

THE BROOK BROADCAST

WOW ... WHAT A WEEK!

Although we have had a shorter than normal week, we seem to have crammed in a lot in to this final week of the term.

The Drive-In Events we held on Monday meant that we began the week on a high. We are so proud of our little people, the youngest being two years old and the oldest only being seven years old, who performed in a way that would rival Hollywood stars. The confidence they showed throughout the process of creating our Christmas Production was remarkable.

Our children have all had the joy of experiencing, albeit in a small way, how a film is made and many of our children are beginning to recognise the use of green screening in our film industry.

In the two weeks leading up to our production, all of our staff worked tirelessly to capture all of the filming in such a short space of time. They also supported all of the children to learn their songs, learn the Makaton (sign language) to go with the songs, and learn their class dances.

We are so very grateful to Mark (Jack's Dad) and Oliver Tully (Cinestock) for all they afforded us. We are thrilled that because of their expertise and generosity we have been able to let the children experience the filming process and seeing themselves on the big screen. A huge thank you to them both.

We are highly aware that not all of our families have seen 'A Bundle of Joy' yet and there are others that cannot wait to see it again and we totally understand this because in every watch of the performance we notice something else of brilliance and we are still filled with total joy. We promise that we are in the final process of rendering the files that we are providing all of our families for free. It takes a while to get this right so that everyone can access such a large film from home. The link included in this newsletter will give you access to the file for when it is made live, but up until that point you will simply see a 'Coming Soon' image all the time we are still working on it. It is most likely going to be available early next week, but we will text out when the file is made live.

The link we are providing on the next page is to a folder in which there will be two files, the main file 'A Bundle of Joy.mp4' will be a high quality HD file which will look exactly the same as what was shown at the drive-in. It will be around 2Gb in size. The other file option will be a lower quality version but smaller in size, and suitable for people with slower internet download speeds, less space on their computer or devices or those who just want a smaller size file.

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We really hope that all of our parents experience the joy that we feel this production has brought us.

OUR GROTTO

On Tuesday we had a grotto to prepare ahead of our very special visitor arriving. We hope you agree, but we feel we created a cosy and welcoming grotto and Father Christmas certainly enjoyed his time in his special room.



A VERY SPECIAL VISITOR

On Wednesday we had a very special visitor and it felt simply magical to see all of the children, including younger siblings at the end of the day, visit Father Christmas in his grotto. We have all needed to feel joy this year and this week we have felt it over and over again.

There were screams of delight as the children walked through the snow on the way to the grotto and there was a magical feeling as every child got to spend time talking with Father Christmas. At the end of the day, all of the children (and families) seemed to like waving goodbye to Father Christmas.

We would also like to thank our PTA for helping Father Christmas prepare the presents at this busy time of year and providing the party hats for our Christmas Lunch.



THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!

We would like to send everyone who has sent in a card or a gift a really heartfelt thank you. As staff, we never expect any gifts from families, but we have been truly spoilt this year and we want to express how much it means to us all.

Thank you also for the kind donations that people have made to the school on the back of the Christmas Production, so far we have received a generous £238.95 which will be put towards a special mathematics resource (Numicon) that will benefit all of the children and help them to gain a concrete understanding of our number system and calculations.

We would also like to thank all of our families for trusting us to keep your children as safe, but as happy as possible during this time. Thank you also for supporting our efforts to keep the community safe.



FROM US ALL AT THE BROOK MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Just to cite a line from our very own 'Sparkly Christmas Time' song that we performed at the end of our Christmas Performance and that was especially written for us by Mark (Jack's Dad) ... From us all at the Brook Merry Christmas!



We all very much wish our families a very Happy Christmas and we hope that during the festive period we all stay safe, whilst having fun and family time.

We all have a responsibility to our families, but we also have a responsibility to our wider school community and so we ask all families to please remain within the Covid19 rules so that when we return in January, we will not have increased infection.

We really hope you are all able to have a rest during the break and we very much look forward to seeing you all back at school in January.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th December 2020 - Inset Day

INTO THE NEW YEAR ...

Monday 4th January 2021 - Back to School

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Forest School Session for Squirrels

Thursday 7th January 2021 - Music Sessions Restart for Year One and Two

Monday 11th January 2021 - PE with Mikey Restarts for Year Two

Tuesday 12th January 2021 - PE with Mikey Restarts for Year One

Monday 22nd February 2021 - Inset Day

Monday 7th June 2021 - Inset Day

