



The Bratton Bugle



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IT'S CHRISTMAS AT BRATTON!

We have had a very busy few weeks, full of festive fun! We have made Christmas hats and decorations, created Christmas Advent windows across the school, eaten a Christmas dinner, worn Christmas jumpers, had Christmas parties and even met Santa!



On Sunday 11th December, we were all treated to an amazing SNOW DAY!!!

We had **snow** much fun!

In school we have had EPIC snowball fights as well as awesome snowman making!

Mrs Williams said the snow was the icing on the cake to our Christmas celebrations!

Rosie

Christmas Tree



On Monday 28th November we saw the arrival of our school Christmas tree!

Each class made a different decoration to hang. Zebras made cute snowmen using woolen pom poms. Gazelle class made stain glass window baubles. Giraffe class used paper to cut out snowmen, Santas and elves. Leopard class made felt angles. Antelopes used cookie cutters and sour dough to create different Christmas shaped decorations and Meerkats used wool to create glittery baubles.

Once all the baubles were added, we had a 'Christmas Lights Turn On' during assembly.

Santa Magic

There has been some magic happening around the school this month, starting with the letter from Santa that was found by Mrs Williams in her office on Monday morning. She opened it in assembly. Inside the box there was a note saying that Mrs Williams had to keep track of all the children *and adults* in school to see if they were being good! At the end of the term she will send it to Santa.

On Thursday 15th Santa surprised everyone by coming to visit Mrs Williams and the children. We were even given presents!



Katie and Ellie

Christmas Carol Concert

This term KS2 did an amazing Carol Concert at Edington Priory.

"We really enjoyed it," said Meerkat class.

There were songs, music and even dancing, all from Bratton's KS2.

Martha, Katie, Poppy, Elsie, Isla and Rebecca performed Silent Night on guitars.

Jingle Bells was next performed together by Ellie and Daisy on the dood, Seren on flute, Jessica on piano, Lily on the glockenspiel, Ava on violin and Ada and Rosie on percussion.

The choir sang two songs and there were even solos and duets.

Finally, the dance club performed a dance to Rocking Around the Christmas Tree where Mrs Hawke stepped in as Ivy's dance partner!!!



IT'S A CENSUS Get Me Out Of Here!

This term KS1 worked very hard on their Nativity.

The told the Christmas story through a play called 'It's a census get me out of here' which explained why Mary and Joseph had to leave their home and travel to Bethlehem.

There were fantastic songs and actions, and everyone was dressed up in the most wonderful costumes!



How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit?

What reindeer game do reindeer play at sleepovers?

Who is never hungry at Christmas?

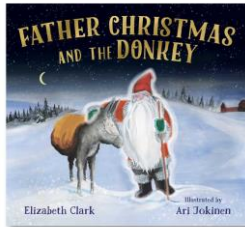


KS1

Father Christmas and the Donkey

Author: Elizabeth Clark

Illustrated by: Ari Jokinen



Since we are getting into the Christmas spirit, we have some brilliant, festive new books!

This book is all about gifts and kindness! Hope you like it!

Star Rating:



Katie

KS2

The Christamasaurus

Author: Tom Fletcher



The Christamasaurus is about a boy and a dinosaur who meet on Christmas eve and go on an adventure. It's a tale of friendship and families.

Star Rating:



Ellie

Choir

This term the choir have been working really hard. Not only have they practiced for their Christmas performance at the KS2 choir concert, they also sang at the Westbury Light Switch-On Day.

Mrs Stewart commented on how proud she was of the choir's performance.

The choir also sang at the local Teabag Group to entertain the local community. The choir were praised for their lovely singing and excellent behavior.



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Snow



The winners of the Christmas Colouring Competitions are:

KS1 : Charlie - Giraffes

KS2 : Florence - Leopards

Well done!

You can see their beautiful art work on display on the Bratton Bugle board.

Thank you to everyone who took part...there were so many entries to choose from!

Keep an eye out for more competitions in next month's issue!

Christmas tunes to listen out for this Christmas!



Do They Know It's Christmas?

This is a famous charity song written in 1984 by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure to raise money for the 1983–1985 famine in Ethiopia. It was first recorded by Band Aid, a supergroup assembled by Geldof and Ure consisting of popular British and Irish musical acts at the time.

Frosty the Snowman

Is a song which tells the story of a snowman who comes to life and plays with the children who built him, all because of a magic top hat.

Wednesday 14th was a very busy day! It started with a visit from The Decibelles who sang Christmas songs to us as we came into school. After registration we went back out and we and sang Silent Night to them. (This made one of them cry!) They finished by singing some of our favourite Christmas songs, including one for Mrs Oakham who gave her request of Mariah Carey!

We all enjoyed dancing under the snow machine, skipping, dancing and even dancing in a conga line!

We interviewed The Decibelles after their visit. Donna said she had so much fun working with us in the Summer (during the Roald Dahl Arts Week) that she wanted to come back! Her favourite Christmas song is Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas and she thinks Bratton School is the best! They said they would love to come back and work with us again as Bratton School is a fun place to be.

Jemima and Rosie

Today was also Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day.

The whole school came together and ate in the school hall at lunchtime, eating delicious food cooked by Mrs and Miss Youngs. All of the teachers and teaching assistants helped serve the children today too! We finished with yummy reindeer cookies for pudding. Yum yum!





Did you know that many countries celebrate Christmas differently and have different traditions. Take a look:



In Japan they have a very odd Christmas food tradition. They eat FAST FOOD for Christmas! So that's an excuse to get a McDonalds burger instead of Christmas roast.



In Iceland they have a very unusual tradition called the Yule Cat . There is said to be a HUGE cat that stalks Iceland and eats anyone who didn't receive new clothes (soft gift) for Christmas!



In Germany, St Nicholas Day is a favourite holiday with German children. On the night of December 5, children clean and polish their boots and leave them outside the door before going to sleep. Next morning, they find their shoes filled with nuts, candy, and small gifts from St Nicholas.

Jelly Jingling Christmas Jokes (Answers)



How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit?

Nurse them back to elf.

What reindeer game do reindeer play at sleepovers?

Truth or deer.

Who is never hungry at Christmas?

**The turkey—
he's always stuffed!**

Merry Christmas from
the Bratton Bugle!

