

BOLTON BROW BROADCAST

27th October 2023

The broadcast can also be found at: <https://www.boltonbrow.com/news>

Attendance – school target 97%

Average whole school attendance so far = 95.4%

Best Attended Class this Week: YR1 98.67% PTB!



Achievement Awards 20 th October 2023		Achievement Awards 27 th October 2023		Accelerated Reader Awards
Nursery	Mylo	Nursery	Steven	Rainbow: Daniel M (4), Max (5), Maya & Rainey (6), Bronze: Amelia B (5)
Reception	Quinn & Amelia	Reception	Zac & Ruby	
Year 1	George & Ellie	Year 1	Theo & Thea	
Year 2	Connor & Reggie	Year 2	Ethie & The Whole Class	Silver: George L (4)
Year 3	Matilda & Tristran	Year 3	Jude & Teddie-James	
Year 4	Evelyn & Seth	Year 4	Eleanor & Emmerson	Gold:
Year 5	Ayla & Charlie R	Year 5	Amber & Emily	
Year 6	Thomas & Iris	Year 6	Layla & Oliver	

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is starting to feel autumnal outside, however, we have had an action packed half term and achieved so much over the last eight weeks.

It was lovely to see so many of you last week at our first parent / carer consultation of the year. This is always an important meeting where your child's class teacher can share targets and discuss with you how to support your child at home. Remember, we have an open-door policy, and you can make an appointment to speak to the class teacher at any time.

This week, Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Jerusalem Farm to support their science enquiry. The children spent time exploring the area and learning more about the habitats, along with the flora and fauna that can be found in that part of the valley. As always, I witnessed excellent behaviour and we received nothing but positive comments from members of the public.

On Monday, six members of the school council and I went along to Netherton Infant School and took part in the production of a short film in preparation for this year's anti-bullying week. I can't wait to share the final version of the short film with you all very soon! Remember, linking to anti-bullying week on Monday 13th November, we all need to wear odd socks!

On Thursday it was great to see so many of you at our reception class phonics information session. The love of reading is the golden thread throughout our school and every child will not only leave Bolton Brow as a reader but as a lover of reading. Phonics remains the main strategy that we use to approach/decode unfamiliar words and spelling across the school.

On Sunday 12th November the school councillors and I will be representing the school at the remembrance service at Crow Wood park memorial gate. You are all welcome to attend this short service which will start at 10:40am.

Remember, we will still be holding Tea and Toast on Tuesdays. Pop along for a brew and a chat! Please note we will not be having Tea and Toast on the 7th November 2023.

Once again, thank you for all your kind words and support this half term. I feel truly privileged to be the headteacher of Bolton Brow. Take care, have a lovely half term and remember, **school reopens on Tuesday 7th November 2023.**

Mr P Kelesidis (Headteacher)

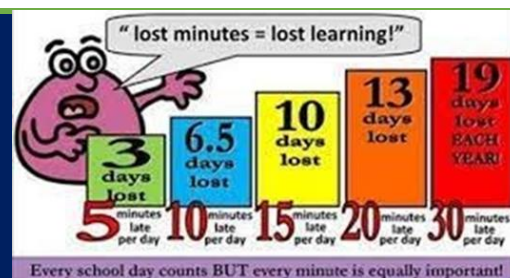
Attendance – don't miss the best days of your life!

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be working with the school council to create a child friendly attendance policy. The aim is that the children have greater understanding that attendance is very important for their education and well-being.

Our target is for every child to achieve at least 97% attendance each academic year. As you can see from the pictures to the right this means a child can miss no more than 5 school days. An attendance of 95% and under means a child has missed 10 days of school. Let's work together to get it up to and above 97%.

Punctuality is also important. We want everyone to be in their classrooms from 8:45am each day. Please note if you arrive on site after 9:00am the classroom doors will be closed. You will need to accompany your child to the main school entrance.

Let's make next half term an amazing one! *Proud to Attend Brow!*



Attendance Ladder		
How close is your child to 100%?		
0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Reception Class 2024 - <https://www.boltonbrow.com/admissions>

We will be holding our open day for prospective families on the following date & times:

Tuesday 7th November at 4:00pm and 5:00pm.

Please contact the school office to book a place. **Spread the word!**

If you need further advice or support, please contact school.



Well-being

Remember, if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing you may want to visit the school website where there is a dedicated section on supporting wellbeing and mental health. If you would prefer to speak in person you can ask to speak to Miss Wardle or any member of staff who will aim to provide support and guidance over the issue you are concerned about.

Please remember you can find useful links to support well-being on our updated website.

<https://www.boltonbrow.com/emotionalhealthandwellbeing>

Workshops - Remember to visit:

<https://openmindscamhs.org.uk/parent-carer-workshops/>

Poppies

Straight after half term, Year 6 will be going round classes selling poppies to support the Royal British Legion. A minimum donation of 20p is suggested.

Other items are available to buy:

Snap bands £1 Wrist Bands 50p Reflective Poppy Clips 50p Zip Zags 30p



Best belly buddies

Since breathing is something that we do all the time, it is one of the best tools you have to bring you into the present moment, and there is no better way to engage young children than by using their favourite soft toy.

Tip: pick your favourite soft toy as your belly buddy. Young children will need a parent to guide them while older children may do this independently.

1. Lie on the ground on your back.
2. Place your soft toy on top of your belly.
3. Look at your toes.
4. Slowly breathe in through your nose and count 1, 2, 3 in your head.
5. Hold your breath and count 1, 2, 3 in your head.
6. Slowly breathe out through your mouth and count 1, 2, 3 in your head.
7. Repeat these steps for at least 3 minutes.



Bolton Brow PFA – need your help!

This academic year the PFA have lots of exciting things planned to help raise money for our children. For any of these events to be a success they **NEED YOUR HELP**. If you can help, please contact pfa@boltonbrow.calderdale.sch.uk or speak to one of the team.

Up and coming events:

Friday 27th October – Halloween Disco – this evening!

More festive events coming soon!

BROWTIVITY:

Remember each week to try and make time for active play, just like you schedule time for homework.

This week's suggestion is: Hula hoop (you're never too old!) Burn calories and tone muscles by using a weighted hula hoop. You can even do it whilst watching TV!



Calderdale Active Education

Safeguarding

We take our responsibilities in the safeguarding of the children at our school very seriously, following the guidance set out by the Department for Education. All members of our school community play a part in keeping our children safe. Here you can find out about the systems we have in place to do so, and what to do if you have any concerns about the safety of any of our children - please do act! More information can be found on the school website:

<https://www.boltonbrow.com/safeguarding>

Diary Dates

Half Term Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023

Monday 6th November 2023 School Closed – Cluster Training Day

Tuesday 7th November 2023 – School Opens.

Tuesday 7th November – Reception Tour for 2024 4pm & 5pm

Sunday 12th November 2023 – Remembrance Service at Crow Wood Park

Monday 13th November – Wear odd socks day (Anti-bullying week)

Monday 13th November – Nursery Bonfire 2-3pm

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day – BE SPOTACULAR

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st November – YR6 Bikeability

Friday 24th November – PFA Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th December EFFS/ KS1 Production (more Information to follow)

Wednesday 20th December 2023 Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December 2023 Christmas Lunch

Friday 22nd December 2023 Carol Service at Christchurch PM

Dates for
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diary.....