

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** Class 1 & 2 have been little stars this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their first school nativity up in the big KS2 hall. All of the children have sung their hearts out for the audiences in addition to shaking and grooving along to the music. Even Mrs Thornton commented on what great dance moves EYFS had! Mrs Baker and I couldn't be prouder of the confidence they have shown over the past few days during each performance and the enthusiasm to celebrate the good news that Christmas brings. We would also like to take this time to thank the families who came to our play and stay session. The children have been so excited to share their classroom with all of you and show off their creative skills through making different festive decorations. We hope you enjoyed it and we will hopefully be scheduling another session in for the Spring term so watch this space :)

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 it was all about our KS1 production and what a show it was! We are so proud of all the children's hard work in performing the show and during the rehearsals in the weeks prior to. Well done to our 'Angels' and 'Calypso Kings'. In maths we have been focusing on number formation and ordering numbers to 100. In literacy the children wrote about what exciting surprise they thought was contained in the mystery present. All will be revealed next week.

**Year 2** We did it! Four productions done and dusted. The children were amazing over all four productions, producing beautiful singing, wonderful acting and exciting dances! The adults at school are immensely proud of them and I am sure you are all too! To go alongside the productions and dress rehearsals the children have been completing science lessons. This week they have been focusing on determining whether things are alive, dead or have never been alive. To do this the children have been learning about the Seven Life Processes which determine whether something is alive, dead or has never been alive. Test your child to see if they can remember one of the Seven Life Processes or even all of them! Alongside this, both classes have been learning about different habitats and why, as humans, we are not restricted to one habitat because of our ability to adapt and change the environment we live in. Animals, insects etc. cannot. Therefore, we have been learning about how different habitats can house specific plants/living creatures that require the features of that habitat to live! Roll on the last full week of term! Just to make you aware, there will be no more homework/spellings given out until the new term in January. However, if you could please continue to read with your child every day we would be very grateful.

**Year 3** This week has been very busy in year 3. We have been busy preparing for the Christmas Concert and we are very pleased with the finished results! We can't wait to share it with you. We have really enjoyed our Guided Reading. We are still focusing on Stig of the Dump. This week our focus has been on how the main character, Barney, feels at different points in the chapter. The children have also predicted what they think will happen next in the story. They have some great ideas! We have also continued with our work on instructions. Lots of the children are getting very good at bossing people around now! We have also been very impressed with how the children are secure in their knowledge of what a noun, verb, adjective and adverb are now.

**Year 4** Another busy week in Y4 as we prepare for Christmas. The children are doing brilliantly practising for their roles in 'Christmas Critters'. A special well done to the actors who have worked really hard to learn their lines in a very short time! Back in the classroom, the children have also worked extremely hard this week as they complete their end of term assessments. In literacy, we have been looking at persuasive letters ready to write our own to Father Christmas, whilst in maths we have been finding equivalent fractions and ordering them on number lines. We had our final netball session with the coaches and have all improved our ball skills.

**Year 5** It has been non-stop in Year 5 this week. This week we have written a diary entry from the point of view of an evacuee, based on our activities during World War 2 day. Although we all had fun that day, we had to put ourselves into the shoes of a child being evacuated and explore the experiences and feelings they went through during the war. This was a really hard activity and it created a sombre atmosphere in the unit so, to cheer us up, we rehearsed our Christmas songs ready for next week! We also managed to complete our assessments; we are happy they are over! Well done Year 5, we are all very excited for the festivities next week!

**Year 6** Could we be any busier in Year 6? In the midst of all our learning, we have been preparing all sorts for our displays. We have put up a year group effort, which depicts the three ghosts of Christmas past, present and future, from our text 'A Christmas Carol.' It may sound biased but the end result is beyond amazing! Alongside this, we have been working on completing our class displays about working conditions of children during the Victorian era. We have not shirked our learning, as previously mentioned, and have managed to produce much improved pieces of writing, including an alternative chapter in the style of Dickens. Throw into the mix our end of term assessments and major preparations for the customary 'Mini Enterprise,' we are quite exhausted!

**Music** We have been putting the finishing touches to our songs ready for the performances next week. We have been thinking about how to project our voices in the large hall and have been working hard on our diction so our audience can hear all the words! We have also been working on conveying expression using our faces and our actions. We hope you enjoy the show!