



Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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From Mrs Irwin

The festive season has well and truly started and what a wonderful week it has been in and around school! The children in Class 1 and 2 showcased their amazing Christmas performance entitled 'Lights, Camel, Action' and they really were superstars! The feedback from everyone has been extremely positive and parents / carers should feel extremely proud of their children—they are an absolute credit to you! A review of the performance can be read below, but many thanks for the completed evaluations from families who attended the show. They are very gratefully received and will be used to inform school improvement priorities. On a final note, it is another busy week in school next week, so please note the dates for your diary on page 2. Wishing you a very enjoyable weekend.

'LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION!' (Review by Luke C)

At first, when everyone was coming in, there was no one on stage but the backdrop was shining and the music was great. When the children came in everyone could see their wonderful costumes. Soon, it all started and the whole audience could hear the lovely voices of the children. Also, we can't forget about all the amazing actors and dancers who were all fantastic. I think everyone gave it 100%. So if you have not seen the Oxspring Christmas play come and see one next year!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Please note that next **Wednesday 14th December** is Key Stage 1 Christmas party, The Key Stage 2 party is on **Friday 16th December**. The children are invited to come to school in their party clothes for those dates. As in previous years, lunch on the party days will be a buffet lunch, which starts the party afternoon. School pay for the party food, so dinner money next week for Classes 3, 4 and 5 will be **£8, instead of £10**.

ATTENDANCE

The best attendance last week goes to Class 3 with 98.9%, followed closely by Class 4 with 97.9%. Class 5 came next with 96.4%, then Class 2 with 95% and finally Class 1 with 94.3%. Super news Class3!



EXCELLENT LEARNERS 9.12.16



Meet this week's excellent learners who should be very proud of their achievements this week! The teachers choose one child for showing a positive attitude towards learning in any aspect of the curriculum, as well as a second child for mastering maths (our M&Ms!).

Class 1: Ava H—For writing super letter to Santa using initial sounds

George H— For an energetic line dance in the Nativity!

Class 2: Freya B—For a great performance as a FUNKY camel!

Evie C— For using the correct language when talking about 2D shapes! (MM)

Class 3: Archie P—For fantastic letter writing.

Jack B—For showing good understanding in his maths assessment. (MM)

Class 4: Jessica B—For her excellent use of dialogue and action.

Rosie B—For superb work in her maths assessment showing outstanding progress in multiplication and division (MM)

Class 5: Noveed PS—For a stunning improvement in the presentation of his work.

Chloe H—For a wonderful term's maths work! (MM)



HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a couple of incidents involving cars mounting the pavement outside of school (to park or turn around) at the start of the day. On two separate occasions in the last week, two of our children have nearly been hit by a car as a result of this. We have been in touch with the police and they intend to patrol the area to monitor the situation and contact anyone directly who is compromising our children's safety. Could we please ask that all parents / carers and family members support us in being vigilant in safe parking near to the school premises to ensure that the safety of our children is absolutely paramount.

Roving Reporters

Class 1— Class 1 have been reading loads and loads of Christmas books and making decorations! One day this week, Mrs Reeve put some foam in the water tray which looked like snow! Also the children have been enjoying their assessments by writing about what they want for Christmas! They have done their amazing play, everyone spoke clearly and no one forgot their lines - it was brilliant! In maths, Class 1 have been counting Christmas presents and it helped them to read numbers. Finally, the children have been crafting cards of reindeers! (By Sam and Jake A)

Class 2— Class 2 have been writing fabulous letters to Santa and after that they wrote another letter to Rudolph .In maths the people of Class 2 have sorted shapes into 2D and 3D then sorted the 2D shapes into the different types of shapes. A game was played by a small group of them where you push a sphere to your partner and try to stop it going into your bowl or a guessing shape game. Class two have counted edges and answered what they think a shape is called. They have also been preparing and preforming their brilliant Nativity. (By Joe)

Class 3— In English, Class 3 have used the story of ‘A Christmas Carol’ and turned it into a ‘proper book’. In maths the children are learning about 2D shapes such as quadrilaterals and looking at their properties. In art they have been drawing letters that would fit into the Bible. Also they have made snowflakes and decorated their classroom with paper chains. There are actually 185 paper chains! Class 3 have also completed assessments for English, maths and reading. Finally, in science they have made electrical circuits to light up light bulbs and explored insulators and conductors. (By Ben A and George D)

Class 4— This week in maths, Class 4 have been learning about fractions, including improper fractions, equivalent fractions and mixed numbers. In English they made posters to advertise their wonderful wreathes for people to buy! Class 4 also finished some Christmas crafts to get in the Christmas spirit. Finally, they read ‘A Christmas Carol’ by Charles Dickens as part of their Victorians topic work (By Chloe H and Lucy W)

Class 5— Class 5 have been creating many ‘Christmassy’ arts and crafts this week such as making pop up Christmas cards. Some people (like me) have created Nativity videos using stop motion animation. We have also been making our own felt slippers in DT. Many of us have made our drawings for our own personalised calendars using some of the art techniques taught to us by Mrs Irwin like Picasso and impressionism. We have also had a go at debating with Mrs Marsden! (By Noveed)

KS2 CHRISTMAS ENTERPRISE—On **Tuesday 13th December, at 2:30pm, Classes 3, 4 and 5** will be holding an enterprise Christmas Fayre in the hall. The children in the 3 classes have been making Christmas crafts to sell and have designed a Christmas game for children to take part in. The objective is to both develop children’s DT skills as well as supporting their understanding of money as they identify the costs and profits. Monies raised will be spent on items for the classroom which the children will decide upon. All children in the school will be invited to attend the craft fayre and we hope you will support the KS2 children by allowing your children to bring a small amount of money (**maximum of £2**) to either buy the crafts and/or play the Christmas games. Left over crafts will be available for parents to buy after school on Tuesday.

PTA UPDATE

Time to announce our grand total made at the Christmas Fair.....an incredible **£ 2295.00!!!** Thank you so very much to everyone who helped with our Christmas Fair— especially to those of you who came along on the night, who bought and sold raffle tickets and who gave SO generously to our good cause. We look forward to finding out and letting you know how the money will be spent in school! ‘Thanks so so much’ must also go to Emily Gratton-Rayson for being so incredibly generous with her time, skills and donation of materials at the ‘Christmas Wreath Making Workshop’ held at the end of November. We can now announce that it has raised an outstanding figure of **£ 252.00** for the Playground Fund. Thanks to those who attended and once again huge thank you to Emily!

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

We would like to invite the parents / carers / grandparents of children in **Class 3, 4 and 5** to a ‘Carols Around the Tree’ concert at **10.00am to 11.15am on Friday 16th December. Refreshments will be served at 10am,** followed by carol singing from all 3 classes at **10.15 am.** The choir will also perform a few of their Christmas songs.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We were delighted to hear that Maggie, Pearl and Hazel O. took pride of place on the Santa Sleigh at the ‘Penistone Christmas Lights Switch On’ last week, which was sponsored by the Penistone Round Table! Well done to the 3 of you for doing such a fantastic job!



If you have any news about what your child / children are doing outside of school and would like us to share it with everyone in our weekly newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Irwin!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ⇒ **Monday 12th December (pm) - whole school Christmas film at Penistone Paramount.**
- ⇒ **Tuesday 13th December—Christmas jumper day / Christmas lunch. It is also Key Stage 2 Christmas Enterprise Fair .**
- ⇒ **Wednesday 14th December (pm) Key Stage 1 Christmas Party. Also St Aidan’s pop in at 2.30pm (all choir)**
- ⇒ **Thursday 15th December—Year 5 and 6 choir to Tesco at 10am. Also 6-7pm—Stories, Supper and Snuggles evening for Class 1, 2 and 3 children**
- ⇒ **Friday 16th December—KS2 Christmas party (pm)**