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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow - what a fun and busy week we've had! We have had fabulous Christmas performances to parents and grandparents from all the children in Reception, Year 2,3 and 4. Year 4 also showed off their Gymnastic skills in a display on Wednesday and Year 5 took part in a workshop about the Bayeaux Tapestry. Congratulations also to the children from the Rabble Theatre club, who performed a fun, shortened version of Peter Pan yesterday.

We were thrilled to welcome Marie Rogers into school yesterday, as our first Artist in Residence. She really inspired the children, as they all went to watch her paint throughout the day. We can't wait to welcome her back! Oh, and then we celebrated Xmas Jumper Day and had a delicious Xmas lunch today. Phew - I'm glad it's nearly the weekend - I need a rest!

I am really looking forward to watching the performances of Year 1, 5 and 6 next week.



Reception

This week our Level 3 letters and sounds were x,y and z and we blended words like yam, yes, fox and zap. We are really enjoying being able to read more and more words almost every day! As we continued with the story of the Gingerbread Man, we've been discussing and writing what he might have been thinking on his adventure. We loved learning the words and actions to the story and had great fun performing it to you this morning, along with some Christmas songs and dance moves.

Year 1

We really enjoyed drawing pictures of somewhere that we've been and then writing on them as if they were postcards. We worked hard on them remembering to include capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and the words - all whilst writing in our continuous cursive handwriting. Our sewn Christmas tree decorations are looking lovely and we joined the front and back of our designs together this week. We've learnt all the songs and actions for our Christmas performance and performed it to all of year 2 yesterday. They said that they loved it!

Year 2

We had soooooo much fun practising for and performing our 'Ready, Camel Action', Nativity play to our parents and grandparents this week. We can't stop singing all the songs and dancing when we're out for break and lunch. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Aside from the rehearsals and performances, we have also been busy conducting investigations and creating plans for designing a shield out of recyclable materials for Elizabeth - the Paper Princess. We used our knowledge of the properties of everyday materials to decide which is best suited for each part of the shield.

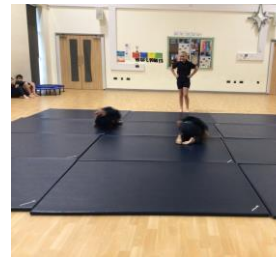
Year 3

This week, we managed to add the final layer of colour to our Egyptian Death Masks and are looking forward to having them finished before Christmas so that we can bring them home. In Maths we've been learning the

difference between horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines. We have also learnt how to draw right angles. In Science, we have been learning how muscles expand and contract to help us move and we also completed some exercises to help us identify some of our key muscle groups. Thanks for coming to watch the first of our Christmas performances yesterday afternoon and for singing along to some of the songs.

Year 4

We started the week by retrieving and gathering information about the effects of deforestation and used this to plan and then write a persuasive letter to the government, using all the features of persuasive writing that we learnt last week. In Maths, we've been learning how to multiply and divide by 7 and in Science we've been exploring different animals' teeth and how this impacts whether they are herbivores, omnivores or carnivores. We really enjoyed performing our gymnastic display on Wednesday and Mrs Edwards said she was super proud of us all! We also enjoyed singing in the first of our Christmas concerts yesterday.



Year 5

Science was really interesting this week, as we carried out an investigation into how different variables can affect the speed at which salt dissolves in water. We also had a really informative online workshop about the Bayeaux Tapestry as part of our topic work. We recapped and revised our arithmetic skills in Maths and had some really interesting discussions about happiness in our PSHE lesson.

Year 6

Following the research we have completed on a creature of our choice, we have been considering and planning how we are going to layout the information in a non-chronological report. We'll then start to write the report next week. We've focused on microorganisms in Science and undertook an experiment on how mould grows in particular environments over time. We enjoyed delivering our planned E-Safety lessons to pupils in Year 5 and got some really useful feedback.

Thanks to the PTFA

Many thanks to Michelle Nand and different parents and members of the PTFA, for organising coffee and mince pies for parents and grandparents before the children's performances this week. It was much appreciated! And another huge thank you to the PTFA for the funds raised at the Christmas fayre, it was a whopping **£5287!**

Cross Country at MECE

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the last of the Winter Series X-Country events at MECE last Saturday. The temperature never climbed above -2 degrees and there were some gutsy runs. A special mention must go to Percy, for coming 3rd overall in the Yr 4 Boys Winter Series and to all the Yr 4 boys for winning the Winter Series Team Trophy.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to those that donated to the poppy appeal, **£319.54** was raised!

End of Term Football Festival - Wednesday 20th December

On the final day of term Performance Sports would like to run an end of term Football Festival across year 1 to 6. It will consist of a round robin series of small sided matches and adapted games. If your child is interested in taking part, please complete the google form in the link below so that we can gauge interest and numbers for the event.

<https://forms.office.com/e/aUx80CzJTH>

Christmas Jumper day - Friday 8th December

The children and staff looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers today. Thank you all so much for your generous donations to this great charity.

Spring Term Clubs

Please find below a link to a Google drive which contains information and flyers for **some** of our Spring Term Clubs. The remaining clubs will follow with next week's Highlights.

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1dFKbqavIoVDR-ur6D_tKRnFhb3Fy0NVs

All club providers are managing their own bookings so if you have any questions, please email them using the email address provided in the flyers.

Please note that Cookery Club with Mrs Edwards is fully booked for the Spring Term.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to Ellie, Emily and the team for all their efforts with organising the Scholastic Book Fair. They managed to raise over **£900** for the school!

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Dates for the Diary

Year 3&4 Christmas performance	11 th December 9:15pm
Year 5&6 Christmas performance	12 th December 2:15pm
Year 5&6 Christmas performance	13 th December 9:15pm
KS2 Panto at the Hexagon - <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	14 th December
Year 1 Christmas performance	14 th December 9:15am
Christmas Holidays	20 th December -1:30pm finish
End of Term Football Festival	20 th December -1:45pm to 3:15pm

I hope you all have a great weekend.



Mrs Edwards