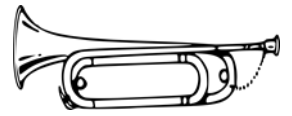


The Brompton Bugle



It's Christmas!

This term is always incredibly hectic and exciting. Our school has been a very busy place!

Highlights this term include:

- *Remembrance at the Navy Monument
- *Children in Need tag day * Anti-bullying week
- *The Year 3/4 and 5/6 trips to Kent Life
- *KS1 and FS Christmas productions and the Christmas Fair.



On Wednesday 5th December KS1 performed their Christmas show to parents and carers. The traditional tale of Christmas was told through a mixture of rhyming couplets, songs, dances and acting. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing the songs and dance routines to some well known favourites like "Sparkle and shine" and "Nazareth". The school now has its very own KS1 theme tune called "The kids are really cool at Brompton Westbrook" which was a favourite amongst the children.

All children demonstrated their confidence to perform and all rose to the occasion, speaking clearly and dancing with enthusiasm. The costumes looked fantastic and the variety of Year 1 Christmas jumpers was extremely impressive.

Parents were very complimentary of the performance:

"Love shone down was very emotional"

"I really liked the songs, they were lively and jolly"

Mrs Mason said that it was absolutely fantastic and has made her feel Christmassy for the first time this year.

Reported by Millie and Teddy



Christmas around the world...



Here at the Brompton Bugle we have been busy researching how Christmas is celebrated around the world:

Christmas is a religious occasion to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on 25th December. It is a Christian festival. Christmas is celebrated by millions of people all over the world. Traditionally, it is a time to gather with family and friends. Some traditions include decorating houses with lights, trees and candles and eating a delicious Christmas dinner.

But... Did you know? In **India** people decorate their houses and streets with colourful folded paper stars.

The **Polish** serve a total of 12 dishes, one for each disciple at their Christmas dinner.

The **Spanish** leave out hay filled boots and shoes on Christmas Eve. The hay is then replaced with chocolate, presents and money.

In **Ireland** people light candles in the windows of their homes as a guide for Mary and Joseph so that they can travel to their resting place.

In the **West Indies**, people clean their homes and even repaint rooms before decorating for Christmas.

In **France** they celebrate the feast of St Nicholas, the patron saint of children on 6th December.

In **Russia** an old lady called Baboushka gives out presents to children to make up for her mistake of being too busy to guide the wise men to the baby Jesus in biblical times.

And the strangest... In **Japan**, KFC has become the nation's favourite place to eat Christmas dinner! It is so popular that people make reservations so they don't miss out!

Reported by Ashpreet, Milan, Emily, Alex and Lilly

Term 3 Whole School Value

Well done to Molly H who won the Term 2 value of Respect and Recognition.



Next terms whole school value is **Enthusiasm**. As a rights respecting school we pride ourselves on being enthusiastic about each article that we study and as a school we are continuing to work towards our silver award.

So what is enthusiasm? I think that enthusiasm is when you put your whole heart into what you are doing. It doesn't matter if the task is big or small, it will always turn out better if you put your whole heart into it. The best thing about enthusiasm is that it is contagious! One spark of energy and excitement can ignite others to live their lives with more enthusiasm, so, help others when they are stuck and don't be upset if you make a mistake.



Reported by Alex

TOP TIPS to demonstrate enthusiasm:

1. Spread your energy with others
2. Smile
3. Encourage others
4. Treat every task with the same importance
5. Do not be discouraged by failure

In the Spotlight

The Eco Committee

In this school we are very lucky to have a ECO committee run by Mrs Bailey. They meet once a week to discuss what they can do to help our school be more aware of environmental issues . So far they have implemented lots of ideas including; putting recycling bins in the playground; putting posters up about being ECO friendly and educating classroom warriors to make sure classroom lights and projectors are turned off to save energy.

This term they had an amazing opportunity to construct a memorial for remembrance. The whole Eco team worked “tyrelessly” to paint, sculpt and glue hundreds of recycled plastic poppies made from a variety of plastic bottles and cartons. Some of these poppies were then stuck onto two tyres to look like wreaths. A huge wrap of poppies and the wreaths were displayed over at Kitchener Barracks. The presentation of the Eco–Committee installation was opened by the Mayor and Mayoress of Medway. It might have been a very wet day but it certainly didn’t rain on the Eco Teams’ parade.



Reported by Emily, Tabitha & Charlie

Remembrance, 100 years on...

Remembrance day is a very important day in our history, for it is the day that the armistice agreement was made to end the war. 2018 is a very special year as it marks exactly 100 years since the agreement was made. Each year we remember the men and women who sacrificed their lives for us. We pause to remember at 11 o’clock on the 11th month of the year. To show respect we wear poppies . This originated because the only thing that grew upon the battlefields following the bloodshed were poppies. The leaf on a poppy should be worn at an angle to represent the number 11 on a clock.

As this year was such an important year, KS1 and KS2 headed over to the Naval Memorial. Here we held our 2 minute silence to respect all those honoured in their generations and their glory of times. To begin our service we shared some poems written by members of 6T.

The clock strikes,
We bow our heads as we remember,
Those who sacrificed their lives for us
Those who now lie in the battlefield
Wondering if the war has ended
Wondering if they are still loved

Emily T



The view from the memorial is amazing and you can see the whole of Chatham. While we were at the memorial I spent some time reading about those who lost their lives. It was a lovely tribute and I was glad to be a part of it.

Year 5/6 School trip to Kent Life

Did you know that Anglo Saxons had 7 kingdoms?

On 14th November Year 5 and 6 went on a school trip to Kent Life Museum to enhance their learning about life as an Anglo-Saxon and find out what life in Britain was like in the middle ages.

Whilst there we learnt how to hunt and catch food using nets. A usual diet consisted of chicken, cows and goats (eurgghh!).

We were shown how to pull yarn using a spindle. Everyone had an opportunity to try. The wool was smellier than we had imagined. We had to brush and clean the wool until it was smooth and fluffy.



A highlight of the day was acting out the story of Beowulf (a traditional Anglo-Saxon story). Beowulf is a story about a hero who defeats a monster. We were each given parts to act out. Malachi played the part of the monster and Emily was Beowulf. Charlie deserves an Oscar because as the King he had to sleep throughout the show (he was a natural!)

We rode on a train which took us around the farm. On the way we saw lots of sheep and pigs. At Kent Life there are lots of old looking buildings from different periods in history. We had a singalong to lots of nursery rhymes.

One of Max's favourite parts of the day was spending time learning about the birds of prey. "We enjoyed a flying display and a talk all about the different birds and how they act". Osas a Southern White Faced owl had the longest ever name: "Uvuvwevwevwe Onyetenyevwe Ugwemuhwem Osas!"



Everyone had a great time and it was really good to learn so much about our topic outside of our classrooms.

We would thoroughly recommend this trip and give it a 5 star rating. Thank you to our teachers for organising and taking us.



Reported by Charlie, Teddy & Tyler



Did you know that at Brompton Westbrook we have some amazingly talented pupils achieving extraordinary things?

Ellie is an Irish dancer and attends Irish dance classes three nights a week at The Turner Academy of Irish Dance. Ellie started her dance journey in March 2017 when she originally joined classes in Strood. With lots of hard work in both her dance classes and daily practice at home, Ellie was soon ready to attend her first dance competition. Over the course of the next year Ellie moved up six separate dance categories through 3 levels winning lots of medals and trophies along the way.

Earlier this year Ellie reached a milestone in her Irish dancing and was invited to attend advanced classes so she could start competing at preliminary championship level. Most recently Ellie has attended "The All Scotland Championships in Glasgow" and "The Southern Region Championships in Watford". In preparation for this she attended four classes a week to prepare for the big stage. Now that is dedication!

Ellie's next goal is to get a recall in her preliminary championships and in the longer term reach the top level of open championships.

Not only has Ellie secured AMAZING competition success, but she has shown fantastic commitment to fulfil her dreams. Her teacher commented that "Ellie acts as a supportive member of her dance team and has grown hugely in confidence". Well done Ellie!

"I have won 16 trophies and over 40 medals so far"

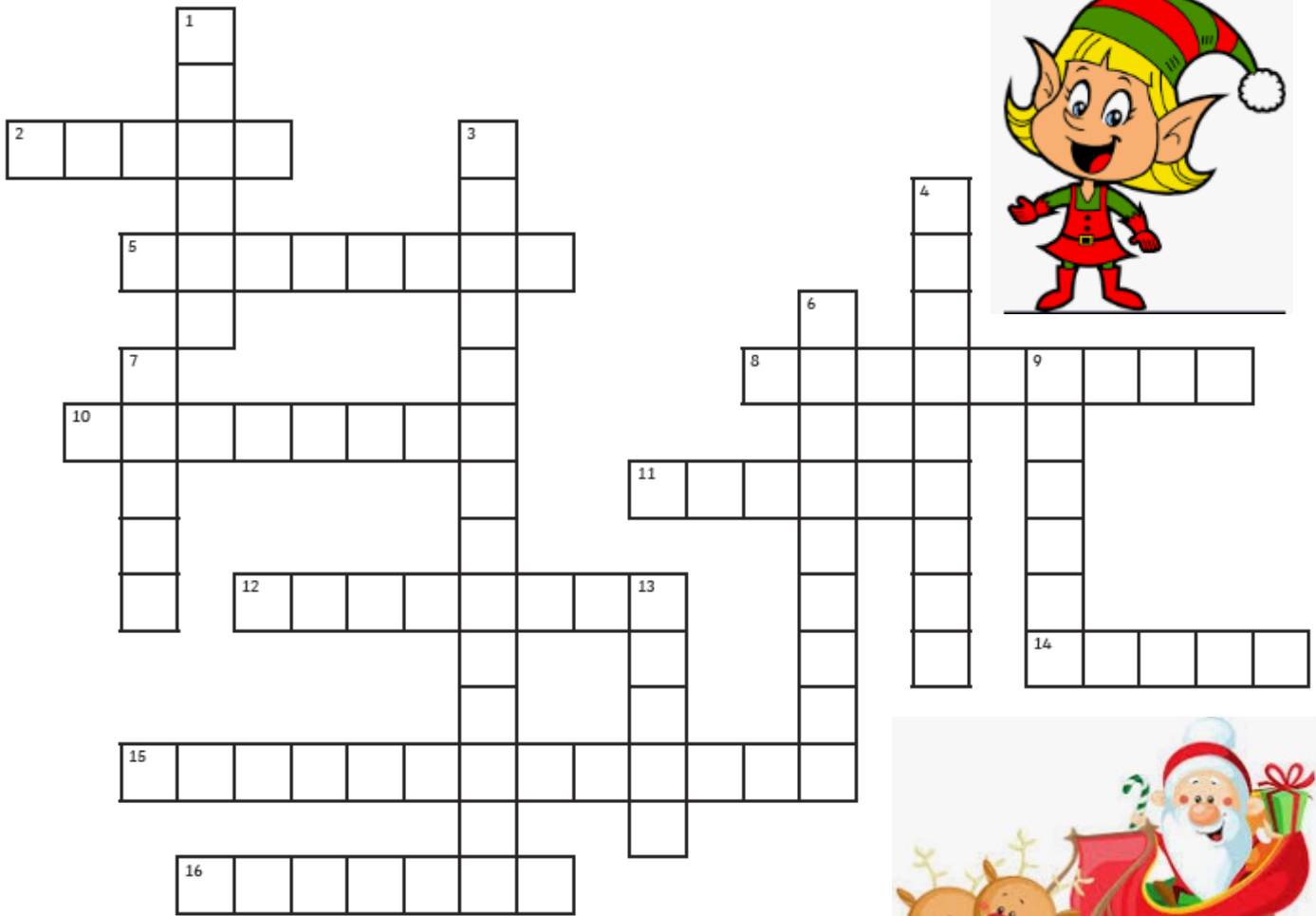


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Reported by Hannah & Charlotte

Christmas Crossword

Can you solve the clues to complete the grid?



Across

2. You may put one of these on top of your Christmas tree.
5. Leave this out for Santa to put your presents in!
8. What Santa carries his presents in.
10. Rudolph is one of Santa's _____.
11. When these are lit, they make beautiful decorations.
12. It is exciting to unwrap these on Christmas morning.
14. A special Christmas plant with red berries.
15. Decorate this to leave presents underneath.
16. A favourite Christmas dessert.

Down

1. Hang this on your door at Christmas time.
3. A delicious Christmas biscuit, made with spices and shaped like a person.
4. Stand underneath this special little plant for a kiss!
6. Red and white striped Christmas candy.
7. A famous carol - Jingle _____.
9. Santa's reindeer pull this.
13. Delivers presents to children on Christmas Eve.