



## Gaskell Primary School Newsletter

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*Please follow all the amazing work we do at our school on twitter [@GaskellPrimary](https://twitter.com/GaskellPrimary)*

*Wednesday 22nd December 2021*

*Gaskell Primary School*

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## Weekly news...



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*What another fantastic week of learning [@GaskellPrimary](#).*

*Take a look at our new fantastic video '[I Love Gaskell](#)'. Thank you to Mr Simpson for working with our fabulous children and putting it together for us.*

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*We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Bennett today. She will be leaving us to become Headteacher of Abbey Village Primary School in Chorley. We thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the school. The children, the staff and the parents will miss you dearly. You will always be part of the Gaskell family.*

***A message from Mrs Bennett:***

*Dear parents and families,*

*It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you all over the last few years and just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I will be leaving school today for a new challenge. I have been given the opportunity to become a Head Teacher at a school closer to my home. I have loved playing a part within the Gaskell family and it will always hold a special place in my heart. I wish you all a peaceful Christmas time and a Happy New Year.*

*Mrs Bennett*

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*Last Monday, a mysterious object crash landed on the school playground. The children spent all of last week investigating and finding out what it could be. It even made the Bolton News!! Make sure you speak to your child about what they thought it was...*

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We have had a fantastic week [@GaskellPrimary](#) celebrating Christmas. It kicked off last Wednesday, when we had our delicious Christmas Lunch. We then watched the pantomime **Aladdin** on Friday. We enjoyed it that much, the production company came back on Monday and performed **The Christmas Carol**. The children, also enjoyed their Christmas parties, making Christmas Cards, decorations and party hats. Continue reading this week's learning to see how much fun the children had.

Make sure your **child is in school everyday** after the Christmas holiday. As a school we want every child to be in school everyday. **If your child misses just one day, it can have a huge impact on their learning.** Take a look at the **attendance ladder** below.

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*Some of you may remember Mr Davenport. He was a Governor at our school for many years. Sadly, he passed away last week. We send all our love and best wishes to his family at this difficult time. In the new year, we will raise some money with the children, to donate to a charity of the family's choice.*

*We hope you all have a Happy Christmas spending time with your family and loved ones. Remember to stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.*

**Miss Barlow**

*This term's House Point winners are **BANKSY!** Well done to them.*

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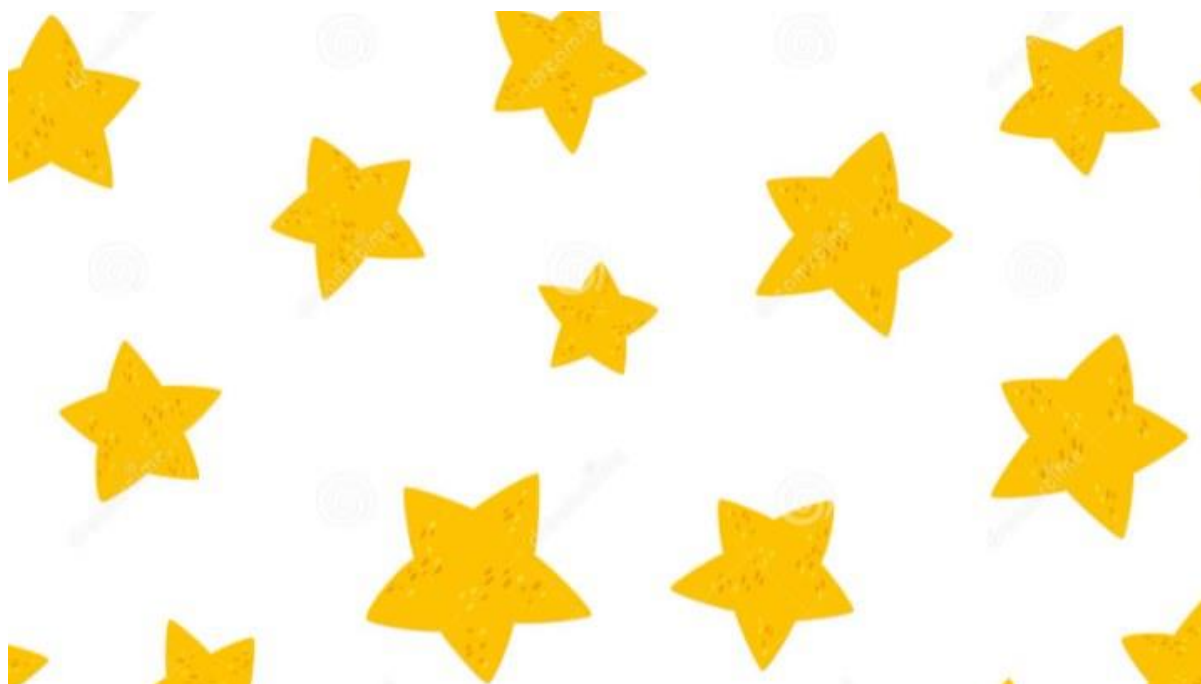
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- *This Week's Winners*
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    - *Reading*
  - *This Week's Learning*
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## Stars of the Week



★ This Week's Stars ★			
Teacher	Winner	Teacher	Winner
Mrs Holland (AM)	Alia	Miss Valli	Laila
Mrs Holland (PM)	Essa	Miss Varey	Qasidah
Mrs Blakemore	Ibrahim	Mr Hawke	August
Mrs Bertenshaw	Alan	Miss Latham	Aqsa
Mrs Sewell	Daanya	Mr Naylor	All of Class 4N
Miss Mercer	Azaan	Miss Young	Jamal
Miss Langton	Hassan	Miss Percival	Muhammad
Miss Hughes	Amirul	Mr Fogg	Joanne
Miss Thistlethwaite	Khadijah	Miss Andrews	Miski
Mrs Bennett	All Class 5BC	Miss O'Donnell	Maria

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*Please click on the table above to see this week's stars.*

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## Attendance



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*It is extremely important that your child attends school every day. If your child is unwell please phone the school office before 9am. As a school we need to have at least **97%** of children attending school everyday! This week's whole school attendance is **91%** and the class with the best attendance is **6F** again with **99.6%**. **Well done to them!***

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## Attendance Ladder



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### 3 STRIKES AND YOU'RE IN! - CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE REWARD

*On Friday, the children who won this term's Attendance HOTSPOT reward went 10 pin bowling. They had a fantastic time. Take a look at what they got up to...*

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#### *COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS WINNER*

*Well Done to XIN-QI in 3FV - You have just won a £50 Morrisons Voucher just in time for Christmas!*

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*Please make sure your child is in school everyday after the Christmas Break. We will also be having another exciting HOTSPOT reward, so watch this space.*

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## Reading



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*Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Bolton Library this week. There will be lots of activities on over Christmas. Why not visit your local library and join?*

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*Well done to Year 6, who have made brilliant progress on 'Reading Plus'. Each week, a child is chosen who has made exemplary progress and they receive a special certificate.*

***THIS WEEK'S YEAR 6 READING CHAMPION IS AMINA!***

*Thank you to all the Nursery parents who have attended the reading sessions with Mrs Holland this half term. It's great to see you join in enjoying stories and rhymes with your child.*

*Keep your eyes peeled for some exciting Reading rewards after the holidays.*

*Please encourage and support your child/ren with reading over the holidays, it makes such a difference!*

***Miss Thistlethwaite***

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## This Week's Learning



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*The children continue to impress us **ALL** every week with their learning. Take a look at this week's amazing learning across school.*

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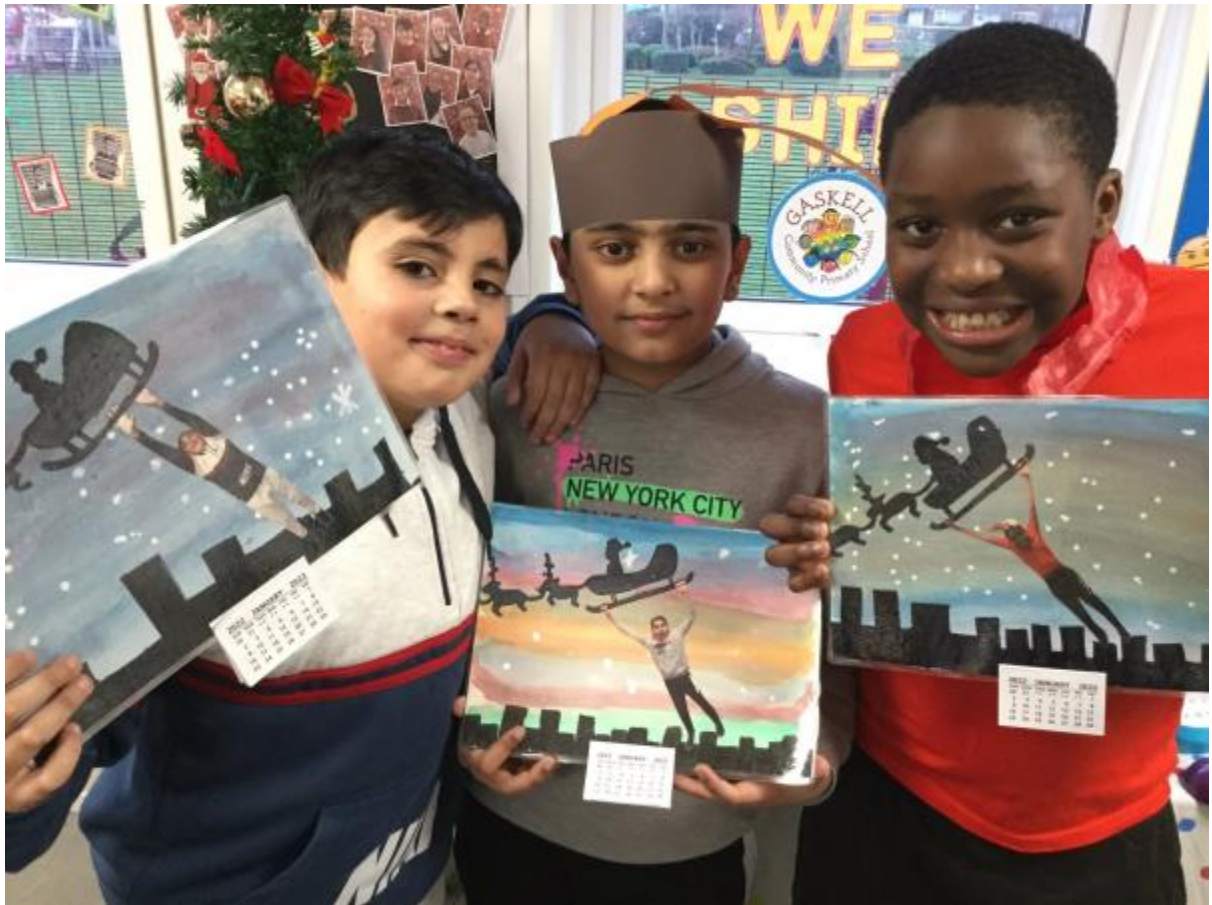










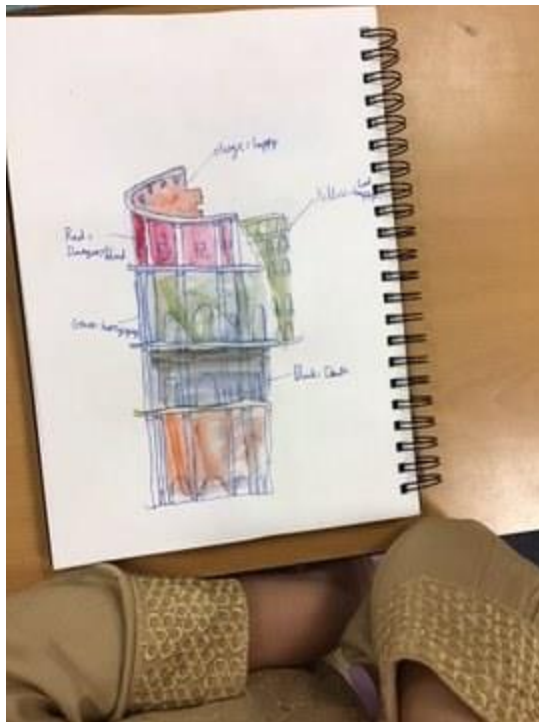




































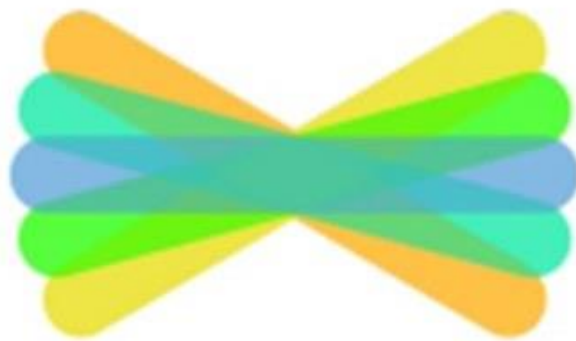












# Seesaw

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*This year we're going to use Seesaw to share our learning. Please join your class today!*

*If you're using Seesaw for the first time: 1. Go to [app.seesaw.me](https://app.seesaw.me).*



2. Choose "I'm a Student".

3. Type in the code for your Class. This code expires on September 22, 2021.

4. Finish creating your account using your school Google account or email address.

*If you've used Seesaw before and have an account: 1. Go to [app.seesaw.me](https://app.seesaw.me).*

2. Choose "I'm a Student".

3. Sign in using your school Google account or email address.

4. Click on your profile icon on the top left.

5. Click on the +Join Class button.

6. Type in the code for your Class. This code expires on 29th December, 2021.

*I'm excited to share our learning in Seesaw this year!*

**Miss Andrews**

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**ALL** communication about your child will **NOW** be through **PARENTAPP**, so please make sure you sign up if you haven't already done so! If you have any questions or need some extra help setting it up on your phone, please call 0151 808 0093 or email [support@parentapps.co.uk](mailto:support@parentapps.co.uk)

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## Important Information



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*End of Term Support*

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## SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS WITH BABIES 0 - 2 YEARS

The services below will support parents who may be feeling low or anxious about their new responsibilities and benefit from additional peer support, resources and activities

### HomestartHOST

Delivering peer training to volunteers and staff, recruiting a Peer Coordinator to support the establishment of diverse peer support groups across Bolton.

For more information email:

TraceyWhittlecraft@homestarthost.org.uk

### Bolton Toy Library

Distribution of emotional health and well-being kits for parents and babies. Parent support drop in and one to one support, taking place in a relaxed, supportive, friendly environment, and provision of resources and information.

Telephone 01204 395079 or

Email: boltontoylibrary@yahoo.co.uk

### MHIST

For parents or carers of a child between 0-2 years finding their parenting challenging. Feeling lonely or unable to socialise like they used to. An opportunity to talk to other parents experiencing the same situation in a friendly, supportive non clinical setting. Parents/carers are welcome to bring their baby/toddler with them. Wednesdays 10am - 11.30am, Moorland House, Bark Street.

Email: christine.makinson@mhist.co.uk

Telephone: 01204 527200

### Little Bats Learning

Experience the therapeutic benefits of nature for parent and baby. Forest School programmes accessible to all, with supported sessions tailored to each participant's needs. Opportunity to gain new perspectives, confidence and skills to support your baby's physical, mental and emotional development. We provide all equipment, including fire food and drink cooked outside. Waterproof clothing and footwear is available to borrow. Sessions are led by a fully qualified Forest School leader. This support will act as a follow on/next steps from the peer support groups.

Telephone: Eleanor Gordon on 07402 470161 to find out more and to book a place.

Support can be accessed by emailing

lthrive@boltontogogether.org.uk or by contacting the organisations directly.

Please note this offer is currently only available till 31st March 2022

Bolton Together is the lead organisation supporting this partnership which is funded by GMCVO.

Bolton Together



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## Nursery Places

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**Gaskell C.P. School**

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## Full and Part Time Nursery Places Available

If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in a full or part time place for their child, please contact the School Office on 333666



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### *Reception Intake (2022 - 23)*

Reception applications for children born between **1st September 2017 - 31st August 2018** opened online on 20th September 2021 at [www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions).

The closing date is 15th January 2022. Please make sure you fill in your details ASAP as spaces will fill up quickly. If you need any help, please speak to Mrs Bertenshaw in Reception.

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### *Reporting a Positive COVID Test*

*If you or a member of your immediate family has COVID symptoms, please keep your child off school until you receive a COVID test result. Just a reminder that if your child tests positive for COVID-19, please ring the school office immediately. If the office is closed, we would be grateful if you could email to let us know at [parent@gaskell.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:parent@gaskell.bolton.sch.uk) as soon as possible.*

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**Let's do the right thing for Bolton**

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and get tested

[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**Bolton Council**

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### *School Times*

*Due to the increase in traffic outside of school, **ALL** children can be dropped off at school from **8:45 - 8:55am** through their designated entrance. Classroom doors will be open, so children can walk to*

their class. **Lessons will start at 8:55am (prompt).** All classes will finish at 3:15pm and Afternoon Nursery will finish at 3:30pm. Morning Nursery will continue to finish at 11:45am.

### *Important Dates*

*Wednesday 5th January: School open to ALL Children (8:45AM)*

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## Contact Us



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