

Bright Spark News!

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Important Dates for Your Diary

Enterprise Day

On Tuesday 29th November, pupils took part in our Enterprise Day, the first of our PSHE enrichment days. Like last year, this was another huge success. The school hall was buzzing with festive cheer and saw friends and family attending from 2:30pm until 5:00pm.

All pupils worked collaboratively within their forms to come up with and produce their very own Christmas product which they sold at the Christmas fair. Pupil's creativity saw a wide variety of products ranging from, fun Christmas games, deluxe Christmas chocolates, the James Bateman Christmas café, unique Christmas decorations and much more.

All classes were given an investment of £20 from the school and their aim was to make as much profit as they could. However, they had to carefully budget how they spent their investment and think of an effective price to sell their product to ensure they made a profit after they paid back their £20 investment.

As a result of the day, all pupils made a profit with the winning form making over £150. Again, all pupils were fully engaged in the day and had the opportunity to be in charge of their own learning. They developed skills to work effectively as a group and developed a real understanding of the importance of budgeting their money.

Each year group have decided on a 'good cause' that they would like to support by donating a percentage of their earnings. The rest will be up to them to decide how they would like to spend the rest.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 15 Dec- Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Breakfast
6AF-Moorland Court
- 16 Dec-Y5/6 Pantomime
Y7/8 Cinebowl



- 19 Dec-2 Jan 2017-Christmas Holiday



- 3 Jan 2017-School Open
- 17 Jan-Parents Evening 3.45-5pm
- 20-24 Feb 2017-Half Term
- 27 Feb-Inset Day
- 28 Feb-School Open
- 8 May 2017-Sats Week



School Councillors 2016/2017



Year 4 Science Visits

Throughout November all our feeder primary schools came to James Bateman Junior High to experience an afternoon of potion making. Pupils from all the schools enjoyed the opportunity to mix up potions, have exploding potions that were one of the afternoons highlights and experience the giants foaming toothpaste as a finale.

After the Christmas break we hope to visit all our feeder primary schools to hand out certificates for participation in the activities.



Siemens roller coaster challenge

Since the beginning of November a small group of eager scientists/engineers have been designing and building their rollercoaster. This is our first attempt at James Bateman Junior High being involved in this challenge. We are 1 of only 2 schools representing Staffordshire, working in partnership with Siemens of Congleton as part of a STEM project. Our competition is against other high schools in and around the Congleton area.

As an opportunity to see the application of STEM subjects in real life scenarios, our pupils will be visiting the Siemens site in Congleton Thursday 15th December. After the Christmas break, myself, Mrs Hibbert and Mrs Sale will have to select only 2 of our 4 groups to proceed through to the finals. This is going to be very difficult due to the enthusiasm and commitment all pupils have put in to both their build and design. The Roller-coaster challenge finals event will be held at Congleton Town Hall on Tuesday 14th February 2017. We wish our pupils every success.



Sportshall Athletic Teams

YEAR 5 & 6

YEAR 7 & 8



PUSS IN BOOTS



Panto time has come around quickly at James Bateman and this year a fabulous cast of actors, dancers and musicians put on a fantastic production of 'Puss in Boots'.

Appreciative audiences enjoyed watching the antics of Jack - played by Marcus Keily - and his loyal cat Puss - played by Almira Wallace, embark on an adventure that involved defeating an ogre and foiling the dastardly deeds of Lord Roger - played by Jack Hawks and his dim-witted side-kicks Nopar King and Nosmo King (Caleb Weaver and Alfie Hopkins). Laughs were in abundance with the appearance of Dame Hettie played by Maddie Corbett who longed to be part of the royal household alongside the King (Owen Bowyer), the Queen (Emily Sanderson) and the beautiful Princess (Eunella Armstrong). Keira Hill narrated the story and a strong supporting chorus acted as villagers and servants. Three fantastic dances added to the spectacle.

Once again, all the pupils involved did a magnificent job, spending hours of their free time rehearsing - it all paid off superbly!

