

FRIDAY LETTER

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Kindle Surprise from Amazon

You may have spotted in the paper this week, that earlier in the term, we received a very special surprise. The team from Amazon's new depot in Warrington made a surprise visit to our school to donate **25 brand new Kindles** as part of Amazon's local community support programme.

The employees of Amazon were invited to nominate a deserving local school as part of the company's Kindle Reading Fund, a programme that sees Amazon employees nominate a school to receive literary support. Speaking on the donation, Prajvin Prakash, General Manager at Amazon in Warrington, said *"The staff at Brook Acre Community Primary School do a fantastic job in encouraging more reading among the young people in our community and we hope this donation helps the pupils experience new books while enjoying some old classics. The joy of reading is something we're incredibly passionate about at Amazon and we're keen to help local children broaden their literary horizons with this donation."*

Whilst the Amazon Team were in our KS2 assembly we were all taken aback by their generosity to the school when they announced they'd also be providing the school with a **£2,000** gift card to purchase e-books or any other resource needs.

It's our mission to encourage pupils to read – not only for the educational benefits, but also in the context of feeding their imaginations and creativity. The gift card and Kindle devices will be a really valuable resource at our school and we're over the moon to receive such great support from the local Amazon team.

As a school we'd like to express sincere gratitude to Dimitrios Peristerakis, who nominated our school and who instigated this wonderful reward. Thank you!



Carols at the Church

Many of our children had a Sunday of festive singing last weekend. The children performed with confidence and sang wonderfully at the Church of the Resurrection.

Thank you to all the children who gave up their Sunday to spread joy and good will to everyone this Christmas time.

Sir Thomas Boteler Concert

On Tuesday Evening, a group of children went to St Elphin's Church to perform in a concert, organised by Sir Thomas Boteler C of E High School, along with many other children from local schools. The children were mesmerised by the size of the church spire, which glowed against the night sky and looked very festive. The church was packed with lots of parents and carers who went to watch the children and although it was cold, they were soon warmed up with the beautiful singing from all of the children.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended, I'm sure you'll agree, it was well worth it!



KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

We have been astounded this week by all of our Key Stage 2 children, who have worked extremely hard and have performed in two magical shows. Everyone who has been lucky enough to watch the concerts has been captivated by the passion and energy shown by all of the dedicated singers. We are immensely proud of our KS2 children and have enjoyed listening to them fill the school with festive spirit and, judging by the audiences' reactions, you were too.



Sharing the Love of Literacy

Year 4 children have been working hard over the last few weeks on writing their own elf stories and non-chronological reports. After editing and redrafting their work, the children then went into Year 1 to share their writing by reading to them. During this time, new vocabulary was shared with Year 1 children and discussed. An enjoyable morning was had by all and there was even biscuits, marshmallows and chocolate! ☺



WORD OF THE WEEK!

This week's word was: "Altruistic".

"Altruism is the opposite of selfishness, when you show concern for other people." (Grace Earl, Y5)

"My teacher is altruistic, because she always helps other people." (Charlie Jeal, Y3)

"The staff at Brook Acre show an altruistic approach to ensure that the pupils are provided with the best possible learning environment." (Mrs Whalley, FS2)

"Many people in our school are altruistic, that's what makes it so special!" (Kyle Pye, Y5)



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS1 AM	Grace	FS1 PM	Agata
FS2	Sophia G	Year 1	Alexis
Year 2	Dylan	Year 3	William
Year 4	Jamie S	Year 5C	George
Year 5K	Amy	Year 6	Dylan



SEAL THEME



"What Makes This School Special?"

Children spotted this week:

FS1 AM	Jake	FS1 PM	Danielle
FS2	Jakobe	Y1	Ellie-Mae
Y2	Kaya	Y3	Charlie
Y4	Fodla	Y5C	Jayden
Y5K	Libby	Y6	Chris



BEST ATTENDANCE

for the whole the term



Y3 - 96.8%

Well Done!



Congratulations to our Stars, SEAL and Headteacher Award winners, who will all be invited to enjoy their lunch on the Captain's Table.

Congratulationps also to Blake Taylor and Connor Stewart for their out of school achievements and for sharing their trophies with us in assembly this morning. Very well done to you both!



Headteacher Award

The Headteacher's Award is given each week to children who have shown impeccable behaviour, outstanding attitudes and admirable learning skills.

This week the Headteacher's Award goes to:

Foundation Stage – Darin (FS1 AM) for his enthusiasm and determination. Darin is making so much progress and loves to learn. A real blossoming star – well done, Darin!

Key Stage 1 – Sky (Y1) for superb attention to detail in her writing. Sky is always trying her best, thinking of new learning and how she can apply it independently. You have a wonderful attitude in class, Sky, very well done!

Key Stage 2 – Bethany (Y5C) for her focus, her concentration, her independence and her determination. Bethany is truly shining in class and is on a real mission this year. A superb half term, Bethany, topped off by an outstanding performance in KS2's Christmas Concert this week. Very well done!

Key Stage 2 – Reagan (Y4) for a fantastic attitude in class. Reagan's independent mission is blossoming, his reading focus and progress is outstanding as a result of his determination and enjoyment of learning. Well done, Reagan – you're shining!!



Foundation Stage 1 Parent Visit

FS1 children invited their parents and carers into school on Thursday to take part in lots of Christmas crafts and activities. The activities were a big hit with both the children and the grownups and everyone had smiles on their faces with lots of Christmas spirit filling FS1. We would like to thank all of the parents and carers who came to our stay and play sessions; the children really do enjoy seeing you all.



Santa Claus is Coming to School!

To finish off such a wonderful Christmas week, all of our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children enjoyed their Christmas parties yesterday. They had lots of wonderful party food, danced to Christmas music and looked amazing, with smiles all round. They also had a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who took a little time off from all his planning for Christmas to come to see the children in school and deliver presents. A very festive time was had by all!



Year 4 Chocolate Treats

Year 4 children, held a chocolate treat sale on Thursday. They sold a variety of chocolate treats and will be using all money raised towards their next school trip. We enjoyed seeing many parents and carers on the day taking advantage of this chocolicious enterprise.



*School finishes today for the Christmas Holidays
Children return to school on Wednesday 3 January 2018*

*A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from all at Brook Acre!*

