



# NEWSLETTER

21 DECEMBER 2022

## WELCOME

What a magical end to the term it has been for our children, parents and staff! Over recent weeks, there have been a number of festive experiences that will live long in the memory for our children. Nursery children enjoyed a great morning of fun and excitement with Mr Marvel, with a magic show, disco and even a live rabbit! They also performed a host of Christmas songs for parents at their own carol concert. Our Reception children performed 'The Big Little Nativity' to families and staff, performing new songs, dressed as the many characters of the Nativity story and all with such confidence - we look forward in hope with seeing them in the West End one day! Thanks to all the parents who were able to attend, our PTA for providing the refreshments and our teaching team for all of the preparations.

Yesterday, children from Year 1 to Year 6 performed an excellent range of traditional and popular carols and songs for parents, governors and members of the community. It was a wonderful celebration, as children put on quite the show - a real highlight was the performance of Feliz Navidad, with excellent participation from our parents and local police officers. We hope you enjoyed the staff performances too. Special thanks must go to Mrs Makinson, Mrs Ball, Mrs Lai, Miss Wilson and Mr Clay for sharing their talents on a range of instruments.

As we bring the long Autumn term to a close, I wish to share my thanks with you all for the ongoing support you show to the school. Our collaboration with you is essential for the success of every child's journey through the school. Thanks to our volunteers who give up their own time to support the school with various different initiatives, including our PTA and governors. As they always do, our staff team have given everything to provide your children with memorable learning experiences and a safety and security in school - my thanks also go to the team for bringing such a passion and commitment into their everyday work.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas! I trust you will all enjoy the break, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in the New Year!

Sebastian Gray  
Headteacher

## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Our New Curriculum by Year 6 (Pupil Voice)

### How does it work?

The school chooses one subject to do for a whole week. Then, we focus on one subject related to our topic questions, for example we would do Science about the Victorians one week and Art about the Victorians the next week and so on. This is what we think about our new curriculum...

"It's better than doing it in one lesson per week because if you learn all at once you really remember it and learn it more easily."

"In my opinion, it's fun to do one subject per week because you know what you're doing every day".

"I think that learning one subject every week is really useful because it gives us development of understanding in our work. We get more time to learn each subject."

"The thing I like about it is that there is always a change so it never gets boring. You learn about different things all the time. Especially the D&T and Art weeks it has felt like a project as we've worked towards something throughout the week."

"My favourite part of the new curriculum this year was history, especially when we went on a walk to an old workhouse and saw history in real life instead of online."

### Remembering Walls

In every classroom, there is a Remembering Wall. The teachers add information from our lessons, for example vocabulary, dates, important names and questions. It is really useful because we can then use it to help us remember our learning from subjects we did earlier in the term.

"I love the idea of the Remembering Wall because you can look back at it so you know what to do".

"Remembering Walls are helpful because when we learn something we can go back weeks later and remember it by looking at the wall".

"My favourite part of the new curriculum is the Remembering wall because now we can keep track of all of the learning that we have done throughout the term instead of forgetting".

"I like to use the Remembering wall when I forget a fact that I want to use in my work."

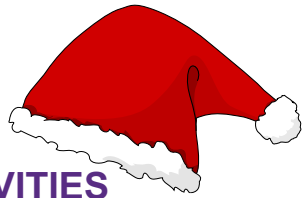
## CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Yesterday Years 1-6 held their Christmas Carol Concert in St Michael's Church - singing songs and carols for parents, governors and members of the local community. A truly special morning for all involved.



## Y3 TRIP TO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum and had the most wonderful time exploring! Some of their favourite parts were visiting Dippy the Dinosaur and examining the ammonite fossils!



## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

We have had a variety of Christmas activities around school over the last week. From a Christmas meal last Wednesday to a visit from Santa, the children have all been full of excitement - topping off this week with Key Stage parties, spending time with their friends!





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## END OF TERM AWARD WINNERS

A huge congratulations to our 'End of Term Award' winners:

Ashton Award - Foundation Stage - Best performing, all-round, role model student across the Early Years (Nursery and Reception) - Erik (Pear)

Slade Award - Year 1, 2 or 3 - Best performing, all-round, role model student - Aminah (Yew)

Lassman Award - Year 4, 5 or 6 - Best performing, all-round, role model student - Riona (Willow)

RWI Award - a reading award for a child currently in the RWI programme - Mihajilo (Holly)

Platt Reading Award - a reading award for a child not in the RWI programme - Halima (Walnut)

Maureen Leo Kitchen Team Award- children nominated by the kitchen team - Nana (Hazel)

Ridyard Eco Award - an award for environmental awareness and excellence - Khalid (Beech)

Jean Branigan Award - A child who demonstrates they are able to look after their own wellbeing and also notice and help others to look after their mental, social and physical health. - Louise (Elder)

## ATTENDANCE AWARD WINNERS

A huge well done to Palm class for winning the Autumn term attendance award. Palm overtook Willow in the last few weeks, proving that every attendance mark matters! All children in Palm received a tube of sweets.

# WELL DONE!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



- Nursery visit from Mr Marvel - Wednesday 21st December
- Term Ends - 2PM Finish - Wednesday 21st December
- Back to school - Thursday 5th January 2023
- Y6 trip to Lincolnshire - Wednesday 11th January
- Reception application deadline - Sunday 15th January
- Year 5 and Year 6 Bikeability - Monday 16th January - Friday 20th January
- R/Y1/Y2 Bikeability - Friday 27th January

## OWLER

Our Year 6 children are delighted to share the first edition of the school newspaper "The Owl" written by them. Please click the link here: [OWLER](#)

## RECEPTION ADMISSION 2023 NOW OPEN

**APPLY FOR A RECEPTION 2023 PLACE TODAY**  
**SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE NOW**  
Applications close 15th January

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Applications can be made here: [APPLICATION](#)

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