



# WINTER NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**Our pupils have made a fantastic start to the school year with their hard work, dedicated approach to learning and extra-curricular activity.**

The autumn term has been packed full of creativity with excellent work produced in all classes across school. Children have participated in dedicated themes such as Anti-Bullying Week, Black History Month and Roald Dahl Day where they had opportunities to debate issues, discuss topics and present their work.

We are particularly proud of our Reception pupils for settling so well into school life but also of our Year 6 buddies for being such super role models to our younger pupils.

We are delighted to welcome you back into school for our much-loved concerts, plays and nativities, something we have truly missed over the last few years. Staff and children

have worked very hard in the weeks leading up to Christmas to ensure pupils are well prepared for performing in front of an audience and to showcase their talents. These performances bring such joy to our school and always make us immensely proud. A big thank you to you to everyone involved in the planning and delivery of these, especially our superstar students.

We hope you have a well-deserved rest and a wonderful Christmas with your families.

**Mrs C Harris, Headteacher**



## Browney remembers

**This term saw our school mark Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence to honour those who have lost their lives serving our country.**

Our Year 6 children delivered a thoughtful assembly, outlining the importance of Remembrance Day and why this day is so significant in the British calendar. Before the event, Year 6 worked hard to create a remembrance wreath commemorating all soldiers who have lost their lives to war.



# A great start to school life

**Our Reception children have had a great start to the term and school life.**

The children all love 'show and tell' and talking to their friends about things they have brought in from home. This has prepared them for their Christmas performance of 'We Three Kings'.

The group have loved listening to and acting out stories and know about titles, blurbs, characters and settings. We (and Reception!) would like to say a massive thank you to our Year 6 buddies who have played such a big part in helping our youngest pupils settle into school. Reception love spending time with you!

We can't wait to watch Reception children flourish even more next term.



## Dates for your diary

**20 Dec** Break up for Christmas

**05 Jan** Back to school

**17 Feb** Break up for half term

**27 Feb** Back to school

**31 Mar** Break up for Easter

**18 Apr** Back to school

**1 May** May Day bank holiday

**26 May** Break up for half term

To keep up to date with all news and events please visit:

[www.browneyacademy.co.uk](http://www.browneyacademy.co.uk)

## Festive fun

This term saw the return of our annual Christmas Fair and plenty of other festive activities for the whole school to enjoy

We were delighted to be joined by members of the community as we offered up some lovely Christmas gifts. Not only were the gifts made by our pupils, but we were thrilled to be joined by a selection of local businesses.

Outside of the classroom, the festivities didn't stop. Our choir sang beautifully at the Brandon and Meadowfield Christmas light switch-on. Bravo!

## Christmas joke

From Year 2

Why is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars?

*Because their days are numbered!*



# Jet and Ben return!

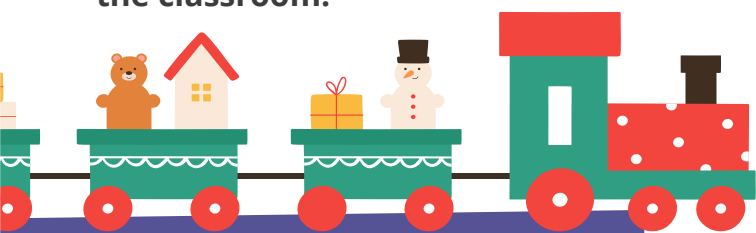
This term we were thrilled to welcome back PC Kerr alongside her police dogs, Jet and Ben!

PC Kerr came to talk to our Reception children about all the vehicles the police use to link with their topic, Marvellous Machines. As always, our children behaved brilliantly and loved the session with our special guests, despite the bad weather!



## Terrific trips

This year our pupils have enjoyed various trips to expand their learning outside the classroom.



## We're social



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# Christmas door competition

As you will all know by now, we love a Christmas door decorating competition here at Browney Academy!

We let our Facebook followers decide this year's winner. A big well done to Year 2 for their winning door. Great job everyone!



Year 3 had a great day out when they headed to the Centre for Life in Newcastle to add to their bank of scientific knowledge. After studying light in the classroom, the class enjoyed a workshop on their trip which focussed on how light travels.

Vesper said: "I know that light travels in a straight line and that only white light can create rainbows".

We look forward to more trips next term.

## Did you know that our school regularly posts exciting updates on Facebook and Twitter?

Our social media pages are a great way to connect to our online Browney Academy community. You can find photos, videos and important updates on our pages and see what your little ones are up to in the classroom. If you don't follow our pages already, please give us a like or a follow to stay in the loop!

# Autumn term snapshot

Check out some photos from the first term on the new academic year. We've had a lot of fun!



## Christmas Kindness

Our Year 5 pupils have enjoyed opening their kindness advent calendar each day and putting smiles on each other's faces.

Each member of the class wrote a kind message and put it behind each door. Every day a member of the class opens the door and receives a positive encouraging message (and some chocolate, of course!).

## Pupils celebrate what makes them unique

In support of Anti-Bullying Week, our school celebrated Odd Sock Day.

There was a sea of colour as lots of crazy socks descended onto Browney Academy to celebrate what makes us all unique. A big thank you to our anti-bullying ambassadors who led an assembly about what bullying is, where to go for help and the importance of not being a bystander.



# We love to read at Browney Academy

Our Browney Book Fair was a huge success this year. There was a fantastic range of new and pre-loved books for sale, which our children enthusiastically chose from across the two days.

Each class spent time at the fair with their teachers and family members and enjoyed reading stories to each other. There was a brilliant buzz about new book releases and exciting authors, and as always, it was clear we truly love reading

at Browney! Thank you to all who attended, as well as to those who came to help run the event. Thanks to all the Scholastic book sales, we have now been rewarded with a school book discount.

From our pre-loved book sale, we raised £102 which will go towards buying new books for our school library.



## Bonsai bonanza

This term our Gardening Club were very excited to welcome a special visitor, David.

David kindly came into school to give our keen gardeners a very interesting talk on bonsai trees. He showed the club different varieties of the trees, including sapling, yew trees, windswept,

formal and informal bonsais. Our children learned lots of new Japanese phrases like Yama Dori (meaning tree collectors) and Urbandori (meaning someone that recycles other people's trees).

Everyone was thrilled at the end of the session to receive their very own bonsai to plant and take home to keep!





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## Making the move to teaching is easier than you think...

Did you know you can train to be a teacher in our school? Training to teach in our school with North East SCITT takes less time and is more affordable than many people realise. Our nine-month courses begin every September meaning you could be starting out on a new career before you know it. Many people worry they don't have what

it takes to make the move into teaching, but with training and support from our team of experienced, outstanding teachers who are right beside you from day one, we always prove them wrong. If you have a good degree and the desire to learn new skills and make a difference, then we'd love to talk to you.

## Thinking about training to teach?

Come and spend the morning at The Academy at Shotton Hall in Peterlee or Browney Academy in Durham to get a taste of what teacher training is like with North East SCITT.

19 <sup>th</sup>	January	2023
8 <sup>th</sup>	February	2023
10 <sup>th</sup>	March	2023
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