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Christmas celebrations

We have enjoyed a panto bonanza this year. Miss Taylor's class and some of our role models in Y6 enjoyed Sleeping Beauty at the Lawrence Batley theatre. The whole school travelled to Marsden to enjoy a panto presented by Marsden Mechanics. An amazing 50 piece orchestra and a pop band also wowed us with performances in the hall. We have also had some 'panto' workshops in school. We have loved it !





Raby Castle 96.48%

Stirling Castle 96.17%

Conwy Castle 94.58%

Cardiff Castle 93.23%

Glamis Castle 93.05%

Art Competition

Children have had the exciting opportunity to explore different artistic techniques and create some truly inspirational castle images. Every child entered their very own castle creation. Teachers have had the difficult task of selecting a few to be shortlisted and we will be announcing as the winners in the Spring term.

> We want to wish Mrs Jebson all the best as she starts to prepare for a new arrival.



We had a lovely coffee morning and welcomed many parents and carers as well as some new friends from Aden Court. Many a raffle prize was won, many mince pies eaten and a successful staff bake off judged. Thank you if you were able to join us—lovely comments shared with our staff about how fantastic our children were and how much the choir was enjoyed. Merry Christmas.

The stork is visiting again...

Mrs Jebson will be going on maternity leave at February half term. We will keep you up to date with who will be stepping in. Good luck Mrs Jebson!



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Whole school attendance =95%

Windsor Castle 96.84%

Bamburgh Castle 96.10% Warwick Castle 95.28% Edinburgh Castle 95.22% Caerphilly Castle 95.15% Tower of London 95.11%

Hampton Court 94.93%

Missing days at school can have a significant impact on learning and how children settle with friends and peers. The school day starts at 8:45—please ensure your child is in school and on time.



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CLASS DOJO

We use class dojo to share all the great things happening

on a daily basis. Please check with your child's teacher if you haven't got a log on.

We do not use the message option on class dojo and ask parents and carers to use the school text system or phone school during school hours.

Messages sent on class dojo are not monitored and staff will not respond to messages sent via class dojo.

KEY DATES

Fri 20th Dec—School closes at 1:00 Mon 6th Jan—School open

Fri 14th Feb— School closes—half

Mon 24th Feb—School open

5th March— World Book Day

9th March—Book Fair

24th/25th March - Parents' Evening

WB 30th March - Y5 Easter production

Dinner money

If you pay for your child's school dinner— it is £11.25 a week.

Remember, children make a choice of dinners or packed lunch on a Monday and stick to that choice for one week. You can find the menu online at the Kirklees council website.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

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WE WELCOME DORIS INTO OUR SCHOOL

We have had an exciting arrival this half term at the Junior School. Please welcome DORIS (Dispenser Of Reading In School). She is a vending machine like no other! Doris is full of books... Children can receive a special token as a reward that will let them choose a book to take home—staff will be keeping their eyes peeled for those demonstrating our core values to an exceptional level and to help celebrate reading and inspire and foster a love of books in our children.





A fun exciting way of allowing your children to engage with their school curriculum in one safe place at home. As a parent, you can find out about your child's learning on Purple Mash and support them beyond the classroom by registering with Parent Portal. Parent Portal allows you to easily see the learning your child has been doing on Purple Mash, including any comments on work from teachers, activities set, rewards and so much more. We have previously sent home a letter about this including some login details for yourself; please contact school if you need this information again. Children have enjoyed creating many different pieces of work including their own games why not ask them to show you?

'Grow to School' has had the pleasure of working at Rawthorpe Junior School this term and what a term it has been! We have taken all topic work outside for both year 3 and year 6 and have explored science and history with magic and mud! Year 3 started the year looking at the Stone Age and we built wattle and daub fences, made shelters and constructed traps before moving on to magnets and extreme weather. Year 6 have been discovering the Mayans and made amazing floating islands that became miniature gardens.

Alongside topic work 'Grow to School' has taken small groups of children out to start planting up the school grounds with edible plants. Some of the children are helping to support the infant school by clearing up the wildlife area for them.

In the new year 'Grow' will continue working with year 3 and year 6 fortnightly discovering more topics outside. We shall keep you updated in the new year on all our exciting adventures outdoors.







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Science Boffins



Year 6 had an exciting visit from the Science Boffins. We had the opportunity to learn all about states of matter through jawdropping experiments and got our hands on trying some of them ourselves . We also took part in a demonstration that explained how changes in state are used to create special effects in films. We enjoyed gathering around our bubbling witches cauldron.

Y3 production

The INN-SPECTORS Christmas production

A modern twist on the traditional Christmas nativity was performed by our wonderful year 3 children. The staff were astounded by the effort



and determination put into all the different parts needed to put together such an amazing performance. From the actors, to the stage directors, to the choir and the computing whizz helping to holdiall of the music together, we really could not have asked anymore of our children. They all worked extremely hard on their individual parts and some even stepping in right at the last minute. Thank you to all of you that supported, we really appreciate it.

Well done to these VIPS. You have been recognised as someone who has consistently been fantastic. We would like to thank you for following our core values and representing us so well. These VIPS will enjoy a day out bowling and lunch at Pizza Hut.

3:1— Kani—an absolute superstar who always does her best. Leila—showing confidence and doing the right thing 3:2—Carl—a focussed and mature attitude. Anya—being hardworking, determined and enthusiastic 3:3- Antoni—showing confidence and perseverance. Noor - a perfect role model 4:1– Ara—a perfect role model. Jayda—being hardworking and an amazing friend 4:2—Lya - working to a high standard all the time. Yann—hardworking and helpful in all he does 4:3—Koby—ready for a challenge and a positive attitude. Rebekah—being hardworking, reliable and caring 5:1—Scarlett—a mature role model. Brandon—a fantastic friend and always doing the right thing 5:2—Yusra—a perfect start and a great role model. Matthew—great confidence and really hardworking 5:3—Kasie—a role model and always doing the right thing. Ashna—an amazing attitude to learning 6:1- Kozir—a mature attitude and dedicated to learning. Danielle—a hardworking and inspiring approach 6:2– Leah—a real enthusiasm and dedication to learning. Tayler-Mae –a hardworking role model

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OUR CHRISTMAS VIPs



- 6:3—Meenah—an amazing attention to detail. Harrison—great confidence and perseverance