



Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 1st July 2021

Hi Everyone,

Happy July! I can't believe we only have 16 days remaining of this academic year! Time is literally zooming by! We still have so much to get through in the final three weeks, it is going to be a very busy time in school but we can power through to the end!

As I mentioned last week, we had an authority visit two weeks ago, here are a few of the comments from the report we received this week...

'A proactive and relevant approach to recovery has been taken with the needs of the pupils and staff very much central.'

'During the walk through all children in nursery were fully engaged in a range of purposeful activities and were well supported by adults. The atmosphere was extremely calm and high expectations were very evident.'

'The provision across early years is excellent. The environment, indoor and outdoor, is very well resourced and of a high standard. High expectations exist from the start.'

'It was an absolute pleasure and privilege to visit Crossflatts Primary School and to be able to see and share some of their work. During my walk around school, all pupils were engaged in their learning, were polite and positive.'

'Looking through books-high expectations in presentation at all levels.'

'The leadership of the school is extremely strong and has provided an inclusive, high quality learning environment for all stakeholders. There is a very clear vision and moral purpose in all that takes place with pupils and community at the centre.'

I was delighted with the report as it was good to have an external professional come into our school and recognise the high quality provision we deliver every day when no visitors are here. Well done team Crossflatts!

Our class lists for the next academic year will be released tomorrow and we are planning on holding two shuffle up days during the last week of term when the children will spend two days with their new teacher so everyone can get to know each other.

As I have previously wrote, our staff have decided to fundraise for cancer research UK as this is charity very close to many of our hearts. Therefore, we wanted to come together and raise funds to support this life saving research. Next Thursday after school, 8th of July, we will be running, walking, skipping, or crawling 5 kilometres around our school field. We appreciate all the support from our Crossflatts friends and families, all donations however big or small to



enable us to reach our goal and help those affected by cancer. Here is the link for our fundraising page, we would be so grateful of any donations. So far we have already raised £530! It would be great if we could tip this to £600. We would be so grateful if you have a spare pound to donate!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/crossflatts-primary-school-staff-race-for-life>

Last Friday all the children brought home a Smarties tube from school, in the hope that after eating them, they could return the tubes back into school on Monday 12th filled with coins. We appreciate that many of us no longer use coins in the same way as pre COVID-19 but will be grateful for any that are donated in the tubes. The proceeds from this final activity of the year will go towards funding the Pupil Parliament's Save Dingley Dell project of making Dingley Dell the best it can be so the children can enjoy it.

The Crossflatts Primary Lockdown Recipe book is back from the printers and we have 100 books to sell! The book is A5 spiral bound with 39 recipes from our Crossflatts families and staff's favourite lockdown recipes and costs £5. To buy a copy, please can you pay online <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17351> or the money can be taken into school to your child's class teacher in a sealed named envelope by Monday 12th July. Please note that we are trialling the Charity Aid Foundation's online system as we can claim gift aid on all purchases if the gift aid box is ticked, so we can raise even more money. Once we have received payment the books will be given to the children to bring home w.c 12th July.

Finally, we are holding our annual AGM on Friday 9th July at 9.30am on Zoom. This is a really good opportunity to see how we operate and to get involved. If you would like further details, please email pta@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk

Finally some exciting news, Mrs Thirkill has been seconded by the local authority to become the interim head teacher at Hoyle Court in Baildon for the autumn term. Alongside Mrs Thirkill, Mrs Petrie has also been seconded to Hoyle Court on a part time basis to become their interim deputy head teacher two and a half days a week. Whilst we shall miss them, we are very proud of them both and wish them both the best of luck with this exciting chapter. Mrs Petrie will of course be returning to us on a weekly basis when she isn't at Hoyle Court to continue to weave her magic in our school!

Kind regards

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