

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** What an exciting week! On Monday, the EYFS team made Mrs Yasaee feel very welcome as she took over teaching Class 1. The children are looking forward to sharing their skills and interests with her over the coming months. The highlight of this week has been the Nativity play which the children performed in front of their families. Mrs Guest, Mrs Yasaee and Mrs Page were VERY proud of all the pupils as they followed instructions well and sang beautifully. It was quite emotional for the teaching team to watch the children on the stage and they are sure everyone who came to see the production will join them in saying a big 'Well done' to each and every child in EYFS. A rest is well and truly deserved this weekend.

**Year 1** Wow, what can we say! Our Year 1s were amazing performers in 'Lights, Camel, Action!!' What a lot of skills they have learnt, not just the singing and the dancing, but organisation, memory, teamwork, resilience and encouragement of others. We couldn't be prouder of the children and we are sure you are too. Much of our week has been taken up with practising and performing so we have enjoyed some Busy Learning and longer playtimes. We have also made some creative Christmas folders which we are filling with a range of Maths and Literacy activities. Thank you to all parents who came to the shows, and for the super costumes. We hope we put you all in a festive mood!

**Year 2** Year 2 has been very busy performing our amazing production of 'Lights, camel, action'. The children have been very excited and have been singing and dancing enthusiastically for all of the shows. Thank you for helping them to learn their words and for sending in the costumes. The year 2 teachers are very proud of all they have achieved in such a short amount of time and hopefully the children will have made lots of wonderful memories. They children have also been working hard during our choosing time as Santa Cam and Dinky (the class 5 elf on a shelf) are watching to make sure that Father Christmas knows who deserves extra presents! Next week we are having our science week and will be looking at and testing lots of different materials. There will also be a few challenges thrown in as well!

**Year 3** This week we have been very busy in year 3. We have been continuing our work based on the book Matilda by Roald Dahl. We have been discussing plot development and characters this week. In maths we have been continuing with our work on division. The children are making progress with their understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division. Any extra practise of times tables at home is always beneficial. In our topic work we have learnt about children in Victorian times. The children experienced what it would be like to go to school in Victorian times. It was hard work! We have also been preparing for our Christmas Carol Concert next week.

**Year 4** This week, year 4 have been focusing on how to persuade Raymond Briggs' grumpy Father Christmas, that Christmas is the best time of year. We have collected our reasons and done some role play and are beginning to write a persuasive letter. In maths some of us have started looking at negative numbers and this will continue into next week. We have been practicing our singing and sound very angelic! We hope that you will come to hear our performances next week.

**Year 5** This week we have had Maths, Literacy, Science and Music. We have also practised for our Christmas carol singing. So in Maths we have been using number line and vertical chunking for division and in our Literacy we're still busy with our great narratives for the snowman scenes. In music we've been learning jingle bells on the recorder. Finally, in our Science we have been investigating which material would make a good insulator for a lunch box to keep food cool. We found out that bubble wrap would be the best it keeps the cool in and the heat out because it has sealed air in its inflated pockets. By Ethan O

**Year 6** Year 6 has been celebrating the success of their Mini Enterprise projects at the Christmas Fayre last Friday. It was an wonderful evening with the year raising lots of money for school. There was many products on offer such as Pokemon balls, Henna Tattoos, Hair Chalk and waffles with chocolate sauce. Over £250 was raised with some teams spending less than £5 to make their products! And the fun doesn't stop there as this week we are preparing for our Decades day where we will be coming into school dressed in the style of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s!!!

**Music** Well done to the Singing Starz and other musicians who performed at the Christmas Fair last Friday! We hope you have enjoyed the KS1 show this week; KS2 are excited to be performing to you next week. We are using lots of different skills for these performances such as; breathing in the correct place, singing in tune thinking about pitch, singing with clear diction and expression, performing from memory and finding ways to improve our work. We have been working hard!!