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"Make each day your masterpiece."

Joke of the term

Why did the teacher
write on the
window?

Because she wanted
the lesson to be very
clear!

School Council Updates

As always, the school council have been hard at work over this term!

Halloween Party

The Halloween party we organised was a real success! We played lots of exciting games, ate some delicious treats and had a good boogie! Take a look at some of our fantastic costumes! Some of us really scared our teachers!



Odd Socks Day!

The school council organised for our school to take part in 'Odd Socks Day'. This was to help raise awareness of bullying and promote the fact that we are all unique and different. Take a look at some of our cool socks!





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Christmas Jumper Day

As a school council, we also organised a Christmas jumper day! We asked if children and staff could make a 50p donation. The money that we raised will be utilised between two local community projects. One of these is the local care home where we visited the residents and took festive biscuits and chocolates and hand made cards. The other is an animal shelter which we are going to visit in the New Year and bring different food and treats for the poor animals who may have been abandoned during the Christmas period.

We all looked fantastic in our Christmas jumpers and accessories!



School Council and Choir Visit Local Care Home

The School Council and Choir visited a local care home. The choir sang the residents some wonderful Christmas carols and the school council brought them some delicious festive treats and cards that they hand made. It was lovely for the residents and our children to have chats together and spread the festive cheer.





The choir visited The Bridges on Wednesday 4th December

The choir visited The Bridges on Wednesday 4th December to sing Christmas carols and songs. We were singing to raise money for The Children's Foundation. We had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We would like to thank all of our parents and carers who came to support us during our performance. We then returned back to The Bridges on Wednesday 18th December at 11am, supporting Grace House.



Christmas Craft Parent Workshops

Each year group have had lots of fun in our Christmas craft mornings/ afternoons, making some wonderful Christmas crafts and completing Christmas activities with our families and teachers. A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who came to support us! We hope you had as much fun as we did!



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Girls football team

A huge well done to our girls football team who have done amazingly well so far this season! Good luck in the Jill Scott cup final in January (Well done for reaching it!)



Parent Reading Club

Every Monday a group of parents and their children meet with Miss Hetherington to discuss all things READING. We complete a variety of reading based tasks throughout the session and then all enjoy a story read by Miss Hetherington, one of the children or even one of the parents at the end. We get biscuits and juice to enjoy with the story too! Keep an eye out for new Parent Reading sessions in the future and remember...Keep Reading!



Look what our amazing school have been up to over the last term!

Reception

This term Reception have been very busy practicing for the Nativity 'Angel Express'. The Reception boys and girls have also been on a fantastic trip to West Boldon Lodge, where they completed Christmas crafts, had marshmallows around the campfire and met Santa himself! Santa knew lots and lots about the boys and girls. The morning was truly magical!



Year 1

Year 1 have had such a wonderful term learning all about Southwick and our latest topic This is me! We have been on several visits to the Holy Trinity Church, over each of our amazing bridges and the local fire station.

We lead our first ever interactive assembly where we invited parents and children to learn all about how to keep healthy. We had 4 stations- dental, healthy eating, mental health and exercise. We have learnt so much and had so much fun! We even went on a visit to Pizza Express to make our very own pizzas.



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Year 2

Year 2 worked with Dave from Crafty Corner to complete a festive workshop. Each person painted a different ceramic reindeer of their choice. Year 2 needed to listen very carefully to our visitor and follow his special tips and instructions. Dave then varnished the reindeers with a special spray to make them shine. We had a wonderful time, look at the fun we had...



Year 3

Year 3 have been busy at home this half term. Their project was to build a new sleigh for Santa using materials they could find at home. Take a look at the fantastic creations we have received. Year 3 staff have been blown away by the time and effort that has gone into making the sleighs. It has been great to see that the children have been working closely with their adults at home to build their wonderful creations.

Well done Year 3!



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Year 4

We had such a busy time in year 4 so far. All term we have been learning about Africa . We learnt that Africa is the largest continent in the world and that there are lots of animals in Africa such as kolars, zebras , fat tailed geckos and lots more. We have also been doing some African dances in PE. We have also been learning about this amazing Christmas creature. Its name is Moz the monster, but he is a genial and funny friend and wouldn't hurt a fly. We have been doing a character description about Moz and we used lots of new technical vocabulary. We have learned so much in year 4 and would love to learn more!

We loved sharing our work with our parents and enjoyed creating Christmas crafts together during our Christmas craft mornings.



Year 5

We (Year 5) had a fantastic time at our 'End of World War II Celebration' afternoon. We made some delicious carrot cookies (using rationed amounts) and chocolate crispy cakes for our parents/ carers (and ourselves!) to tuck into. We had lots of fun singing different songs from the war era and performed our wonderful WW2 themed dance. We also enjoyed showing our parents/ carers the brilliant work we have produced so far in year 5!



In science lessons this half term, class 14 have been looking at evolution and inheritance. We have been focusing on the idea of adaptation (this is how animals are adapted to survive in their habitats). We did an investigation looking at different types of beaks. We had to get the different types of food on offer e.g. marshmallows, peas, rubber bands, cocktail sticks and marbles into our stomachs (paper cups) using different types of beak. For the beaks we used: scissors, clothes pegs, tweezers and teaspoons. Overall, we learnt that not all types of beak are suitable for every type of food. We had great fun learning this and it got very competitive.



Eco Warriors

As you may have seen on television, the Woodland Trust is fighting against climate change. We have fully supported this in school by planting nearly 200 trees. We want to create a mini forest, have some trees around the perimeter of the school and with our children's help fight against climate change. We also have 2 wonderful Willow trees that were a parting gift to Mrs Chorley who sadly left the school in September. We'll be planting some more trees in March. The children and staff had an amazing time planting them and the children can't wait to see them start growing in spring. Well done to all of our Eco warriors.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We would like to end our newsletter by wishing you all a very happy, safe and merry Christmas and new year! Remember presence is more important than presents!

