



NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents,

Today we had our annual Santa Dash with the learners walking around the centre. We had a dazzling array of Christmas jumpers and hats, and everyone was in good spirits creating a lovely atmosphere. It was bright and sunny too, despite a chilly breeze, which made for a super walk.

The learners have been working on a song for Christmas this half term and today we shared them in the hall. Each class had great fun performing their song to everyone and we shared cakes, mince pies and a drink to celebrate. We finished the day with singing practise, ending the week in style.

We are all getting very excited for Christmas and the classrooms are looking very festive. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that we break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 17th December at 3.30 pm and school reopens on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 9 am.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Stuart Bruce

Assistant Head of School

Jubilee Class

Dear family and friends,

This week we have been preparing our class for Christmas! We have been baking biscuits using seasonal spices and decorations. We have made ginger biscuits and they were eaten when they were still warm. We made Christmas decorations to create a display in the corridor and it is starting to look like Christmas. We have chosen our song for our Christmas concert on Friday and we have been practicing it in class.

We have made our own Christmas goody bags by using acrylic paint and we made Christmas wreaths to bring home as a present for the family. Some of the residential learners have had a tea party with Santa this week. On Thursday they also went to London to see the Winter Wonderland and enjoyed it very much.

On Friday we had our Santa Dash and we looked so festive in our Christmas jumpers. We attended the BBQ and had our food for brunch. It was all very exciting and enjoyable for learners and staff!

We hope you have a festive weekend and wrap up warm.

Kind regards

Mrs C

Winston

Happy Friday from The Winston Team,

This week we have done lots of Christmas activities, including writing a Christmas story, some of which were very amusing.

Today has been a great day with Santa Dash and Winston Class are ready for this afternoon, to perform their edited version of Girls Just Wanna Have Fun to Elves Just Wanna Have Fun!

They have done their regular Literacy, Numeracy and City & Guilds and exercise throughout the week.

Have a great weekend.

Mel and The Winston Team.

Bramley Class

Dear Parent,

We are now nearly at the end of term and fully entered into the Christmas Season. We have been reading a story by one of our favourite authors Eric Carle, called Dream Snow, one of his last books with his usual signature illustrations. We have been telling the story as a sensory story with musical accompaniment. We have also been doing some creative artwork in the classroom to reflect the winter season. In food technology we made Mince pies.

This week we have had lots of sensory breaks in the OMI room and the ball pool, using TacPac and a package called Musical Adventures.

In RE we have been learning about the second part of the Christmas story with the birth of Christ and the visit of the shepherds. We have taken the opportunity to revisit some of our favourite carols and rehearse for our Christmas Concert. We also had the opportunity to join in the Santa Dash on Friday.

Regards,

Lyn

Pippin Class

Pippin have had a fantastic week of creativity. We loved taking part in the Santa Dash and did very well performing in the Christmas assembly. Alongside this we made decorations for the hall including baubles and baked gingerbread men.

Many thanks

Charlotte

Stirling Class

This week Stirling have continued reading "The Toilet of Doom" by Michael Lawrence.

The students have continued their piece of creative writing about a superhero using the skills and spelling they have learned in previous weeks to create their story.

In Maths the students have been doing quizzes on the work they have learnt over the term.

The students have been making Christmas decorations for our classroom walls and the school hall.

The students have also been taking part in general end of year quizzes based on pictures, general knowledge and Christmas for fun.

The students have also spent a lot of time this week contributing props, artwork and participating in the Christmas concert where we will be performing along to a song with actions.

Discovery Class

This week we have been very Christmassy. We have been getting ready for our informal internal Christmas concert this week. We have been making angel decorations, making mince pies and other Christmas arts and crafts.

Today we had the Santa Dash and all of the pupils were able to participate which was really nice. And the sun joined us for a short while!

We have practising for our part in the Christmas Concert. We are doing a pop version of Let it Snow and we have been using the parachute and plastic balls to have pretend snowball fights!

We have been continuing our Disney topic for our communication sensory story and have enjoyed extending our vocabulary, labelling pictures from the Jungle Book this week.

We have been continuing to develop our emotional literacy and awareness of our peers through games and group activities in our PSHE lessons.

This week we gave our Simply the Best certificate to Rosie, for participating well in the Santa Dash with the rest of the class.

Have a great weekend

Gill, Greg and Letty

And the rest of the Discovery team