



Well done to all of our Stars of the Week award winners.

### Reception News

In Reception the children have had lots of fun learning all about Robots. We have been reading lots of Robots stories and comparing them against a selection of non-fiction texts related to technology. The children have also been creative and created a 3D model of 'No-bot', the Robot without a bottom!

As well as this, the children have been discussing the different uses for technology at home and exploring gadgets with button and switches. In our role-play area we have many household gadgets such as hoovers, irons, kettles and telephones. The children have been busy 'tinkering' using their own screwdrivers to try and take them apart and see how they work!



### Year 1 News

Over the last few weeks in Year 1, the children have been very busy. In Maths, they have been measuring weight and length. They have learnt how to predict what they think an object weighs and have used scales to identify whether their prediction was correct.

In English, we have been busy making marshmallow pops and writing instructions so that other children can make them too. We were so impressed at how good the children were at learning their imperative verbs – they were very bossy!

We have also been using our imagination to create balances in gymnastics and the children have been trying very hard with their singing in preparation for the nativity.



### Year 2 News

In Year 2, for the past two weeks, we have been on an exciting trip to Neverland and we have written a postcard back to our family at home. We earned a lot of money from Miss Struggles and Mrs Kilner so we must have put a lot of effort into them and included our 'desirables'.

In Maths, we have been problem solving and reading questions where we have had to look for the important words to solve whether it is an addition, subtraction, multiplication or division calculation. This was really tricky so we are going to leave it for a bit and revisit it again.

In other areas of the curriculum, we have taken part in an exhausting Boxercise session as well as jumping off the apparatus during Gymnastics (PE) and we finished our PowerPoint presentations on Florence Nightingale (Computing). We are really proud of them.

As a class, we have joined up with Year 3 to practise our 'Alternative Christmas Show' and we hope you enjoy it next week.



### **Dates for the Diary**

Fri 7th December—Y2/3 Carol concert. Clubs finish

Fri 7th December—Xmas Fayre

Tues 11th December—R/Y1 Nativity

Weds 12th December—R/Y1 Nativity

Fri 14th December—Xmas jumper day/lunch

Tues 18th December—Panto visit

Thurs 20th December—Last day of term

Mon 7th January—Return to school

Tues 8th January— Y5 NSPCC Workshop

Mon 21st January— Clubs re-start

## Year 3 News

We have had a very busy and exciting time in Year 3. In English, we have been focusing on narrative writing. We have also been editing and improving our writing to make it the best we can.

In Maths, we have been problem solving and using our good mathematical language to explain our answers.

In Guided Reading, we have been focusing on our retrieval and inference skills. We have impressed our adults with our independent reading.

In Art, we have been practising our sketching skills. We tried very hard to improve our drawing.

Mr Parker challenged us during our P.E lesson to perfect our jumps, turns and balances.



## Christmas Presentations

Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 are working very hard to prepare for their upcoming Christmas performances. They are very excited to perform in front of their friends, parents and carers.

If your child is in one of the shows, please come along to show your support and see how well they have done.

Y2/3 Carol Service—7th December (held at St Matthews Church)

Reception/Y1 Nativity—11th & 12th December

**Please ensure all costumes are in school no later than Wednesday 5th December.**

## Year 5 News

The Year 5 class have had a busy couple of weeks! We have been writing 500 word stories for the GAT 500 word story competition in the hopes that we might win some of the fabulous prizes. We focussed on using descriptive language to really set the scene for our readers. We have now typed them up ready to send to the judges.

We have also produced a dance performance, which we really enjoyed. We worked hard, and really impressed Mrs Dawber with how well we remembered the steps.

In Art, we created some wax crayon layered art, which we did in the shape of a fingerprint. We looked at different types of finger prints, and learned about why fingerprints are an important tool when it comes to finding evidence at a crime scene as part of our Crime and Punishment topic. We have also been researching Elizabeth Fry, in preparation for our school trip.



## Year 4 News

The Lemurs had a surprise visit from the Queen of Narnia and this led to a great discussion and debate about characters and their motives. After researching about the Bronze Age in their Computing sessions, they were able to use their knowledge to write a Bronze Age story in English. Y4 certainly have a talent for writing, as all of their poems were chosen to be published in a 'Young Writers' book. In Maths, they have been learning about fractions and then money. You can help at home by providing opportunities for using all coins, adding totals using the column method and working out the change when it is written in pounds and decimals. In Science, they have been using electrical components to create circuits and were very proud when they were successful! You will find more photos on the website.



## Christmas Fayre

**Friday 7th December at 3:15pm**

Please come and support this festive event. All funds raised will be spent on our BPA children for additional resources/experiences.

If you are able to donate any bottles of wine (or any alcohol!), tombola or raffle prizes as well as boxes/bars of chocolate this would be much appreciated. Tables for stalls are available for just a £5 donation.

The school choir will also be singing on the day so please help us to make this a great event.

The PTFA group would appreciate any help on the day so please let us know if you can help; everyone is welcome.

Thank you.



## Reminders

Monday—Y3 & Y4 Swimming kits needed.

Tuesday—Y1 Balanceability. Cycle helmets needed.

Friday—Y2 & Y4 Eco sessions. Wellies needed.