



Headteacher's Blog

16TH DECEMBER 2024

Last Week's Round-up...

What an excellent week we had! A huge well done to all of our children from Reception up to Year 4 who performed brilliantly. So many children took on lead roles and did this with confidence and gusto. Lots of children overcame nerves to stand on the stage and perform and everyone worked together to make performances to be proud of! My thanks also go to staff who planned, led practices and encouraged the children so skilfully.

Thanks to our FOSP who ran raffles at each performance.

Choir had a busy week out and about with a joyful performance at the Elderberries Christmas party on Wednesday. We always get such a warm welcome from our Elderberry friends. Then on Friday, we headed down to Starbucks to spread a little Christmas cheer while customers enjoyed their coffee!

UKS2 children had such a memorable time at Woodhorn when they visited as part of their historical learning about mining. We are always proud of our curious learners but it was great to hear that Woodhorn staff complimented our children on their engagement and eagerness to learn throughout their visits.

What's on this week...

It's going to be a very busy one... I'll try to keep this as 'at a glance' as possible:

- Pear and Plum classes head to watch Little Red Riding Hood on Monday morning
- Apple and Cherry class Songs Around the Christmas Tree Mon 10.00 and Tues 14.00. Please come to the Main Entrance
- Rock Steady concerts Monday 13.30 and 14.15 (please refer to email sent to know which concert your child is performing in)
- Tuesday morning Oak, Ash and Beech children making Christingles. If possible, please can children bring in an orange
- Choir singing at Summerhill care home and St Paul's Court on Tuesday afternoon
- Children to come to school in party clothes on Wednesday for Christmas lunch and class parties
- Christingle at St Paul's church on Thursday 19th December, led by Year 5 and 6. Children from Y1-Y6 will attend. All are welcome to join us for this annual event.

Break up at 15.00 on Friday.

Tic Toc will re-open on Thurs 2nd January and school re-opens for all children on Mon 6th January

Secret head teacher spots...

I was delighted to hear about **Harvey Robinson's** excellent engagement when at Woodhorn. Harvey's questions and knowledge were commented on by Woodhorn staff.

In a 1st for any member of our school, **Bea Rose** has made it through to the second round of the BBC 500 Words competition. This means that her story has been selected from over 40,000 entries to make the top 5,000. What an amazing achievement! Bea's story will now be considered by The Reading Agency to find the top 50 writers who are then invited to Buckingham Palace for the grand final.





A HUGE WELL DONE TO...

Amelie O'Connell, James Rose, Mattia Peruzzo, Tommi Egdell, all of Ash class, Oliver Bonnett, Noah Porteous, all of Maple class, Mason McFall and Una Morris-Watson

We are very proud of you all!

Farewell

At the end of this week, we will be saying farewell to two long standing members of staff.

Vicky Johnson will be moving on to a new post within education and we wish her well in her new and exciting role.

Sharon Prichard, our school cook will be beginning a well deserved retirement. We wish Sharon all the best for a long and happy retirement.

KS1 children will make Christingles with our friends from Ignite this week. Children in KS2 are invited to bring Christingles into school on Wednesday or Thursday morning. If you'd like to take your Christingle home on Friday, you must be sure to put your name and date on it!

If you'd like to know how to make a Christingle, you can find out by clicking on the link:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/tees/content/articles/2007/12/05/christingle_feature.shtml



HAVE A LISTEN TO THIS...

Not long to go... it's nearly time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwntAXX9rGc>