

# NEWSLETTER

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## AUTUMN 2 THEME LAUNCH!

On Monday, children from Reception to Year 6 attended a very special virtual assembly for the launch of their Autumn 2 theme. This half term, children in Early Years will be learning about people who help us and what does 'peace' mean. The theme for our learning in Year 1 to Year 6 is 'Bradford Remembers'. The children will be learning all about World War 1 and the role that the 'Bradford PALS' played in it. The Bradford PALS were a group of men who had grown up on the same streets, gone to school together and worked in the same mills and offices and went to fight together in the first World War that was expected to be over by Christmas. Each year group has a particular focus and this new and exciting theme will be revisited each year.



## JU:MP IN 10!

We are really excited to be launching our new physical activity initiative at Swain House called JU:MP in 10. JU:MP in 10 will be a daily 10-minute physical activity game or challenge to complete with your class outside on the playground and inside the classroom with no or minimal equipment. It is designed to add some teamwork, fun and competition elements to our daily physical activity. Each week, Mr Doogan will be coming up with a new outside and inside physical activity or challenge to complete for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Make sure to ask your children all about their 'JU:MP in 10!' activities!



## SCHOOL PHOTOS!



On Monday 14th November, the photographer will be in school to take individual photos of children!

# NEW OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT IN LITTLE ACORNS!

The children in Little Acorns nursery came back to school on Monday to a special surprise in their outdoor area! Over the October half term, the company 'Outdoor Classrooms' based in Thackley, visited school to develop the outdoor provision in Little Acorns. We are so happy with our new area and the children have really enjoyed exploring it this week. Take a look below!



You may have also noticed that some work in the outdoor provision in Reception has begun. Stay tuned to our newsletters this half term to see it all once it is complete!

# SWAIN HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Hopefully you will have all seen the information this week via ParentApps Connect about our Swain House Primary School Christmas Fair! On Friday 2nd December, we will be hosting our very first Christmas Fair. We are inviting local small businesses to run a stall selling their own products. There will also be an inflatable Santa's Grotto, a raffle and some refreshments available. If you would be interested in having a stall at our Christmas Fair, please contact the Friends of Swain House via email at [friends@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:friends@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk).



# TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!

Each week at school, the top performing classes in Times Tables Rock Stars are celebrated in our Well Done Assembly in Key Stage 2. Times Tables Rock Stars is an online game that children use to practice their times tables proficiency. Each week, in our newsletter, we are going to celebrate the 'TT Rock Stars Class Stars of the Week.

This week's Times Tables Rock Stars, Class Stars of the Week are:

| CLASS             | TT Rock Stars Star of the Week: |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Anne Fine         | Branon Dack                     |
| Roald Dahl        | Yan Gao                         |
| Jacqueline Wilson | Abaan Khan                      |
| JK Rowling        | Christopher Turner              |
| Elgar             | Eesa Yahya                      |
| Mozart            | Ethan Hardy                     |
| Beethoven         | Lily Andrew                     |
| Vivaldi           | Maahria Tahir                   |

Who will it be next week?



## SHARING YOUR NEWS!

If you have any news about your child's achievements that you would like to share in our newsletter, please speak to your child's class teacher.

# WEEKLY UPDATES

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Here are this week's attendance and punctuality figures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school and is on time unless they are too unwell to do so. Our doors open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**.

Please see the information below for our whole school and class attendance for the week ending **20/10/22**.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

| CLASS     | 88.7PERCENTAGE % | LATES |
|-----------|------------------|-------|
| Elm       | 88.7%            | 3     |
| Willow    | 94.7%            | 0     |
| Kandinsky | 94.8%            | 1     |
| Matisse   | 95.3%            | 3     |
| Lowry     | 97.4%            | 0     |
| Van Gogh  | 95%              | 1     |

### Key Stage 2:

| CLASS      | PERCENTAGE % | LATES |
|------------|--------------|-------|
| Anne Fine  | 91.7%        | 0     |
| Roald Dahl | 95.8%        | 2     |
| JK Rowling | 95.5%        | 1     |
| J Wilson   | 95.6%        | 1     |
| Elgar      | 91.5%        | 0     |
| Mozart     | 95.5%        | 0     |
| Beethoven  | 93.9%        | 1     |
| Vivaldi    | 86.1%        | 1     |

Congratulations to **Lowry Class** and **Roald Dahl Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well Done to **Willow Class**, **Lowry Class**, **Anne Fine Class**, **Elgar Class** and **Mozart Class** for having **no lates!**

Our whole school attendance this week:

**93.6%**

## COMMUNICATION SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

These are the letters, messages and website updates that have been sent out this week. If you have not received any of these letters, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office on **01274 639049**.

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>WEBSITE UPDATES:</b>         | National Online Safety - Amigo<br>PSHEE letters to parents– Valuing Difference                                     |
| <b>LETTERS:</b>                 | 31/10/22 - R.E. Curriculum Visit<br>31/10/22 - Parent Governor<br>04/11/22 - Bradford Cathedral Christmas Festival |
| <b>MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:</b> | 31/10/22 - Christmas Fair<br>03/11/22 - Lowry Class Assembly   |

# MENU W/C 07/11/22

## Swain House Primary School

Week Commencing

7th Nov, 28th Nov, 9th Jan  
30th Jan, 20th Feb, 13th Mar

## MENU Week 2

MON

### Choose from...

- Meat Lasagne
- Halal Lasagne
- Cheese Pasta Bake

### Desserts...

- Cornflake Tart
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

TUE

### Choose from...

- Fruity Chicken Curry
- Halal Chicken & Spinach
- Mexican Burrito

### Desserts...

- Decorated Fruit Jelly
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

WED

### Choose from...

- Halal Roast Chicken Breast
- Vegetable Roll
- Roast Gammon

### Desserts...

- Plain Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

THUR

### Choose from...

- Cheese & Tomato Pizza

### Desserts...

- Butterfly Buns
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

FRI

### Choose from...

- Fish Fingers
- Vegetable Pakora
- Salmon Fish Fingers

### Desserts...

- Chocolate Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for



A selection of additional options eg. sandwiches, jackets etc. will be available each day



For full allergen & nutritional information  
go to the FM School Meals App:  
<https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>

# REMINDERS

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.50 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £2.00 each per day. Children from Nursery to Year 6 can attend.

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club, please use ParentPay.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.00 each per day.

If you would like to book your child into After School Club, please use ParentPay.

## EXTRA CLUB

We also offer an Extra Club service that runs until 5.30pm at a cost of £4.00 per day.

If you would like to book your child into Extra Club, please use ParentPay.

**Please can you ensure that Extra Club places are booked and paid for in advance - by Monday morning. This ensures registers are accurate and places are booked and guaranteed.**

**If you have any problems booking any of our before or after school clubs, please contact Miss Armitage, one of our learning mentors.**

## DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

| DAY                | DATE                | TIME    | EVENT                                |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Wednesday - Friday | 09/11/22 - 11/11/22 | N/A     | Year 5 Ingleborough Hall Residential |
| Thursday           | 10/11/22            | 2:30pm  | Lowry Class Assembly                 |
| Friday             | 11/11/22            | All Day | Remembrance Day                      |
| Monday             | 14/11/22            | All Day | School Photos                        |
| Thursday           | 17/11/22            | 2:30pm  | Ingleborough Hall Assembly           |
| Friday             | 18/11/22            | All Day | Children in Need                     |
| Thursday           | 24/11/22            | 2:30pm  | Beethoven Class Assembly             |
| Thursday           | 08/12/22            | 2:30pm  | JK Rowling Hanukkah Assembly         |

# COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

## YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

Next week, children in Year 5 will go on their residential to Ingleborough Hall on Wednesday 9th November until Friday 11th November. If you have any questions regarding the residential, please speak to a member of the Year 5 team.



**EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSIONS!**

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER -  
GREAT OAK NURSERY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSIONS  
\* 10.30AM - 11:15AM OR 2:00PM - 2:45PM

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER - \*  
RECEPTION CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSIONS  
\* 9:00AM - 10:00AM OR 1:45PM - 2:45PM

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER - \*  
LITTLE ACORNS NURSERY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSIONS  
10.30AM - 11:15AM OR 2:00PM - 2:45PM

## EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS CRAFTS!

Following the success of our stay-and-play and reading café sessions, parents and carers of children in Little Acorns and Great Oak Nursery and Reception classes are invited to our Christmas craft sessions. Come along for a morning or afternoon and take part in some Christmas craft activities with your child alongside some Christmas themed refreshments!

## CHRISTMAS DATES!

As we know this time of year can be busy, we want to give parents and carers plenty of notice for our upcoming Christmas events!

| DAY       | DATE     | TIME            | EVENT                         |
|-----------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Friday    | 02/12/22 | 4pm-6pm         | Christmas Fair                |
| Wednesday | 07/12/22 | 2pm             | KS2 Carol Concert             |
| Thursday  | 08/12/22 | 10am            | KS2 Carol Concert             |
| Friday    | 09/12/22 | All Day         | Christmas Jumper Day          |
| Friday    | 09/12/22 | Lunch Time      | Christmas Dinner Day          |
| Monday    | 12/12/22 | Afternoon       | Y1—Y6 Christmas Parties       |
| Tuesday   | 13/12/22 | 10am and 2pm    | Early Years Nativity          |
| Wednesday | 14/12/22 | Afternoon       | Early Years Christmas Parties |
| Thursday  | 15/12/22 | 10am and 2pm    | KS1 Nativity                  |
| Thursday  | 15/12/22 | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | Glitz and Glam Disco          |

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**New term starts**  
**31.10.22/4.11.22**

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1 class      | 2 classes    |
| Mini/Junior  | Mini/Junior  |
| £35          | £59.50       |
| Inter/Senior | Inter/Senior |
| £42          | £66.50       |
| Siblings     | Siblings     |
| £24.50       | £49          |

7 week block!  
Pay Monthly Option Now Available



## LITTLETOPS TODDLER CLASSES

Circus sensory classes aimed at toddlers and preschoolers. Siblings older and younger are welcome with plenty for them to do too!

A great balance of instructor led activities including dance, acrobatics, props, sensory, throwing and catching and free exploration time on our circus equipment.

Aerial hammock and trapeze, climbing frames, bouncy castle, slides, balance equipment, sensory area and a large matted area.

Fridays  
9.30-10.30

Footsteps Theatre School  
Westfield Lane, Idle

First child £6 class. Additional children £3 a class or £25 for 5 classes (£12.50 siblings)



## LIVE NOW! OUR NEW WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED.

<https://www.bdct.nhs.uk/services/childrens-speech-and-language-therapy/>



Take a look at **BDCFT Children's Speech and Language Therapy** team's new website. Full of advice, resources and information to help parents, families and professionals with supporting children and young people's speech, language and communication skills.



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- 📍 GOALS SOCCER CENTRE
- 🕒 9:30AM TIL 10:30AM
- 👤 AGES 5-7 & 7-11
- 💷 £30 (6 WEEK TERM)
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# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is all about 'Amigo'.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls: essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

**AGE RATING**  
18

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chats, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial of Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take those relationships in a more mature and amorous direction.

#### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases. Users are encouraged to pay for VIP membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increase the number of messages they can send daily.

#### LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 18 or above. There's no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a fake age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

#### REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds, while there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'intimacy levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches Intimacy Level 3, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they've enjoyed doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approvals' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

#### RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

#### BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.

#### ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions: this empowers them and reassures them that you're there to be supportive. If the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government, comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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