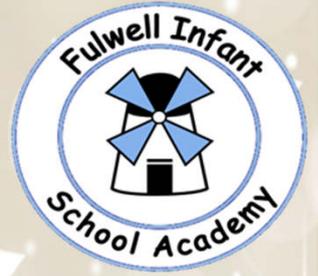




Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of Fulwell Infant School Academy
Mrs Angus's message...

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Dear parent,
Christmas is nearly here!

In the last fortnight, we have seen Year 2 children enjoy an amazing performance of the Lion King at RGS. The children were complimented by RGS for their exemplary behaviour in a performance that staff thought was one of the best they have seen. Our thanks go to John at RGS for all his support. The coaches that were used were provided to school with no charge. This was really appreciated.

On Friday, Chris Bostock returned to school and the performance of 'The Cat and the Dog' was enjoyed by each year group in school. This special performance was supported by SOFIA who contributed to the costs.

The last fortnight has seen each year group perform their nativity to parents and family members. Considering the practice of performances was very, very limited, each year group did exceptionally well. Mrs Witten and Dr Renwick were thrilled as were the audience on each occasion.

As Wednesday rapidly approaches, parties remain the order of the day. As I write this newsletter, Year 1 party is already happening. Year 2 children are all visiting and singing at 'The Stack' on Wednesday afternoon.

On Tuesday, we had a special assembly for Mrs Gibson, who retires from her office duties at Christmas. Mrs Gibson has been a very long standing member of staff who has huge knowledge of the school and of systems that really works. We thank her for everything she has done over the years. Whether it is organising a trip, allocating places in after school clubs or dealing with staff absences, lunch duties and first aid, she does it all very efficiently. We will miss her very much in January and wish her a long and enjoyable retirement.

Mrs Paterson starts her maternity leave this week and we wish her a safe delivery of her baby girl in January. Mrs Witten is also retiring and Dr Renwick will be working a Thursday afternoon with Year 2 in January. Our thanks to Mrs Witten who has offered the school many additional opportunities in music over the years. I will be teaching her lunchtime recorder group and so will be practicing over the holidays.

From everyone at Fulwell Infants, we would like to wish you a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and prosperous New Year. Return to school is Monday 8th January 2024!

Wendy Angus



YEAR 2 children worked with clay.

SCULPTURE in ART



ART

Throughout school, each class of children and our after school Art clubs have been hard at work in creating some of the things included in these photos. Year 2 children created Hansel and Gretel cottages in clay and painted them. Many representations were made of the Grinch on movie day -enjoyed by all. Year 1 children painted Humpty, made from modroc. He takes pride of place in the main entrance, sitting on the wall the children also created from boxes. Mr Routledge supported them in this project and we thank him for the results!

The main entrance includes all children's writing (Year 1 and Year 2, plus a selection of supported pieces from Reception children). The theme is the qualities we hope every child will have as they are growing up - resilience, love, kindness, respect for differences and contributing as part of a team. I feel very privileged to see this every day as I speak to children around school.



BOOK FAYRE

The book fayre was a great success and very busy at times. £1200 worth of books were sold which will mean lots more quality books in school. We should receive 50% of this amount in books.



THE DOG and the CAT!

The Dog and the Cat was a perfect performance that embodied all the qualities and characteristics staff encourage in our children.

Themes: Friendship, Cooperation, Patience, Resilience, Time and Trust.

Cat has been invited to bring her friends to the Dog's party, but for different reasons, they all need to stop along the way. They arrive late and miss all the fun, so they have to make up their own games.

Cat and Dog at Christmas is a story for exploring in the classroom and retelling at home, to develop language and a love of the natural world.

The main entrance displays children's writing in around this theme.



PARTY TIME!



Thank you Mrs Gibson!



THE STACK!



Year 2 children were amazing performers at the Stack this afternoon. Thank you Kelly for organising it. They absolutely loved the setting and their captive audience also enjoyed every minute of it.