



Northfield Manor News

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Dear Parents and Carers

The children have had a fun and exciting time over the last few weeks completing their learning challenges and sharing in the Christmas festivities. I'd like to give a special mention to Year 6 who led a moving service at Castle Croft Residential Home to remember our fallen heroes. Well done to their teachers, Mr Jenkins, Miss Rowe and Ms Fox for enabling them to do this so well. Another mention goes to the children of *Stage by Stage* who sang beautifully for the residents of Bryony House. And well done too, to our fantastic Reception children for their super Nativity performance – always a special and memorable occasion for every parent and teacher.

The Xmas Factor 2019 was a huge hit as usual and the standard of performance and singing was excellent – the teachers were pretty good too with their special version of 'Merry Christmas Everyone!' Congratulations goes to Year 1 who were winners of the Key Stage 1 trophy; Year 3, who were Key Stage 2 winners and 5EF who were the overall winners. Thanks to Mrs Young and Miss Fouracre for organising the event and to 'Mr P' for making a guest appearance on the judging panel – the children always love to see him!

When we return in the new year, we will be running our own school kitchen. The competition to name the new kitchen was won by Olivia Bradbury in 5EF so well done to her. 'Manor Munch' will now be the name on our menus and signage. I look forward to getting some feedback from children and parents about the new food.

End of terms often bring goodbyes; we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Foxall and Mrs Grey who are moving on to their new posts and we thank them for all they have done for the school. We are very happy to welcome Mrs Horne and Miss Bennett who will be teaching Oak and 4LG. We would also like to welcome Mrs Macintosh who we have employed as a new full-time teaching assistant. We are very much looking forward to working with them. So finally, thank you for all your support this term as it is always appreciated. I hope you have a very merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Mrs Pennington

LEARNING CHALLENGES	ATTENDANCE
<p>Reception: We were all extremely proud of the children's Nativity performances. They have all grown in confidence and worked extremely hard to celebrate this wonderful time of year, which unites us all despite our differences.</p> <p>Year One: The children have impressed us all with their knowledge of how our local area has changed. They have particularly enjoyed learning all about the Birmingham Blitz and created some amazing inspired artwork which they shared with their parents and carers.</p> <p>Year Two: The children travelled back one last time to 1666 during their Great Fire of London workshop and impressed their expert visitor with their amazing recall of key dates and events. They also shared their fantastic diary accounts with Year One who enjoyed learning about what Samuel Pepys did during the great fire.</p> <p>Year Three: Year three completed their challenge on 'Scavengers and settlers' with a quiz to recall key dates and events of what they have learnt. They also wrote detailed and informative essays to present their understanding.</p>	<p>Current Whole school attendance is</p> <p>02.12.19-06.12.19 Whole school 95.7% Class winner 6LR-99.6%</p> <p>09.12.19-13.12.19 Whole school 93.6% Class winner 6LR-99.1%</p> <p>16.12.19-20.12.19 Whole school 95.4% Class winner 6LR -97.9%</p>

<p>Year Four: The children in Year 4 showcased their learning to parents, thank you to all the parents who attended to support them. They presented their Power Points, read their character and setting descriptions, and displayed the moving picture books that they have made about Greek Gods and Goddesses.</p> <p>Year Five: Year five completed their challenge by writing winter themed poems and completed a review of what they have learnt.</p> <p>Year Six: The children in year six led a heart-warming remembrance service at Castlecroft residential home, thank you to all the parents who attended to support them. They exhibited their poems, musical talents and beautiful singing voices to a very appreciative audience.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Half Termly 04.11.19-20.12.19 95%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Term 04.09.19-21.12.19 95.6%</p>
<p>Miss Holden and Mrs McCarty</p>	

<p>Keeping Children Safe in Education</p>
<p>Are you considering an internet-enabled device as a gift for your children this Christmas?</p> <p>Guidance for families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help your child get started. Find out what safety tools or parental controls are available, and how they work and set them up as appropriate. For younger children, supervise their use. • Make sure your children feel confident they can come to you if they need help or are unsure about anything that happens online. • Have open and regular conversations with your children about technology and their use of it. Agree a set of family rules, including around screen time. • Check the capabilities of the devices your child uses including toys. Does it have internet access? Can it be used to communicate with others? • Be aware of and follow the age requirements of many social media apps and services, as well as games.
<p>Mrs Sheldon</p>



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CERTIFICATE WINNERS	OTHER INFORMATION REMINDERS - DATES
Willow- Ronnie, Micah	6th January- Children return to school
Oak- David, Isla-Jane	<i>Afterschool Club this half term is Volleyball</i>
1CH- Jareth, Lily-Mae, Tobias, Rebecca, Charlie, Sophie-Mae	<i>8th January- 2.15pm- Reception stay and play (Maths)</i>
1HK- Lily, Theo, Olivia-Rose, Kasen	<i>9th January –Year 3 Egyptian workshop</i>
2SB- Spencer, Leilani, Harrison	<i>10th January – Year 6 visit Lapworth Museum Reception to visit Castlecroft</i>
2CF- Joshua, Tommy, Liam, Dennehy, Miles	<i>15th January- Teddy Bears hospital visiting Reception</i>
3NS- Caitlin, Sukhmani	<i>17th January-Reception visiting Castlecroft</i>
3MB- Luxmy, Elizabeth,	<i>20th January – Police officer to visit Reception</i>
4RY- Dylan, Mariah	<i>22nd January -9-10.30am Oak parents stay and play -Forest school 10.30-12pm Willow parents stay and play –Forest School</i>
4LG- Ollie, Ezekiel	<i>24th January- Reception visiting Castlecroft</i>
5EF- Tehami, Olivia	<i>28th January – Year 1 Animal in Hands workshop</i>
5EH- Alfie, Nicholas	<i>31st January – Reception visiting Castlecroft.</i>
6LR- Chloe, Jade, Heather, Heidi, Harvey, Sharona, Anneka.	<i>10th February – Year 3 British Museum visit</i>
6AJ- Ebony, Rhys, Macy	13th February – END OF TERM
	<i>14th February- TEACHER TRAINING</i>