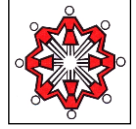




## Issue 3



### St. Benedict's Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017

#### Attendance

First of all we want to say a huge 'well done' to you all for your continued efforts throughout Attendance Week. It was a huge success and we almost reached our target of 100%.

We were very excited to finally introduce you to our Attendance Hero. He was very pleased to see all of the children in school on time and is looking forward to returning to St. Benedict's.

Congratulations to the individual winners of the attendance raffle and congratulations to **G2** and **G5** who have won the whole school's best attending class and Year Two best attending class, **O3** won the Year One best attending class, **R3** who won the Reception best attending class and **B1AM** who won the Nursery best attending class.

We really appreciate your efforts towards making Attendance Week a success. Please remember that Attendance Heroes are **Here Every Day Ready and On Time**. Keep up the good work and our Attendance Hero will come and visit us again soon! For regular updates, please see our school website under the attendance tab <http://www.stbendic.bham.sch.uk>

#### Governor Spot

It's a busy time of the term for Governors with lots of meeting happening before we break up for the Christmas holidays. The Board are looking at the school's future and making plans to support its development. Governors have been involved in their own training as well to help develop their skills and knowledge.

We still have two vacancies on the Governing Board for a parent and Co-Opted Governor. For more information please come to the school office.

#### Nursery

We have been doing lots of exciting things in Nursery. Last week we made vegetable soup and edible necklaces! Thank you so much to the parents who brought in vegetable for us to use. We have lots more fun activities coming up in the lead up to Christmas.

Please remember to bring in book bags so we can change your child's book every Friday. The children have the opportunity to learn outside every day so please make sure they have a warm coat and help them to put it on and take it off on their own. We even have some children who can do their own zips now which is fantastic and helps them to be really independent.

## Reception

The children in Reception really enjoyed their visit to the Space Dome, it was very exciting. They have been learning about space and the planets this half term. We are now learning a new story called 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. Parents, ask your child if they can think of a way they would catch a star!

Please remember to return and change reading books each week and use the swap shop to exchange books as often as you like.

We will be having a theatre group in on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January - please look for the letter coming out soon.

Now the colder weather is coming please send your child in with warm coats, gloves, hats and scarves as we are still using our outdoor curriculum areas.

## Year One

In English Year One have looked at stories with a problem and a resolution. We have read the story 'Rainbow Fish'. The children changed part of the story to write their own problem and resolution stories. Next the children will read information texts about sea creatures. They will then write an information poster all about sea monsters. The children will also read poems and learn how to write 'what am I' poem.

In Maths Year One have been recognising coins and counting in twos and fives. Next the children will be learning about weight and capacity and addition and subtraction.

In topic as part of the 'under the sea' topic, the children have looked at and compared different under the sea creatures. The children have compared old and new ships and next they will be making their very own ships in D & T.

## Year Two

The topic for Year Two is 'Journeys' which has been a real success - the children thoroughly enjoyed their travelling experience. They then decided that they wanted to learn about different countries. We have been learning about the seven different continents - ask your child to tell you the names of the seven continents. We have also been looking at maps and have started to create our own map of our local area.

In English we have begun to look at newspaper resorts and the children will be given the opportunity to write their own.

In Maths we have been learning about the different ways to collect data and will also be learning about multiplication and division.

The children have been working incredibly hard - keep up the good work.