



Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish



*'Through God's love, we are the rich soil
where roots grow and seeds flourish.'*



KEY STAGE NEWS

Early Years News

Nursery Performances

We are looking forward to our Nativity performances next week. Thank you for all your support in practising songs and poems at home. There are some star performers in Nursery this year! We do anticipate that some of our children will find the whole experience quite overwhelming, as a hall full of adults is quite something for a little person to face. If your child is upset, they will be allowed to come and sit with you and join in with the singing from your seat. Audience participation is always welcome!

On the day, your child is encouraged to wear anything with a Christmas theme - this could be a Nativity costume, a Christmas jumper or party clothes. If you would prefer your child to change into their costume, please send them into school with the costume in a carrier bag clearly labelled with their name. As always, please make sure everything your child brings into school is named so that we can try to send everybody home with the right things!

Reception Reindeer Dash

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who were able to come and join in this morning with the Reindeer Dash - we are always so grateful for your support. We were joined by a representative from St. Cuthbert's Hospice who was very impressed with the turn out and the effort everyone went to. The Reception children were absolutely brilliant and we were so proud of their Year 6 buddies - it is lovely to see the bond between our oldest and youngest children.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl were wonderful reindeers, and we were even joined by Woody, who is definitely angling for a job on Santa's sleigh this year (he's heard Santa has the best treats)! The Reception children enjoyed some toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate around the fire in our forest to end the session. We have already had some donations into school, but if you have any more please bring them into school on Monday, so that we can count the donations and let you know how much we have raised for this brilliant cause.



Key Stage One News

Year 1

Thank you to the Year 1 families who have emailed photos for the Year 1 Christmas Reading Bingo Challenge. We will be looking at these photos together next week - there is still some time to send more photos if you would like to take part!

This week, the children in Year 1 have been completing their first Design and Technology project of the year. Tasked with creating windmills for our school caretaker to use to measure the wind strength, the children have investigated different types of windmills and then they have created their own using just paper cups and a straw. They will be taking their creations home next week once they have been tested and evaluated so that they can measure the wind strength at home, too!



Year 2

It was lovely to welcome one of our Year 2 parents into school this week to talk about his job as a scientist, including his expeditions in the Arctic Circle. This was a wonderful addition to the children's learning, supporting everything that they have been finding out in their 'Polar Explorers' topic. This was a truly inspirational lesson and we now have many of our Year 2 children aspiring to be polar explorers themselves when they are older.



Key Stage Two News

Christmas Performances

All the children are busy rehearsing for our performances in the last week of term. Year 6 are preparing for their nativity, 'The Stars come out at Christmas.' This will be the first time we have performed in the Methodist Church and I am sure it will be very special. Meanwhile, Year 3, 4 and 5 are preparing for their Christingle and Carol Services in All Saints Church. Please just make sure you have the tickets so you are not disappointed.

Year 6 Trip

Year 6 had a wonderful day at the pantomime on Thursday. This has become an annual event and a day that the children look forward to. Lunch was booked in Zizzi's where they thoroughly enjoyed each other's company in a very grown up setting. The manager commented on their excellent behaviour and said what lovely, polite children they all were. Following their lunch, we walked up to the Theatre Royal where they thoroughly enjoyed watching the pantomime, 'The Little Mermaid.' They laughed the whole way through, watching with gleeful delight and wondering what would happen next. Looking at their faces throughout the performances was so special.

Whole School Enterprise Week

The children across Key Stage 2 have been very busy making all their enterprise gifts this week. They are really looking forward to being able to buy them at the fair today. We hope you like them – they have had great fun making them, are very proud of them and looking forward to taking them home. I still have a snowman my eldest daughter made at primary school. She is now 29 and every year, it takes pride of place on the mantelpiece although I am not sure how much longer it will last! We hope that the decorations your children make will have a similar shelf life!

