

# Bel Royal School Autumn Term Newsletter

## December 2023

As we conclude another term filled with learning, growth, and shared experiences, I am immensely proud of our children's achievements and it has been a pleasure witnessing the enthusiasm and creativity that permeates our classrooms daily. As we approach the well-deserved holiday break, I extend my gratitude to our supportive parents and wider school community.

We have embraced the festive spirit this week with performances and a very successful Christmas Fayre led by the pupils and supported by our amazing Parent Community Group. These activities aim to create cherished memories for the children and also have provided some super financial literacy work throughout the whole school. We made a fantastic grand total of £1,142. Each class will be given their class profit which they would like to spend on outdoor learning equipment or activities for wet playtimes.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful holiday, and looking forward to the exciting adventures that the next term will bring

**Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year!**  
**Claire Hammond**



**Festive fun!**

This half term has been a busy one for Year 6

We began by studying poetry from World War 1 and prepared a performance of *For the Fallen* by Laurence Binyon for Remembrance Day. We then wrote our own poems drawing on the poems we had studied as our inspiration. We finished the term by studying a poetic adaptation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and writing our own versions of the story from the perspective of one of the 3 ghosts who visited Scrooge.

Everyone has worked hard this half term to complete their geography home learning task, finding out about one of the States in the US. We have enjoyed many special treats as children prepared culinary delights from their state.

As part of our end of term celebrations, we were most fortunate to go ice-skating. We had a wonderful time and the children behaved exceptionally with the staff commenting on how polite and respectful they were!

## Bel Royal School Choir

Our new choir started this half term with the children learning and practising Christmas songs. Although it is currently a small choir, they have worked very hard, and we were excited to sing for the residents of three care homes. All the children sang beautifully, and our audience thoroughly enjoyed listening and joining in with the songs that they knew. After each performance, the children spent time talking with the audience members, which was a lovely experience for all.

Our choir continues next term and children from Years 3 – 6 are welcome to join. We meet after school each Monday, finishing at 4pm. If your child would like to join, then please send Mrs Fairhead a message to confirm details.

### Save the Date

**Apetito will be running a presentation, Q & A and tasting session to give parents more information about Hot School Lunches on 10th January 3.30pm—4.30pm**



### Multilingual News!

Next term, Home-Language Games Club will begin. This is an exciting opportunity where children can socialise and play with children across the school speaking a range of different languages. More information, will be sent out in January.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, we will be celebrating International Home-Languages day. To celebrate the multilingual community Bel Royal has, we will be opening this day up to families that would like to share their home-language with us. Miss Benn will be in contact nearer the time.

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all about the Ancient Greeks, from the Olympics to independently researching and writing about their favourite Gods. In our science learning we have enjoyed exploring the lifecycles of animals and have begun exploring the properties of different materials.

We miss Madame Mann, but we look forward to doing more French next term with Mrs Lopes. Five hackers have helped us hone our coding skills, thank you to PWC.



Our School Choir