



NEWSLETTER

13th December 2024

A message from our school leaders:

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you into school this week for nativities and Christmas crafts. The children in both EYFS and KS1 performed so beautifully in their class plays. It was wonderful see the children perform so confidently to our family audiences. A huge well done to all our pupils.

On Wednesday we visited Darlington Hippodrome for the Christmas Panto, 'Sleeping Beauty'. Not only did our pupils behave impeccably throughout the visit, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Next week we continue our Christmas activities and begin on Monday with our KS2 Carol Concert at The Pathway at 2:00pm. We hope to see you there!

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a '**NUT FREE**' school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council's 'Christmas Pop Up Shop' is proving to be so popular that this will carry on next week. They will be selling Christmas items, priced 50p and £1.00, during morning break. All monies raised will be used on something decided on by the children.

We are also on the look-out for good quality donations of books, toys and games - both before and after Christmas, as the children would like to hold another Pop Up Shop during the Spring Term. Any donations will be gratefully received.

Please could we ask that any donations be left at the school office. Thankyou.

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- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
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S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check to books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk.

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Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	100.0%
Year 1+2	83.0%
Year 3+4	94.2%
Year 5+6	97.6%



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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY and RECEPTION

The highlight of our week has been performing the EYFS Nativity! The children have worked very hard over the last two weeks to learn their lines, songs and actions. They were so excited to show you their hard work. They're all very proud of themselves and we're proud of them too! Along the way, they have learnt about the Nativity story and why Christmas is celebrated.

Thank you for coming to support the children and watch their show! Well done EYFS, you were all superstars! ★ ★





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Y1/2 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislalie and Miss Spenceley

We have truly been getting into the Christmas spirit this week. First of all, we performed our Christmas play, 'Simply the Nativity' for parents and family members. All of the children were brilliant at saying their lines and performing - they were 'Simply the Best!'

Our sports coach, Ben, delivered a Christmas themed BLAST session for the children on Tuesday. Everyone had great fun being Santa and the Grinch! To end the session, they had a snowball fight! Thank you, Ben!

On Wednesday, we all thoroughly enjoyed the Pantomime..... 'Oh yes, we did!' The children were engaged, entertained and had exemplary behaviour throughout the performance.

To end the week, we invited families into school to make Christmas crafts with their children. The children and parents were extremely enthusiastic and made some fantastic creative Christmas crafts. We were blown away with the turn out and kind comments left for us to read. Thank you once again.





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Y3/4 – Mr Frazer and Mrs Niven

It has been a busy week this week in Year 3 and 4! In maths, Year 3 have been challenged by some tricky word problems, so much so we challenged the Year 4's to have a go as well! With a little teamwork, the class solved the problems.

In writing, we are looking into the genre of instructions and now know the key features that we need to include to write instructions for a Creaker trap.

We have made some treasure boxes in DT and looked into reinforcing them ready to evaluate our designs, where we will consider what we will do next time if we made them again.

But for the main events this week, we have visited the Darlington Hippodrome to see the Pantomime, enjoyed Ben's Christmas Blast and started to make our Christmas cards and calendars ready to take home next week.

We have seen the Early Years Nativity and spent lots of time practising for our very own Carol Concert, that I hope you join us for on Monday.

Of course, our naughty little elf has also been up to his tricks! You have to keep an eye on them!





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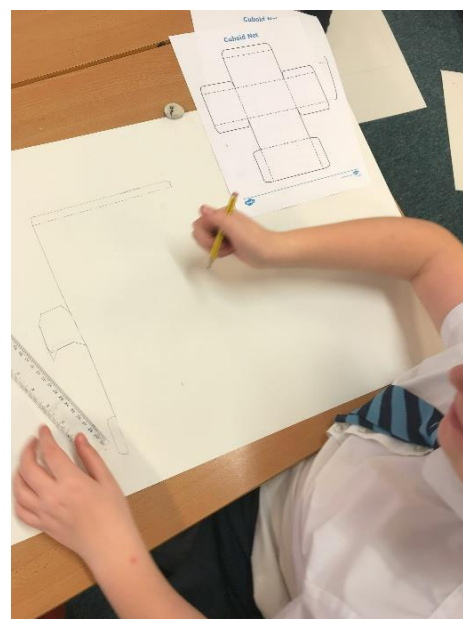
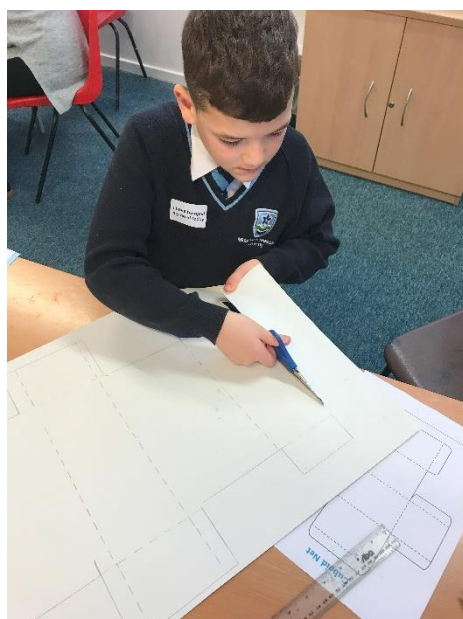
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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

What a fun-filled week we have had! We have had the delights of watching the Early Years and KS1 nativities, where children in Year 5 and 6 were respectful and supportive of their younger peers; we have had lots of Christmas fun in our BLAST session with Ben, whereby children enjoyed a snowball fight; and we had a joyous occasion at the pantomime, where one of our Y5/6 children volunteered to go on stage with Muddles!

This week, we have also spent a lot of time rehearsing for our Christmas Carol Concert that will take place at the Pathway on, Monday 16th December. We look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate the Christmas Story.

In DT, we continued our steady hand project, and children began to make the bases of their game by drawing their own nets. It was a lesson which involved a lot of skill and precision to create an accurate drawing.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
Monday 16 th Dec	Christmas Carol Concert at The Pathway, 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 th Dec	EYFS + KS1 Christmas Party Day
Friday 20 th Dec	School breaks up for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 7 th Jan	School re-opens to all pupils