



Newsletter

9th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week as we have shared not one but three Christmas productions. Nursery and Reception, followed by Year 1 and Year 2, then today Year 3 and Year 4. Our children were all shining stars with lots of amazing performances, many budding actors and singers for stage and screen. We look forward to Year 5 and Year 6 Christingle at St Cuthbert's church next week.

Christmas Pantomime

Our children also loved M and M's production of Cinderella. They were the perfect audience which was commented on by the actors. They loved that the children actively participated throughout and their singing and dancing to the 'Greatest Show' was fantastic.



Christmas Kindness

Our children continue to collect tokens for showing kindness and care to their friends in and out of the classroom. The class who achieve the most will achieve a special treat from Mrs Allison. Some children who collect the most next week will also receive a special mystery prize too.



Inquisitive Owlets!

The owlets have had an exciting week learning new songs for Christmas. They still enjoy old favourites and Incey Wincey spider is one of the most popular. They enjoyed washing poor Incey down the water spout in our water tray!



Pre-school Rummaging Robins!

I think everyone will agree that the Robins shone very brightly with their beautiful singing on Tuesday. They have been busy this week completing top secret Christmas crafts! Our book this week was "The Snowman" and the Robins enjoyed drawing their own snowmen outside with chalk.



Perfect Puffins!

Well what a half term the Puffins have had, it has certainly been jam packed with learning and amazing experiences.

All the Puffins took to the stage on Tuesday afternoon to perform our wonderful Christmas Nativity for family and friends, I think it is safe to say that we brought the house down!



Christmas crafting and festive fun have certainly begun down in Early Years however, the children have all remained focussed and on task during their discrete phonics, Maths and Literacy sessions, enjoying The Detective Dog by Julia Donaldson, becoming masters of one fewer and blowing our Christmas socks off with their super speedy sounds – I wonder who will be taking Fred home this week on Fred's Phonics Friday?!



Read Write inc
phonics

It's Fred Frog's Phonics Friday!

Fred has come home with you this weekend to see how brilliant you are at practising your phonics at home. He would love to hear you doing your speedy sounds and some Fred Talk with a grown up.

Look here if you need some more information:
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Please share on Tapestry

Take care of Fred and return him on Tuesday!

We are all looking forward to our last full week together before the Christmas holidays, particularly our visit from the story teller Chris Bostock on Wednesday. Don't forget we are singing at Morrisons at 1pm on Friday 16th December, do come along to share some of our Christmas magic.



Curious Kingfishers!

Curious Kingfishers Hollywood watch out! Our Kingfishers have worked so hard over the last few weeks on their Christmas performance 'The Big Little Nativity' and were so excited to share the play with their grown-ups on Wednesday. Every single child had their own part to play, both speaking and nonspeaking and we have been so impressed with lines, lyrics, Makaton signs, actions and dance moves learned-they are all superstars!

Brian, our kind class elf, delivered some kindness tokens for our reward jar and has kept us guessing as to where we might find him next! He always has a message for the Kingfishers and his message usually reminds us to think of others and always choose kindness above all else. He also joined in with Christmas jumper day – along with all of his festive friends!

In history, our Kingfishers have been thinking carefully about what their past is like. We have looked carefully at the different stages of growing up and produced some accurate timelines. We are excited to continue delving into the past in the coming week.

All of the Kingfishers were thrilled to receive their class Dojo login details and have been earning so many points for good behaviour choices and trying their best in class! Please let us know if you need any help getting online to see your child's Class Dojo account. As a class, we already have over 400 points between us!



Shining Skylarks!

I have to begin by saying that we could not be prouder of all of the Skylarks and Kingfishers for their performance in the Big Little Nativity. They all shone brightly! Thank you to all parents, grandparents, family and friends who supported with costumes and attended on Wednesday. Your support and encouragement is very much appreciated.

In writing this week we have begun reading poetry together looking for inspiration for writing our own poems for the Meadowdale Poetry competition. One of our favourites is 'The Sound

Collector' by Roger McGough. Next week, we will focus on the themes of Christmas and winter and begin drafting our own poems working in pairs and independently.



Super Swifts

This week the Swifts have been demonstrating their fantastic writing skills by using adjectives, similes and senses to write a poem all about Christmas. They have worked extremely hard. We have spent time rehearsing for our Christmas performance this week which we hope you all enjoyed. I am sure you will agree they were fantastic. Have a wonderful weekend.



Heroic Harriers

The Harriers loved coding this week for their Hour of Code to celebrate Computer Science week! We faced some tricky tasks but rose to the challenge and programmed some excellent algorithms to complete the objectives. We all looked AMAZING today in our Christmas jumpers too!



Marvellous Merlins

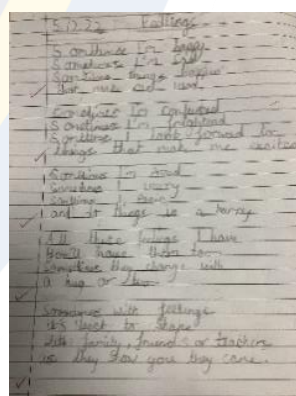
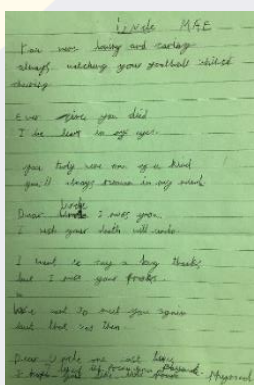
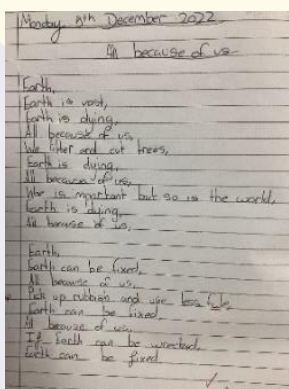
The year 5 Merlins have continued to learn about life on Mars in our English lessons. One of our Merlins, who is quite an expert on space, sat in the hot seat and we asked him lots of insightful questions on why people choose to become an astronaut. Ollie was able to give us very knowledgeable answers.



The mini-police went on a tour of Bedlington police station and completed a festive quiz. They visited all the various departments, from lost property to the CID, and learnt about what each department did within the police. Thank you to PCs Merva, Rob and Bev for such an interesting tour; we learned a lot!



For homework this week, the Merlins were asked to write a poem for the competition, My Beautiful Voice, Mrs Allison had introduced in whole school assembly. I am very impressed with their first drafts – well done to Amelia, Mae, Millie and Ella.



Outstanding Owls

The Outstanding Owls have been working hard to prepare their Christingle Service this week. Rev Ian has been to rehearse with them, and they impressed us all with their singing and reading. They have also been finding out what the Christingle represents and writing Christmas prayers.

Golden Awards

Our Headteacher Golden Awards were presented today to the following children who have all impressed their class teacher and shone very brightly.

Nursery: Isabelle
Reception: Alice
Year 1: Jacob
Year 2: Eden
Year 3: Lucas
Year 4: Quinn
Year 5: Amelia
Year 6: Lois



Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

Start times

All children from Reception to Year 6 need to arrive from **8.30am - 8.40am** and go straight to their classroom to get ready for the day of learning. We close the top gate at 8.45am when all children are registered and ready to learn. All children will need to report to the school office if they are later than 8.45am parents will be notified that their child was late.

Mr Grant opens the top gate at 8.30am and will lock it at 8.45am. Myself and Mrs Morgan are now going to be found on either the EYFS gate or on the older children door. We will always have a clip board to give any messages that parents may have for the class teacher. This will mean that our teaching assistants are in the classroom getting ready for learning to begin at 8.45am.

Class Attendance

The government expectation is 96% attendance for individual pupils and school. Attendance and punctuality really matter to your child's education - every day counts! When your child's attendance drops below 95% school will begin monitoring. Referrals to the local authority may also be made if there is no improvement seen.



Reception	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Yr. 4	Yr. 5	Yr. 6
93%	88%	92.8%	100%	92.2%	91.6%	95.2%

Healthy snacks

Thank you to all parents from Yr 3 upwards who have sent their child to school with a healthy mid-morning snack. Everyone in the younger year groups is provided with a healthy snack. There has been a huge variety of snacks which the children have really enjoyed and we hope that this continues throughout the year. If your child does bring sweets or crisps into school, they will be asked to keep them for home time.

Polite Reminder

If your child needs an emergency medical appointment, please provide evidence of the appointment with our Office team. If the booking has been made over the telephone, a text message is sent and this can be forwarded or a photograph taken and sent to our Office team. If in doubt, please ask. It really is important that we know where the children are.

Please remember that emergency messages for end of day pick up will be delivered to a class teacher and we will follow instructions from a parent/carer only when it is an emergency.

Dates for diary

December	
Wednesday 14 th December	Chris Bostock – Story teller
Thursday 15 th December	Christingle – Years 5 & 6 at St. Cuthbert's Church
Friday 16 th December	Reception children sing at Morrisons
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Parcel book Swap
Friday 16 th December	Christmas story swap
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Chocolate and Bottle Raffle Prize Draw
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch and Yr 6 parents attending from 1pm
Monday 19 th December	KS2 Online Science Christmas Workshop
Monday 19 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties
Monday 19 th December	PTFA Magic of Christmas Movie Night until 5pm
Tuesday 20 th December	KS2 Year 3 and 4 am, Year 5 and Year 6 pm Christmas Parties
Tuesday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas at normal time

Christmas Raffle

We would love to raise money for Save the Children this Christmas and raise money to support some of the extras that we give in school for our children like the Christmas pantomime and Chris Bostock visit. THANK YOU to everyone who has provided a chocolate prize or a bottle prize – it is much appreciated! Raffle tickets will be on sale before each Christmas production and online from **Friday 25th November**. We will then draw the raffle on Friday 16th December.

Christmas Lunch

Our new Catering Manager, Mr. Wright, is looking forward to the Christmas lunch for our children on Friday 16th December. The Christmas menu is:



Main course:

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Pigs in blankets, Roast potatoes, Seasonal vegetables, Sprouts and gravy.

Vegetarian option:

Quorn and vegetable Hotpot, seasonal vegetables, Sprouts and gravy.

Desserts:

Christmas pudding and white sauce

Christmas biscuit with Juice

Chocolate yule log

Fruit salad

Our Year 6 parents have been invited to attend and we would look forward to this becoming a Meadowdale tradition.

PTFA Movie Night AND Santa visit – Monday 19th December



Looking forward to seeing our children enjoy the top two most popular Christmas movies voted by themselves! Elf was very popular and was voted their number one favourite. The PTFA have organised Santa to visit with a present for every child in school. They also have a Movie snack and drink for everyone. We can't wait!

Clubs This Week

Clubs are now finished until January. The new booking form for next term will be sent out next week.

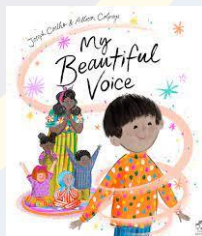
Dojo Points

Our children continue to enjoy collecting Dojo points. We will ask for pupil and parental feedback in the New Year.



My Beautiful Voice

Many of our children have entered the Beautiful voice poetry competition and I look forward to reading them and sharing them with families in the weeks ahead. All entries will receive Dojo points and a special prize for the best entries. We then will display all poems and hope that our children will read them to their classes, sharing their beautiful words and voices.



Chris Bostock Storyteller

We are really looking forward to Chris Bostock visiting school next week and his 'Tree of Life' tales. Miss Holmes has organised the event and a special parent workshop will end the day.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated. Please remember if you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting school. We are always here to help and support our children and families.

Wishing everyone a happy weekend in the winter sunshine.

Take care

Mrs Allison





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LUNCH MENU WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHINESE CHICKEN NOODLES	MEXICAN CHILL BEEF WITH RICE AND CORN	ROAST CHICKEN DINNER WITH YORKSHIRE PUDDING	PASTA BOLOGNESE WITH GALIC BREAD	FISH FINGERS WITH CHIPS
QUORN TOAD IN THE HOLE	CHEESE AND TOMATO PIZZA WITH OVEN BAKED WEDGES	MACARONI AND CHEESE	CHICKEN GOUGON WRAP WITH SALAD	HAM AND CHEESE PANINI WITH CHIPS
SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES
JACKET POTATO with a CHOICE OF FILLING	JACKET POTATO with a CHOICE OF FILLING	JACKET POTATO with a CHOICE OF FILLING	JACKET POTATO with a CHOICE OF FILLING	JACKET POTATO with a CHOICE OF FILLING
SANDWICH OF YOUR CHOICE	SANDWICH OF YOUR CHOICE	SANDWICH OF YOUR CHOICE	SANDWICH OF YOUR CHOICE	SANDWICH OF YOUR CHOICE
ICED CAKE WITH CUSTARD	APPLE CRUMBLE WITH CUSTARD	ICED CAKE WITH CUSTARD	CHOCOLATE SWISS ROLL WITH CUSTARD	ICED CUPCAKE
	ICED CAKE		ICED CAKE	ICED CAKE
DRINK & BISCUIT	DRINK & BISCUIT	DRINK & BISCUIT	DRINK & BISCUIT	DRINK & BISCUIT
YOGHURT	YOGHURT	YOGHURT	YOGHURT	YOGHURT
FRUIT SALAD	FRUIT SALAD	FRUIT SALAD	FRUIT SALAD	FRUIT SALAD

LUNCH MENU WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OVEN BAKED SAUSAGES WITH MASHED POTATO	CHICKEN CURRY WITH RICE	PORK MINCE WITH DUMPLING AND MASHED POTATO	BEEF AND PORK MEATBALLS WITH PASTA	BREADED FISH WITH CHIPS
TOMATO AND BASIL PASTA WITH GARLIC BREAD	QUORN SAUSAGES WITH MASHED POTATO	CHICKEN FAJITI WRAP WITH RICE	QUORN COTTAGE PIE	BEEF BURGER WITH CHIPS
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ICED CAKE WITH CUSTARD	VANILLA ICE CREAM	ICED CAKE WITH CUSTARD	BAKED RICE PUDDING	CHOCOLATE MUFFIN
	ICED CAKE & CUSTARD		ICED CAKE WITH CUSTARD	ICED CAKE
DRINK & BISCUIT	DRINK & BISCUIT	DRINK & BISCUIT	DRINK & BISCUIT	DRINK & BISCUIT
YOGHURT	YOGHURT	YOGHURT	YOGHURT	YOGHURT
FRUIT SALAD	FRUIT SALAD	FRUIT SALAD	FRUIT SALAD	FRUIT SALAD

LUNCH MENU WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN NOODLES	CORNED BEEF PIE WITH POTATOES	ROAST PORK DINNER WITH YORKSHIRE PUDDING	PASTA BOLOGNESE WITH GARLIC BREAD	FISHCAKE AND CHIPS
CHEESE AND TOMATO PIZZA WITH OVEN BAKED WEDGES	CHEESE AND TOMATO PASTA BAKE	QUORN MINCE PIE WITH ROAST POTATOES	QUORN AND PEPPER CURRY WITH RICE	OVEN BAKED SAUSAGES WITH CHIPS
SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES
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