

# THE BRENTSIDE BULLETIN

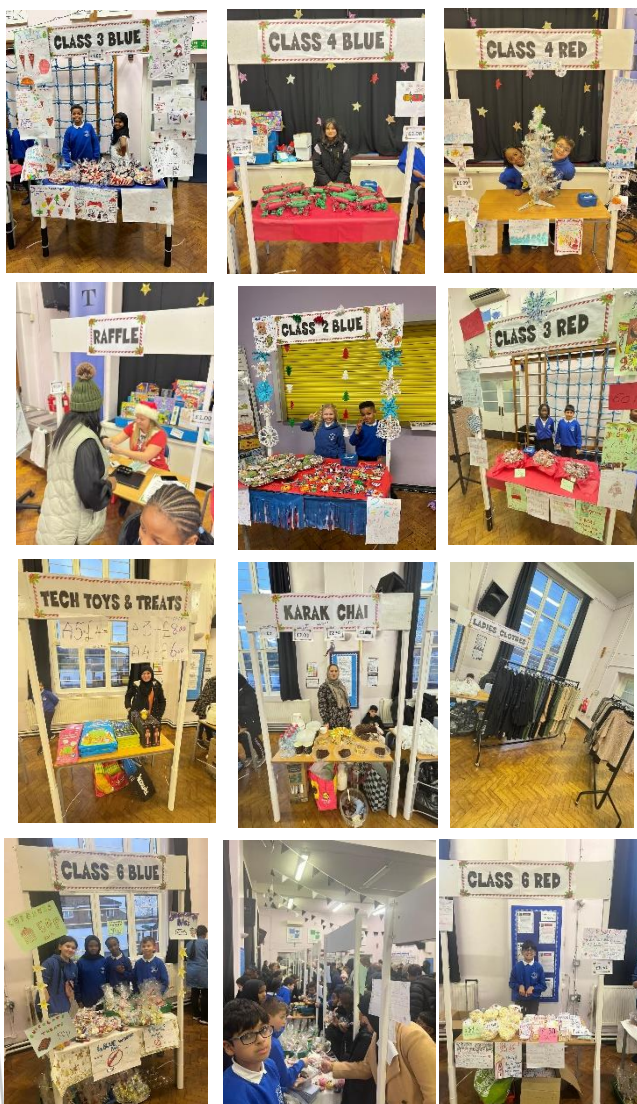


Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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## WINTER FAIR

Brentside's Winter Fair was held last week and was a wonderful afternoon! Despite the rain moving the Fair inside to our halls, this didn't dampen the festive spirit and we still had a lovely time celebrating. Each class sold the goods they had designed and made in Enterprise fortnight, while we had many parents offering a range of delicious foods or ideal winter gifts. Meanwhile, there was the chance to try your luck in our raffle or in one of our fun games to win a prize. We also had a range of drinks and snacks to keep everyone warm and full. The winning classes for Enterprise were 1 Blue in KS1 with £54.50 and 5 Red in KS2 with £154.50- congratulations! However, everyone agreed that all classes did a fantastic job with their stalls. Overall, we raised a huge **£1,492** for Brentside, every penny of which will go towards improving the school for our pupils. A priority this year is improvements to our classroom interactive whiteboards. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped to make the Fair a success.



## WINTER CONCERTS

The unpredictable weather again meant a move inside for our Winter Concerts, where our pupils put their all into performing winter and Christmas songs for their parents and families. The children gave fantastic performances and brightened up everyone's day with their festive efforts. A big thank you to Ms. Murphy and the class teachers and TAs for all their hard work in planning, preparing, and running the concerts, and a thank you to the parents, guardians, and family who came along to support (& sing along too!)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

17/12 Eco Refill Shop 3.30pm

19/12 Class Parties

20/12 LAST DAY OF TERM- 1.30pm FINISH FOR ALL

## ECO REFILL SHOP

The Eco Warriors held their first Eco Refill shop in the playground, offering fantastic eco-friendly household products at great prices. The Eco-Warriors were rushed off their feet with orders coming in and we have no doubt there will be returning customers to stock up on their shower gel, cleaning products, and more. Thank you to all who supported and contributed to our mission to promote cleaner, greener habits. The next shop is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December-come along!



## Y4 HISTORY DAY

Year 4 have been learning about the Magna Carta and the early lawmakers of the Anglo-Saxons in History this term, and came to school for their History Day dressed in costumes inspired by King John and the barons of the time.



## GIRLS' FOOTBALL



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Brentside has been alive with the sound of Christmas cheer this week with all our year group assemblies taking place.

It was lovely to see all the pupils in fine voice and so many parents and carers there to support their children.

Our Winter Fair was another roaring success and so lovely to see the school community come together!

A huge thank you to our staff who dedicate their time and hard work in the lead up to these events and supporting on the day. It could not happen without you all.

Next week we have a few other events and our termly awards assembly taking place before a well-deserved break.

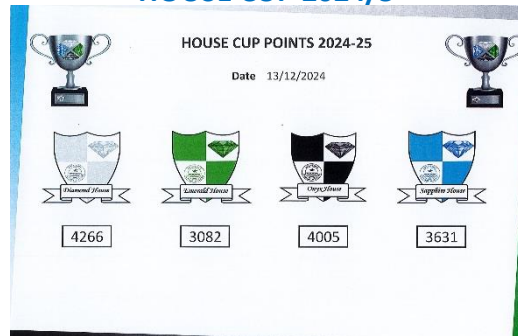
Have a great weekend and see you all next week.

**Mrs. Crosdale**

## HEADTEACHER/VALUES AWARDS

- Y1** Akeem
- Y3** Parsan, Ahmed, Debbie,
- Y4** Marwa, Hila, Uma, Sarah, Jada, Aasya
- Y5** Kareem, Maryam, Aniyah, Noor, Taim, Sulaiman
- Y6** Khadija, Alfie, Hannah, Bianka, Mustafa, Sophia S.

## HOUSE CUP 2024/5



## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please do not hesitate to email or call us if you have any queries or concerns & we will do our best to answer these for you.

Email: [admin@brentsideprimary.ealing.sc.h.uk](mailto:admin@brentsideprimary.ealing.sc.h.uk)

Our school website is an important resource for you.

We update this regularly with information about the school, news and bulletins, and websites that can support you and your family.

<https://www.brentsideprimaryacademy.co.uk/>

## WINTER FAIR THANK YOUS

Our Winter Fair could not have gone ahead without the tireless hard work and generosity of many individuals and companies. Thank you to Mel for her organisation and teachers and TAs for helping out, our parent governors (especially our Chair of Governors Eilidh!), Hunter's family for their generous toy donation, and to the parents and families who ran a stall. The following organisations kindly donated prizes for our raffle, which alone raised £430! **Thank you.** We are lucky to have so many amazing cultural spots in our local area, please do consider visiting them if you are able to.



## LFB FIRE SAFETY ADVICE

**Free Home Fire Safety Visits:** The London Fire Brigade want to stop fires from happening and that is why we offer free home fire safety visits to help keep you and your loved ones safe. **What happens during a home fire safety visit?** Our firefighters or trained staff will visit you at home, at a time that suits you and carry out a risk assessment. They will give you advice based on your home and individual needs

### How to book a Home Fire Safety

**Visit:** Freephone: 0800 028 4428  
Email: [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk) Text /SMS: 07860 021 319

**Worried about a relative, friend or neighbour?** Although everyone is eligible for a free home fire safety visit, some people with health problems or lifestyle behaviours can have an increased chance of a fire happening. If you are worried about anyone, give them our details to arrange a free home fire safety visit or simply ask them if they would like you to book a visit for them. Please contact LFB for extra advice if you are not sure.

## EALING FOODBANK

If you are struggling, call 0808 2082138 for free to speak to a trained and independent agent confidentially about your circumstances. Alternatively, speak to the school office about making a referral to the foodbank.

## SKILLS BUILDER

Get a piece of paper and write down everything that you have done to make yourself feel proud this week.

Think about if you faced any challenges. Think about every time you kept trying. Think about every time you encouraged someone else to keep trying too.

**Extension:** Do the same activity but for a family member or a friend, show them why they should feel positive and proud as well.

### Staying Positive

#### Reflection Questions

**Getting Started:** How do you know if something is too difficult for you?

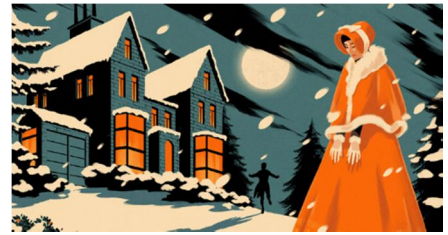
**Intermediate:** Why is it important to be willing to take on new challenges?

**Advanced:** What resources might you need to achieve your goals?

**Mastery:** What steps do you need to put in place to make your goals happen?

## QUESTORS THEATRE

### The Mystery of Fellstone Manor 13 Dec - 30 Dec 24 | The Studio



Fall under the spell of Fellstone Manor.

Returning to his ancestral home with his bride-to-be, a groom keenly anticipates his Christmas wedding. The snow-covered Fellstone Manor looks like the perfect venue for a seasonal celebration. But the dark secrets of the past start to haunt the present. Will an ancient curse stand in the way of the couple's future happiness? Immerse yourself in the chilling and enchanting story of The Mystery of Fellstone Manor at the world premiere of Jude Emmet's spellbinding new play.

#### Info

Friday 13 - Monday 30 December

All shows at 7:30pm

Except Sunday 15, 22 and 29 at 2:30pm

No shows on 16, 17, 24, 25, 26 and 27 December

No age advisory, however young children may not find interesting

#### Book

here:

<https://www.questors.org.uk/event.aspx?id=1236>

## QUESTORS THEATRE

### Jack and the Beanstalk

06 Dec - 14 Dec 24 | The Judi Dench Playhouse



Ealing's most loved pantomime is back. Oh yes it is!

Join Jack on his quest up into the clouds to defeat the Giant and save the Princess aided (or should that be hindered) by his mother and brother.

It's the feel-good family show you've BEAN waiting for. Get ready for some Fee Fi Fo FUN with all your traditional panto favourites – expect slapstick, villains, dance routines and piles of audience participation. Join us for a show full of magic, mishaps and mayhem

Don't miss your chance to singalong, laugh and shout out loud this Christmas – book now!

#### Dates

Friday 6 December to Tuesday 31 December.  
Performances on weekdays at 7pm  
Performances on Saturdays at 2pm and 7pm  
Performances on Sundays at 1pm  
Extra NYE matinee on Tuesday 31 December at 3pm.

Relaxed performance on Sunday 15 December at 1pm. **Book here:** <https://www.questors.org.uk/event.aspx?id=1228>

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.org.uk](https://www.nationalcollege.org.uk).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

- 1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY**  
Children spend more time online during school holidays. Increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Encourage screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussion about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement can help manage digital habits and encourage safe online behaviour.
- 2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS**  
The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, candles and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overload and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.
- 3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS**  
More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and contact local embassies. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.
- 4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES**  
Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Discuss allergies, understand labelling and seek allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to communicate their needs and recognize dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.
- 5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS**  
Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded public spaces, schools and family gatherings can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasize hygiene, encourage vaccinations, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.
- 6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD**  
Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and footwear weather can compromise road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.
- 7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS**  
Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mismanaged. Frayed wires, topping Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.
- 8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS**  
Smart toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls, setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.
- 9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE**  
Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, schedule regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.
- 10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY**  
Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, making excessive drinking a safety concern. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide non-alcoholic alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modeling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

**Meet Our Expert**  
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**#WakeUpWednesday**  
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Source: See all reference list on guide page at <https://www.nationalcollege.org.uk/guides/safety-over-the-festive-season>

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