



NEWSLETTER

6th December 2024

A message from our school leaders:

Children have enjoyed the buzz and excitement of final rehearsals for plays and concerts this week. The Christmas Door Competition has created much excitement as the votes come in. Thank you to all the staff and children for their fantastic decorating. The doors in school look simply amazing. We are delighted to announce that this year's winner with a brilliant **73 votes** goes to **Years 1 and 2** with their amazing **'Santa Claus on his Sleigh'** Christmas door.

Our choir have also been busy this week, spreading joy with their beautiful singing in our community. The children visited the Luncheon Clubs at Middleton and Mickleton, as well as a festive visit to UTTAS. *Photos on last page.....*

Pupils ended the week with a Christmas movie in our school hall, where the children had such a lovely time. Thank you to all of the FOMS for organising this event and to our staff for their assistance.

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 have voted to hold a Christmas Pop Up Shop next week. They will be selling Christmas items, priced 50p and £1.00, at morning break from Tuesday 10th December. 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.

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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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	100.0%
Year 1+2	95.4%
Year 3+4	98.9%
Year 5+6	92.3%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Miss Anderson and Mrs Dobson

NURSERY

This week in nursery we have been reading, 'The Big Red Bath', which is all about Ben and Bella's bathtime and how lots of animals want to jump in the bath too! We all enjoyed talking about the different animals from the story. The children then went on to bathe and wash the animals from the story using toothbrushes and sponges. Lastly, the children all helped to make a collage lion head, using their skills to spread the glue and stick the pieces on. We have also talked about bedtime routines and the importance of being healthy.

RECEPTION

This week in English we have focused on our story, 'The Incredible Journey'. The children have been encouraged to use their imagination as the children in the story do, and think about what objects could be instead of their intended use. We have also used adjectives to describe the aliens from the story. In maths, we have combined two skills and identified which pile of objects has more and which has less. The children have played a game where they turn a card over with an amount on and tell each other who has more and who has less.

This week we have also wrote our letters to Santa! 🎅 The children copied words from a whiteboard to add to their list. We then walked to the post box and posted our letters! We can't wait for our reply. Reception have learnt all about the Nativity story this week, just in time for our own Nativity show next Friday. The children enjoyed learning the meaning behind the Nativity story and are excited to perform theirs for their friends and family!





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

We have all been getting into the Christmas spirit in Year 1 and 2; first of all we decorated our classroom door as Santa in his sleigh. Not only that, but we were also greeted by the cheeky elf - Ernie! He has been up to lots of mischief in our classroom!

This week, we have also been extremely busy perfecting our Christmas Nativity and trying on our costumes! We look forward to seeing you all on Monday for our performance.

There have been lots of end of term assessments this week: maths, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation. The children tried very hard when completing each one, showcasing what they have learnt in Year 1 and 2 so far! A big well done to them!

Towards the end of the week, we wrote letters to Santa Claus to let him know which gifts we would like for Christmas....if we are on the 'nice' list! We walked up the village in our Christmas hats to post them ourselves. We can't wait for a reply!





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Y3/4 – Mr Frazer and Mrs Niven

Although it has been a busy assessment week, what a wonderfully Christmassy time we have had! The naughty little elves have truly taken over the school and begun their little tricks; ours (named by the children, Galaxy) has built himself a zip line for his very own sleigh and made himself a pair of earmuffs to muffle some of their noisy activities! The children have built some of the longest paper chains I think I have ever seen and a few of the children were selected to help with the "Open the Book" assembly, where the whole school learnt about the shepherd's travels on the way to Bethlehem.

Our music lessons have been all about the ukelele, the children have been working together to play Jingle Bells, Good King Wenceslas and Last Christmas.

The Key Stage 1 Nativity, 'Simply the Nativity', was another highlight this week. What a performance! Evie in the class said, "It was very good and everyone joined in having fun!" The children were even singing the songs in the class later that day!

In geography, the children completed a local river study where they followed the river on Google Earth to the source before exploring what they could find on its journey all the way to the mouth. They were excited to find a reservoir where humans have purposely stopped the flow of the water.

In science, we have learnt about the teeth of different animals and discussed how the make-up of your teeth is what determines if you are an omnivore, carnivore or herbivore. Even the vegetarians among humans aren't considered herbivores due to our teeth!

We have been singing Christmas songs all week for the Carol Concert coming up, and one lucky child each day is getting to enjoy a little chocolate from our Advent calendar. Hopefully, the children are coming home feeling very festive.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

This week has been a busy week, filled with assessments and Christmas preparations. Both Year 5 and 6 have completed a range of maths, reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling assessments this week, to inform our teaching moving into the Spring Term. Though it's a week not many enjoy, Mrs. Emery and I have been proud of the effort that all children have put into their assessments.

We have also spent a lot of time practising for our KS2 Carol Concert this week, ensuring we are able to remember our lines and rehearsing our favourite Christmas songs.

We have finished our explanation text this week, in which children used commas in a list and semi-colons to inform their reader how to survive in the jungle. There have been some great explanation texts produced by Y5/6, whereby pupils have thought about the visual representation of their text.

This week was our penultimate week with music teacher Mr. Elliot – children were able to perform a range of Christmas songs on their glockenspiels by reading music. We have all found Mr. Elliot's music lessons fun and engaging.

In geography, children have researched the physical and human features of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, looking closely at what deprivation is and how Brazil's population may affect deprivation. We also looked at some famous landmarks in Brazil such as Christ the Redeemer, Copacabana Beach and Sugarloaf Mountain.





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Upcoming Events:

	Event
Monday 9 th Dec	KS1 Nativity, 9:30 – 11:00am
Tuesday 10 th Dec	School Nurse – Height + Weight for Reception and Year 6 pupils
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Christmas Circuits with Ben from Education Enterprise Ltd, 9:00-11:30am
Wednesday 11 th Dec	Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at The Hippodrome, D'ton, a.m.
Thursday 12 th Dec	EYFS + KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon, parents invited, 2–3pm
Friday 13 th Dec	EYFS Nativity, 9:15 – 10:15am
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

