



**Bassingbourn**  
Community Primary School

# Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers

*I would like to congratulate our School Council members for their amazing effort fundraising to support Children In Need day last week. It is such a positive testament to the pupil leadership provision in school. Our pupils take an active role in supporting the schoolwork, whether through the work of the pupil leadership groups or supporting younger peers during play time and lunch time.*

*There has been much busy learning this week with various visitors in school. We had our Mathematics Mastery Development Lead, visiting the school to see how we were getting on with our new Maths scheme of work. Ms Coe was impressed with the progress and how our staff were delivering the provision. We look forward to continuing our work with Mathematics Mastery group to developing teaching and learning. We also had a positive visit from the English Hub who supports us with the Reading development, particularly with our new Read Write Inc. Phonics programme. Finally, we hosted a visit with the Specialist Teaching team from Cambridgeshire County Council where we discussed our SEND provision and the excellent work of the Hub team. The team praised the significant improvements made and the great impact on our pupils since January. I would like to express my thanks to our dedicated staff team that have made all this progress possible.*

*As the weather is getting colder, pupils will be coming to school with more clothing items to keep warm. May I ask you to ensure clothing items are labelled so that we can return them to your child? This also applies to hats, gloves and scarves.*

Thanks,

Ms Luu  
Headteacher

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## This Weeks Celebration Awards

Josh, Josie, Claudia, Brooke, Florence, Phoebe,  
Jessica, Emily, Caleb, Sienna, Esa, Rella

## Presentation Award



Jude, Peter, Rose, Aaron, Archer, Andre,  
Lewis, Xander, Lillian, Evie, Kyle, Teddy

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following classes who achieved greater than 96% target for attendance:  
Week Commencing: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Moore 98%  
Lichtenstein 97.20%

## Dates For Your Diary

29<sup>th</sup> Nov: Christmas Fayre 4:30-7pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS Christmas Play Performance (AM)  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec: School Panto (at school)  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS Christmas Play Performance (PM)  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Lunch



## Parent Workshops

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 9-10am – Emotionally Based School Avoidance  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9-10am – Behaviour  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2:15-3:15 – Reading  
20<sup>th</sup> Mar. 9-10am – Maths  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2:15-3:15 – SEND  
17<sup>th</sup> Jul. 9-10am – School Development Update



## PE ROUNDUP

On Wednesday children from Key Stage 2 attended a cross-country event at Wimpole. It was a cold and frosty start, but everyone was excited. Our students displayed great perseverance and determination, as well as fantastic team spirit, we could not have been prouder. A special shout out to Elizabeth, who came second in the Year 6 girls race, Well Done. And finally, a huge Thank You to our parent helpers who braved the cold!

Mr. Mikelson

## Year 5 News

English

This week we were sent a video clip of an Alien craft hovering above the school field. The Aliens left a note explaining their intentions, giving us 48 hours to respond. We have written a letter of complaint to the Aliens to start our letter writing unit.



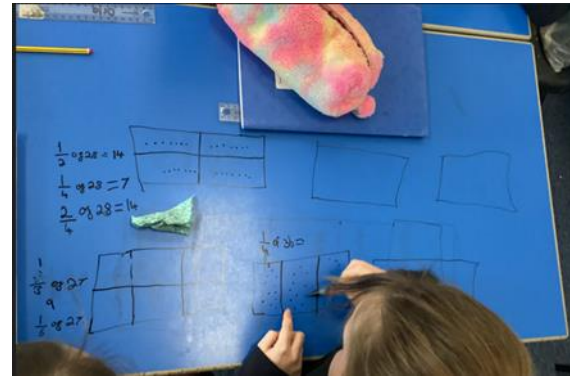


### Music

In music this half term, we have started to explore the 'Blues'. We have learned how to play the C chord (notes C and E together) and play along with the first 12 bars. Some children managed to play the F chord (F and A) and G chord (G and B) and play the whole piece! It was fantastic to hear!

### Maths

This week we have been exploring fractions and equivalent fractions. We have used manipulatives and drawing out shapes to support the learning of finding fractions of quantities.



### Art

In Art, we are starting a new topic on Monotypes. We have made visual notes about these in our sketch books and have explored two Van Gogh pieces, emulating mark-making in these pieces and others.





*runPudsey*

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WE'RE SUPPORTING

**BBC**  
**CHILDREN**  
**IN NEED**

**WELL DONE CHILDREN OF  
BASSINGBOURN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
YOU RAISED...**

**6,548.20**



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Anxiety regarding school attendance is becoming an increasingly common amongst children of a primary age. At Bassingbourn Primary School, we are always looking for ways to support families and have recently joined forces with NESSiE, who can provide support to those parents who are finding things rather challenging. Parents can self-refer themselves/children and one of their family support team will get in touch, via the portal link - [Nessie Public Booking Platform V3.0](#). It is a totally free service for Cambridgeshire parents, and it offers them some 1:1 session with a specialist family worker.

In addition to the 1:1 sessions, NESSiE also offer parent webinars. These can be accessed via the portal link - [Nessie Public Booking Platform V3.0](#).

In addition to the support offered by NESSiE, the following websites may be of interest:

- [Emotional Based School Avoidance Parent Guide](#)
- [What is School Refusal? BBC Article](#)
- [Parent Guide to School refusal](#)

As always, should you wish to discuss concerns regarding your child, please do contact your class teacher in the first instance.

## FOBS Update

*The countdown is on, ready for our Christmas Fayre. We hope you will enjoy the games we have created for you all. We have a huge Disney Stitch teddy, which needs breaking free, can you crack the code? We hope you all can come along to see which fabulous teachers are taking part in our games stalls, The Human Fruit Machine, Splat the elf, Jolly Jars, Snowman Nose etc.*

*We will be selling hot dogs for £1.50 in the Gallery. Miss Richardson is also making some mince pies & sausage rolls for us to sell. We have Michaela, from the Teapot Café. She will have her horsebox outside, selling Teas, coffees and delicious hot chocolates and biscuits. Rachael's Bakery will also be at our fayre selling her delicious brownies. Jack Lucas will be selling real Christmas trees outside, ready for you to takeaway.*

*We also have lots of external stalls, selling crafts and gifts – Grey & Co, Crafty Git, Crafty Fox, A Bundle of Joy, Bow clip creations & toy boutique, Charlie's sweets, Tangled Yarn creations, La Dash (Fudge & Bath bombs), Bliss & Maude. For all you pet lovers out there, we also have Pet treats available to buy.*

*We still have a few raffle tickets available, if you have missed the chance to join in, we will be selling them on the night.*

*Best Wishes, from all the FOBS team*



Join us at

Bassingbourn Primary School  
**Christmas Fayre**

**Friday 29th November**

**4:30 - 7pm**

**Games & stalls**

**Hot dogs & refreshments**





