



# The Bader Bugle



Autumn Term 14

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18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## **A message from Mr Hodgson**

We made it! We got there! We have reached the end of term!

Not the easiest of years, certainly since March with a lockdown, partial school opening and then year group bubbles having to close because of positive Covid cases. What I will say, is, we have done our absolute best to ensure that school is safe, to continue to keep your children safe, to provide learning virtually, when necessary, and to attempt to keep everyone's well-being positive too. I would like to thank you for all your support this year and whilst I appreciate some things have taken time to adjust, or have been difficult to understand, everything we have done has been done with the children and staff's best interests at heart. I would also like to thank the staff for all their efforts and hard work, generally, but certainly since March, this year.

## **Positive Covid-19 cases during the school holidays**

The Department for Education have instructed schools that they must continue to track and trace any contacts of positive Covid-19 cases during the school holidays. Therefore, it is essential that you contact the school via [bader@bader.org.uk](mailto:bader@bader.org.uk) should your child receive a positive COVID test result.

A member of the Senior Team will contact you to determine if they were infectious in school and establish close contacts of your child, who will then need to self-isolate according to Public Health advice.

Any information regarding the need for your child to self-isolate will be communicated to you through Class Dojo School Comms. We thank you for your support with this matter.

## **Read for the Stars**

We say a BIG WELL DONE to **Hallie Allison, Jake Burton, Tyler Hobbs, Inaayah Wajid, James Chambers, Millie Foxton, Leon Callen, Ollie Clayton, Lucca Collantine, Betsy Hughes, Faris Ahmed, Felicity Robson, Freddie Jackson, Isobel Potter, Harley Atkins, Aleisha Dunford, Afiya Ahmed, Maddie Benson,**



**Saif Ahmed and Nyla Smith** for 'Reaching the sun'. Reading every day is part of our home school agreement and home learning. Please read with your child or encourage them to read aloud to you or to find a quiet place and lose themselves in a really good book. Christmas time would be a great time to share a story with your children. School this week, purchased and delivered (express delivery from Santa), a book for every pupil in school, such is our commitment to reading.

## **Douglas Bader**

When we return in January, we will be learning again about the man who our school is named after – Douglas Bader. This block of learning will take place in the first week of the new year which coincidentally will be school's 50<sup>th</sup> year of opening. Watch this space for details of anniversary celebrations as the year progresses and hopefully the current situation allows. Our school motto 'Aiming High' was born from Douglas Bader, and is one of our very important values.

## **Dates for your diary**

We re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter break



## **Christmas Raffle**

We raised an incredible **£443.34** from our coloured bubbles hampers, this year.

Thank you for your donations and for purchasing tickets. Thank you also to Mrs Watson and Mrs Bryan for their hard work for Friends of Bader.



### Christmas Performances

We hope that you enjoyed your class/year group performance this year albeit a little bit different to normal, global pandemic or not.

### Farewell, but not Goodbye

Today, we said goodbye to Miss Grainger, one of our super Nursery staff. Miss Grainger has worked at Bader just over 2 years and leaves us to pursue a Master's Degree in Social Work. I would like to wish her well for the future and thank her for her hard work, efforts and support since September 2018.

Good luck, Miss Grainger!

We welcome, Miss Tierney into the Early Years setting from January.

### After School Clubs

Just a reminder that the afterschool clubs start back up again on the first week back. The year groups will be Y1, Y4, Y5 and Y6. The sessions are 60 minutes long, taking place from the 1<sup>st</sup> week back in January and continuing until February half term.

Monday - Year 6                      3:00pm – 4:00pm

Tuesday - Year 1                    2:30pm – 3:30pm

Wednesday - Year 4                2:45pm – 3:45pm

Thursday - Year 5                  3:00pm – 4:00pm

Please could you make sure your child is dressed for PE on their afterschool club day and that they have a drink for the session. Children will leave school via the main office. Please remember to remain socially distanced whilst waiting outside.

### Uniform

We are proud of our school and our school motto of 'Aiming High'. The vast majority of our children follow the uniform policy which gives a real sense of belonging to our community. This is just a reminder that acceptable footwear is flat black shoes or black plain trainers please. Children will be expected to change into black plimsolls inside if they wear inappropriate footwear. Information about our uniform can be found on our school website

[www.bader.org.uk](http://www.bader.org.uk)

We need to be mindful of our school uniform again, from January, please.

### Twitter



We now have an amazing **2250** followers on Twitter. **Don't miss out!** You can catch up on all the exciting learning that has been captured on Twitter in the last week (@BaderPrimary) for postings of the latest news and events going on in school. Also, check out our school website:

<http://www.bader.org.uk/>

### Curriculum

We are continuing to teach an ambitious a broad and balanced curriculum, post lockdown, in all subjects. Here is a selection of Twitter posts this week.



We now look forward to a positive, prosperous new year in 2021. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you again for your support, from Mr Hodgson and all staff.

**SCHOOL HAS NOW CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON  
4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021.**

