

# New Brighton Weekly News

Friday 19th  
December



## ♥ A Wonderful Donation ♥

A huge thank you to **Sue Buzzle** (Miss Valentine's mum!) for her incredibly generous donation to our school minibus fund. We're so grateful for her kindness and support, it's gestures like this that really help our school community go the extra mile (quite literally!).

Thank you, Sue! ♥



## 🎄 ♥ A Huge Thank You! ♥ 🎄

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to **Moreton FC Community Fundraising** who donated Christmas gifts for some of our families. Your generosity and thoughtfulness mean so much to our school community.

Miss Evans and Mrs Bostock have been out delivering the gifts this week, and we know they will bring big smiles and lots of joy to our children this Christmas. 🎁 ✨

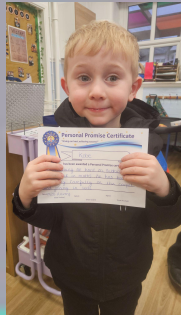
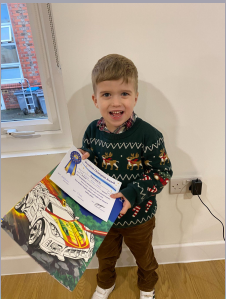
Thank you for helping to make this time of year extra special for our families — we are truly grateful. ✨



# Promise Heroes

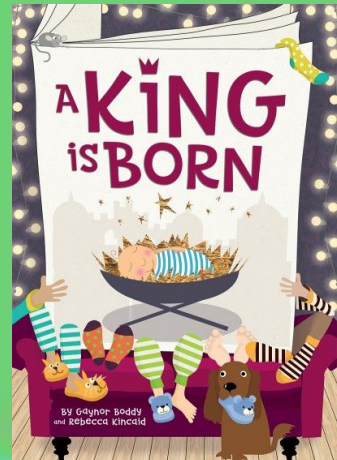
THESE STUDENTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUR  
SCHOOL PROMISE WELL THIS WEEK

## FOUNDATION



## KS1

All of KS1 for their  
fantastic  
performances!



## LKS2

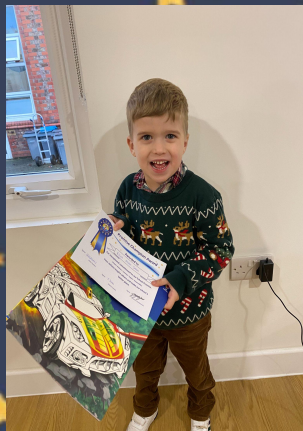
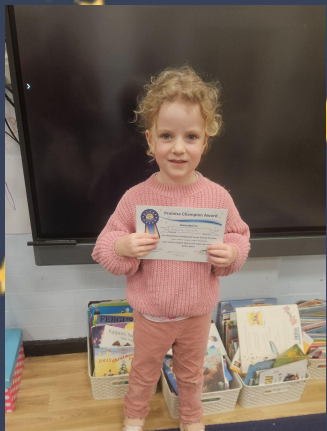


## UKS2





# Promise Champions



Congratulations to all of our 'Promise Champions' who have worked so hard this term to listen, show kindness, support others, be responsible and show respect- you are all superstars!





# 3CC Christmas round up!



This week, 3CC have been busy making salt dough fossils and chocolate rocks to show the difference between sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks. We have also been super busy with lots of christmas activities including making our own calendar.

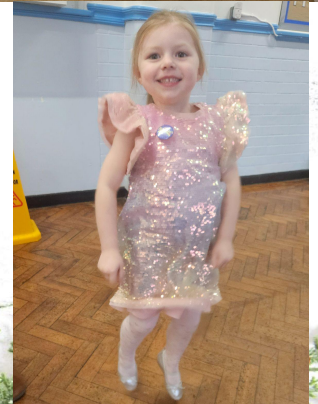
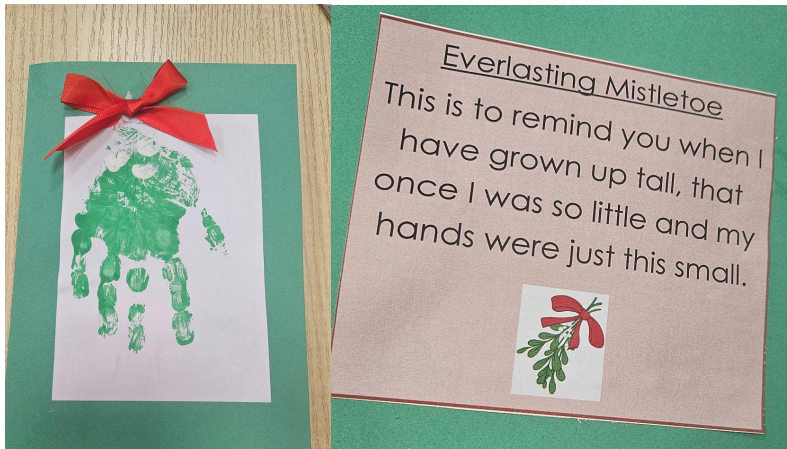






# Buttercups festive week

We've had a fun-filled and festive week to round off our first term in F2! The children enjoyed lots of tasty treats and dancing at our Christmas party, spent time carefully making Christmas cards for their families, and were very excited to receive a special visit from Father Christmas. We also said goodbye to our class elf this week, who has now travelled back to the North Pole until next year!





# Hot Chocolate with the Head

These children were invited to Mr Armer's hot chocolate afternoon. They were nominated by teachers and parents in recognition of them going above and beyond or excelling in an area, not just academically.



**Well done to: Daisy, Brea. Dylan, Jacob, Renee, Hugo, Isabel, Millie, Remi, Jackson, Heidi, Lucas, Tilly, Harry, Jayden, Casper and Emily.**

If your child has done something that you feel is worthy of a hot chocolate then send in details to

[d.armer@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:d.armer@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk)

Thanks for all of the parent nominations last week,  
we take them all into consideration-  
looking forward to next week





# COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS!

WITH SEND AND SLEEP PRACTITIONER LAURA ELLIS FROM KOALA NORTH WEST



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Does your child/children experience challenges with falling asleep/staying asleep? Is this impacting your life?

What we can do for you...

Feel free to come along to our coffee morning and have a chat with Laura and see how her and the Koala North West team can empower you with the skills and tools to help your child; whether you need sleep support, SEND advice, or just a listening ear.



**JOIN US!**

9am  
Lower Hall  
Thursday 15th Jan

**Makaton**



This week's Makaton phrase is:

## Merry Christmas

Brought to you by children from 5LC.



## Home Reading Champions

Class	%	Class	%
HUB 1	-	3LM	54%
HUB 2	50%	4ML	87%
POPPIES	-	4JJ	80%
BUTTERCUPS	-	4LM	63%
1RB	88%	HUB 3	56%
1LB	62%	5NM	38%
1OT	39%	5LC	69%
2BT	38%	5MC	86%
2RB	36%	6HC	52%
2JH	33%	6SJ	61%
3DN	38%	6TS	63%
3CC	32%	Total	57%

Well done to class 1RB who have the highest reading average this week and to class HUB 2 who have the most improved score. Please try to read 5 times a week with your child - the results of regular reading make such a difference to them across all subjects in the curriculum.

## TOP TIPS FOR NEURODIVERGENT FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS

### PLAN

Think ahead about triggers. Use visual schedules and create plans WITH your child. All autonomy where appropriate & possible

### IDENTIFY TRIGGERS

Places, people, music, smells, tastes, words... Go through them with your child if possible

### WORK TOGETHER

Caregivers (parents, teachers, family members etc) can plan and work together to reduce overwhelm where possible.



### PICK YOUR BATTLES

Adjust and adapt what you can to make it suitable. But accept when you just need to abandon some plans in favour for contentment! This includes food, socialising and family traditions.

### NO SURPRISES!

They're stressful!



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# Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

## IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

## ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

## PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At [my.account.sony.com](https://my.account.sony.com), create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

## IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

## XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password is protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

## NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

## WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

## CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

## MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

## SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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# Attendance

*We aim for 100% our target is 98%*

*Remember that school starts at 8:50am and any time after this is late. Formal lessons start at 9:05 and the children need to be in, registered and settled for this time.*



Class	%	Minutes Late	Class	%	Minutes Late
Nutmeg	94.3	0	3DN	90.5	223
Poppies	93	221	4ML	95.7	136
Buttercups	95.4	48	4LM	94.2	126
1RB	94	56	4JJ	91.7	374
1LB	97.7	173	HUB 2	92.7	0
1OT	89.6	195	HUB 3	85.2	196
2BT	90.6	246	5NM	91	210
2RB	98.5	150	5LC	96.2	124
2JH	98.7	171	5MC	90.8	190
HUB 1	86.1	334	6HC	96.9	134
3LM	93.5	172	6SJ	97.3	41
3CC	96.1	47	6TS	88.6	320
Whole School					
Whole School Attendance	93.7%		Lost Learning	64 HRS 47 MINS	

## Reporting a child's absence

Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence. You can speak to the office staff or leave absence reasons on the answer machine. If reasons are not provided each day, an unauthorised mark will be entered on the register. **Punctuality is also very important, we now have a signing in screen for late arrivers and early leavers at reception.**



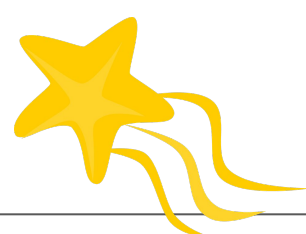
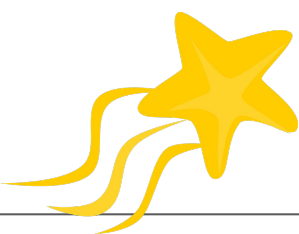
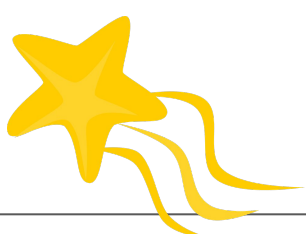
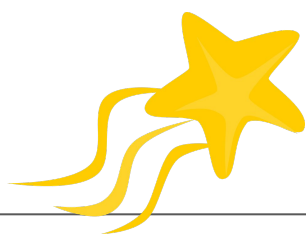


# School Promise Awards



These children have been exceptional this week.

<b>Nutmeg</b> All of the Nutmegs!	<b>Class 3LM</b> Holly
<b>Buttercups</b> Kobe	<b>Class 4JJ</b> Nova
<b>Poppies</b> Albert & Delilah	<b>Class 4LM</b> Josie
<b>Class 1RB</b> All of 1RB!	<b>Class 4ML</b> Teddy
<b>Class 1LB</b> All of 1LB!	<b>Class Hub 2</b> Freddie S
<b>Class 1OT</b> All of 1OT!	<b>Class 5LC</b> Sienna
<b>Class 2BT</b> All of 2BT!	<b>Class 5MC</b> Reuben
<b>Class 2JH</b> All of 2JH!	<b>Class 5NM</b> Freija
<b>Class 2RB</b> All of 2RB!	<b>Class Hub 3</b> Holly
<b>Class Hub 1</b> All of Hub 1	<b>Class 6HC</b> Benjamin
<b>Class 3CC</b> Lucy	<b>Class 6SJ</b> Ellie
<b>Class 3DN</b> Gabriel	<b>Class 6TS</b> Sophia





Merry  
Christmas!

and a

Happy  
New  
Year

From everyone at

