.

#### ELECTRICAL ITEMS

Check your electrical appliances are in good working order. If the wires are damaged or frayed, do not use them.

**DON'T** leave washing machines, tumble dryers or dishwashers running overnight.

**HEATERS** should be kept well away from clothes, curtains, furniture and other flammable materials.

**NEVER** use heaters to dry clothes. Make sure they're switched off and unplugged before you go to bed.



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**CANDLES** should never be left unattended when lit and should be fully extinguished before you leave the room or go to bed.

Keep candles away from flammable items like curtains, furniture, bedding, clothing or books. Consider using LED battery operated candles instead.

#### ESCAPE ROUTES

Plan an escape route and make sure everyone in the home knows how to escape.

Keep exits clear from clutter and obstructions.

Keep your door and window keys in a known and accessible place.

Think of a second escape route in case the first one is blocked.

If you have an emergency pendant, make sure you wear it and have it close by at bedtime.



#### PUT IT OUT - RIGHT OUT



**NEVER** smoke in bed.

Take extra care if you smoke when tired, taking prescription drugs that make you feel drowsy or have been drinking.

Be sure to use a proper ashtray that can't tip over.

Be careful if you smoke and use emollient creams - they can soak into clothing, bedding and dressings leaving a flammable residue.

**REMEMBER, IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, GET OUT, STAY OUT, AND CALL 999.**

If you don't have working smoke alarms, please contact your local fire and rescue service (not 999) for advice by calling:

**0800 731 5958**



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## GET IN TOUCH

**SENDCo - Mrs Kate Elsender**  
Responsible for ensuring that all children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) are well provided for and supported within the school.



[k.elsender@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:k.elsender@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding & Pastoral Lead - Miss Claire Evans**

The Pastoral Team work alongside parents in addressing concerns impacting on their child's learning and development. We offer family support and advice on a range of issues such as self-esteem, confidence, bereavement, managing feelings, anxieties/worries, separation and developing social and friendships skills.



[c.evans@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:c.evans@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk)

Contact the school office



**0151 639 3869**

### Medication in school.

Following recent advice from our Health & Safety providers, the procedures for administering medicines during the school day will change as from 1st January 2023. For prescribed medicines; where possible, parents/carers are encouraged to discuss with the prescriber the suitability of medicines being prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours (in exceptional cases where a child needs a lunchtime dose, the school must receive a written request from the parent giving clear instructions regarding how to administer the required dosage). The necessary form should be completed by the parent whenever a request is made - forms are available from the school office. Non-prescribed medicines such as Calpol should also be given outside of school hours. We will no longer have a supply of school Calpol.

### Home Reading Champions

Class	%	Class	%
1RL	42%	4LF	79%
1BT	78%	4CH	43%
1OT	31%	BD	46%
2BP	80%	5TS	53%
2SA	87%	5JH	63%
2RM	73%	5MW	86%
3NF	41%	6CJ	54%
3CH	6-%	6RS	85%
3CM	32%	6JH	78%
4DH	71%	Total	62%

Well done to class 2SA who have the highest reading average this week and to class 5MW who have the most improved score. Please try to read 5 times a week with your child - the results of regular reading make such a difference to them across all subjects in the curriculum.



House winners this week are




***Dalmorton***

Well done for collecting the most points this week.





# Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Burger Day</b> Choose from homemade beef burger, chicken fillet burger or a Veggieburger, baked in the oven and served on a bread bun with salad and a tomato relish, with wedges</p>	<p><b>Spaghetti Bolognese</b> Choose from and or Quorn pieces cooked in a homemade tomato and vegetable sauce, combined with pasta and baked in the oven, served with crusty bread</p>	<p><b>Roast Dinner</b> Choose from either home roasted topside of beef or a Quorn fillet, served with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and gravy</p>	<p><b>Creamy Chicken Curry</b> Choose from fresh chicken pieces or Quorn pieces cooked with onions in a mild spiced sauce served on a bed of rice with Naan bread</p>	<p><b>Fish and Chips</b> Choose from battered cod fillet, cod fillet fish fingers or a simple salmon fillet all baked in the oven &amp; served with chips</p>
<b>Served with</b>				
<b>Sweetcorn Or Baked Beans</b>	<b>Broccoli</b>	<b>Carrots and Cabbage</b>	<b>Green Beans</b>	<b>Peas or Beans</b>
<b>Or</b>				
<p><b>Jacket potatoes</b> served with a side salad are also available daily – chooses from a variety of fillings cheese, tuna mayo, ham, turkey &amp; baked beans (when available)</p>				
<b>Or</b>				
<p><b>Deli Bar - Available Everyday</b> Design your own sandwich, first choose your bread – wrap or batch then choose your filling a selection of the following will be available daily – ham, cheese, tuna, Chinese chicken, turkey, roast beef, egg and finally finish with a choice of salad – carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, beetroot and peppers.</p>				
				
<b>And for dessert</b>				
<b>Melting Moments</b>	<b>Raspberry Muffin</b>	<b>Lemon Drizzle Cake</b>	<b>Chocolate Cookie</b>	<b>Flapjack</b>
<p>Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots, Yogurt or Cheese &amp; Crackers are available everyday as an alternative to the daily dessert.</p>				
<b>And finally, a drink</b>				
<p>A selection of the following drinks will be available daily freshly made milkshakes - chocolate, strawberry or banana, fresh fruit juice – apple or orange or water.</p>				



# Attendance

*We aim for 100% our target is 98%*

*Remember that school starts at 8:50am and any time after this is late. Formal lessons start at 9:05 and the children need to be in, registered and settled for this time.*

*Please note, COVID absence is taken into account and we compare ourselves to other schools, both locally and nationally, that are also affected by the pandemic.*

Class	%	Minutes Late
Nursery	87.5	38
Poppies	93.4	155
Sweetpeas	94.6	10
Buttercups	95.1	55
1RL	96.9	53
1BT	91.3	83
10T	91.3	75
2BP	96.7	35
2RM	92	10
2SA	94.9	8
BK	82.6	34
3NF	87.5	180

Class	%	Minutes Late
3CH	91	77
3CM	91.3	38
4DH	94.9	96
4LF	93.5	107
4CH	96.3	77
BD	79.5	
5TS	91.4	
5MW	92.8	32
5JH	91.1	127
6CJ	91.1	15
6RS	92	118
6JH	87.3	12

Whole School			
<b>Whole School Attendance</b>	<b>92.2</b>		<b>Lost Learning</b>
			<b>21hrs 55min</b>

## Reporting a child's absence

Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence.

We have an email for you to report Covid ([covidinfo@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:covidinfo@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk)) absence and you can leave absence reasons on the answer machine. If reasons are not provided each day, an unauthorised mark will be entered on the register.



# Owl Awards



These children have been exceptional this week.

<b>Nursery</b> Seth + Theadora	<b>Class 3CH</b> Freddie C
<b>Buttercups</b> Beatrix & Oliver	<b>Class 3CM</b> Scarlett W
<b>Poppies</b> Lucas & Bambi-Leigh	<b>Class 4DH</b> Taylor B
<b>Sweetpeas</b> Ellis & Teddy	<b>Class 4LF</b> Grace
<b>Class 1RL</b> Seamus	<b>Class 4CH</b> Joseph H
<b>Class 1BT</b> Adriyan	<b>Class BD</b> Max L
<b>Class 10T</b> Autumn	<b>Class 5TS</b> Miyah
<b>Class 2BP</b> Betsy S	<b>Class 5JH</b> Olivia D
<b>Class 2RM</b> Lianna	<b>Class 5MW</b> Curtis
<b>Class 2SA</b> Winnie	<b>Class 6CJ</b> James G
<b>Class BK</b> Freddie	<b>Class 6RS</b> Amelia Faith J
<b>Class 3NF</b> Ethan M	<b>Class 6JH</b> Ava B-E

