



# The Bader Bugle



Spring Term 7

X: @BaderPrimary

21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

## **A message from Mr Hodgson**

And so it is half term: lighter mornings, lighter evenings and hopefully better weather ahead. At the time of writing, I am on my way to Kingswood, Dearne Valley in Doncaster to see what exciting, adventurous activities Year 6 are getting involved with.

## **Mid Year Learning Reviews**

Please remember that we have organised these for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, letters have gone out and you should have an appointment now. It is really important that you attend on one of these days in order to find out how your child is finding the learning in their particular year group, attitudes to learning, home learning, behaviour, reading at home, are all discussed in these 1:1 consultations and here we will suggest what are the next steps for your child.

On these evenings, we will also have school governors in attendance (who would welcome your thoughts about school). Thornaby Family Hub will also be there, who are able to offer a range of services and advice. Also, our lovely cook, Charlotte will be providing some traditional cake and pizza to go with the refreshments that Mrs Bryan will sell on behalf of Friends of Bader on these evenings.

## **Pen Licence**


For children who have beautifully formed, joined handwriting, their reward is a 'Pen Licence'. This allows them to use a pen for all writing in school. Also, they are presented with a certificate in assembly, are given a pen licence card to carry with them and are given a special place in the hall on our 'Roll of Honour' board. This week's lucky pupils to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are: **Alice Large, Teddy Farndale and Tyler Simpson.**

(We are on a roll this week!)



## **Rights Respecting School**

As a gold accredited, Rights Respecting School, we look at an Article every 2 weeks. For the next two weeks:

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|  | <b>Right of the fortnight</b>  |
|   | Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups)<br>Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live. |

### Read for the Stars

Another child reaching the sun TWICE, and therefore a big well done to: **George Robinson**.

A child reaching the sun for the first time this academic year were: **Aria Hood**. (Keep up the reading!)

Remember, home reading is vital and we are the only school in this area (as far as I am aware) that rewards reading with free books - such is the importance that our school places on reading.

All we ask that children read a minimum of 4 times a week in Early Years and Key Stage 1, and 5 times a week in Key Stage 2 (up to the maximum of seven times a week). We would love children to read more than 1 book/ chapter a night at home but they will only have 1 stamp a day recorded in their reading rocket card.



### Children's Book Project

We are delighted to have signed up for the Children's Book Project. This is a national charity that believes every child should have access to good quality, exciting and relevant books.

If you would like to make a donation to school of good condition children's books, please drop them

into the school office and we will sort them from there. Full details on [www.childrensbookproject.co.uk](http://www.childrensbookproject.co.uk)



### School Meal Price Increase

You may remember that I informed you in December of the school meal price increase by Stockton Borough Council and that a school meal would increase to £3.31 from March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025. Unfortunately, this now will take effect after half term. Apologies again, but I am sure that you understand that school has no direct control over meal prices as the service is provided by Stockton Borough Council.

### Dates for your diaries

**Professional Development Days** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 (half term begins)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Easter break begins)

**Mid Year Learning Reviews** - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

X



Our X followers are currently **2514** which is amazing. **Don't miss out!** You can catch up on all the exciting learning that has been captured on X in the last week (@BaderPrimary). For postings of the latest news and events going on in school, please follow us on X. Also, check out our school website:

<http://www.bader.org.uk/> Check out today's photographs too!

### 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, after half term, please.





## Attendance

### Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

The importance of being punctual and coming to school can never be underestimated, in terms of contributing massively to children's learning. We have started slowly with attendance and cannot stress how important it is that children are in school.

Attendance goal: 96%

### Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

| Class              | % Attendance  | Lates   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| REC Mrs Douthwaite | 91.76%  | 0  |
| Rec Mrs Parr       | 95%   | 3   |
| Y1/ 2 Mrs Bowe     | 92.78%  | 5   |
| Y1/ 2 Mrs Poulson  | 87.78%  | 5   |
| Y2 Mrs Jones       | 98.75%  | 1   |
| Y3 Mrs Robinson    | 95.65%  | 3   |
| Y3 Mrs Spencer     | 96.96%  | 5   |
| Y4 Miss Robson     | 96.47%  | 6   |
| Y5 Miss Horrigan   | 88.1%   | 2   |
| Y5 Miss Weir       | 94.29%  | 8   |
| Y6 Miss Bennett    | 99.5%  | 1   |
| Y6 Mr Robinson     | 98%   | 1   |

### Attendance Ladder



### Attendance of the school year

Week 21, or week 6 of the new term, saw attendance similar to the previous week of 94.9%, from Reception to Year 6. We also had 212 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (83.13% of pupils having full attendance), which is very good.

Punctuality for some pupils is still a concern though with **40 lates being recorded** across school for that week. Remember, school doors open at 8.40am and we operate a 'soft' start until the bell rings at 8.55am.

The attendance team sent out 6 unauthorised absence letter and 4 term time leave absence letters.

Coming to school on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from Nursery onwards. Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain reading and math skills.
- Build friendships.
- Build on good progress which leads to reaching age related expectations and above.

### Do I need to keep my child off school?

HSC Public Health Agency

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| <b>Chicken Pox</b><br>Until all spots have crusted over       | <b>Conjunctivitis</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | <b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b><br>48 hours from last episode                      | <b>Glandular Fever</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | <b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | <b>Impetigo</b><br>Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics |
| <b>Measles or German Measles</b><br>4 days from onset of rash | <b>Mumps</b><br>5 days from onset of swelling   | <b>Scabies</b><br>Until after first treatment                                      | <b>Scarlet Fever</b><br>24 hours after commencing antibiotics                          | <b>Slapped Cheek</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed          | <b>Whooping Cough</b><br>48 Hours after commencing antibiotics                                 |
| <b>Flu</b><br>Until recovered                                 | <b>Head Lice</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed      | <b>Threadworms</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | <b>Tonsillitis</b><br>No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed     |   |  |

## Kingswood Residential

What a brilliant residential the Year 6's are having/have had. This where children develop skills that they would not ordinarily be able to at home, as easily. Our Bader values of 'Happiness', 'Aiming high', 'Determination', 'Excellence' and 'Respect', of course, are still at the forefront though, but things like teamwork, organisation and resilience and generally leaving one's 'comfort zone' are really developed when away from a school environment. This is a trip heavily subsidised by school in order for as many of our Year 6's as possible being able to attend. Check out X (formerly Twitter) and Class Dojo to see what they have been getting up to.



## Curriculum

We continue to teach as ambitious a broad and balanced curriculum as possible in all subjects. Here is a selection of Twitter posts this week: You will notice that we have included the Rights Respecting School Articles too.



We have a Nursery hospital this afternoon!  
#RRSArticle24

Reception have been developing their fine motor skill through painting, drawing and writing. #RRSArticle29



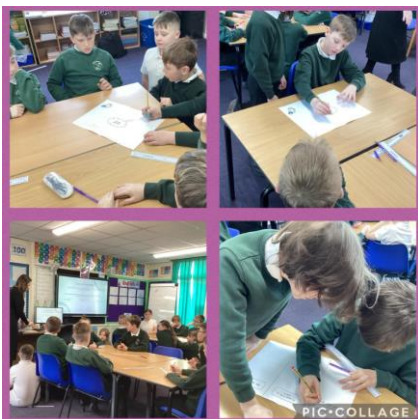
Y1/2 have been discussing acts of kindness. They shared ideas of how to fill someone's bucket. #RRSArticle29

Y2 had a lovely trip to our school library! We were searching for the next book in the Rabbit & Bear series and we enjoyed choosing something to read whilst we were there! #RRSArticle31



Year 3 have been assessing their knowledge of rocks in Science. They have been conducting scratch tests to determine which type of rock is most suitable for a pavement and recording their findings #RRSArticle28

Y4 have had a fantastic morning at Thornaby Library with Ivan. We found out facts about the library, explored their collection of books and listened to a captivating folk tale. #RRSArticle31



Year 5 have had an internet safety workshop today. They thought about how to stay safe online and how they use different sites at home, school and when they are by themselves. #RRSArticle3



Have a lovely weekend and a lovely half term break.  
School re-opens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.  
Mr Hodgson