

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Welcome to our last newsletter of 2023! It has been an exciting year in school – here is just a taste of what we have been up to this term!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who have celebrated birthdays in December: Ellis, Ryan D, Skye, Kyran, Isaac, Darcy, George, Gabriellus, Willow, Brix, Kailen. Alexander Ha, Isla, Lola, Connor, Miss Ewles, Mrs Earthrowl and Miss Prosser.



Pantomime Trip

On Friday 8th December we were really lucky to have a fabulous trip to see Peter Pan at the Bristol Hippodrome. A huge thank you to the PTFA for paying for the tickets and icecream, and a special thank you to Miss Cinderey for all the planning and organisation to get 5 coaches with over 300 people to Bristol and back safely! We had an amazing time! Even the Robin Class mascots got to come along and they behaved really well, just like all the children!



Diary Dates

January 2024

Wednesday 10th – School starts!

Monday 15th – Learn Alongside Writing

Wednesday 17th – Robin Class Woodland Walk

Christmas Dinner and Winter Jumper Day

Wednesday 13th December was our Christmas Dinner – a big thank you to Mr Thompson and the team in the kitchen – it was delicious!



It was also our Winter Jumper Day. We raised over £160 for Save the Children and all looked fabulous!





PTFA Movie Night and Rainbow Raffle

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising the movie night last Friday. Also thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets for the rainbow raffle hampers – they looked amazing and the PTFA raised over £1300! Congratulations to the lucky winners!



Dance Showcase On Tuesday 5th December we held our first (of many we hope!) Dance Showcase where the dance clubs were able to show family and friends their amazing routines. A huge thank you to Miss Cartwright for running the clubs and all her amazing dance teaching in PE as well.



Wembley Trip On Friday 1st December a very excited group of Year 5 and 6 pupils had a wonderful trip to Wembley to see England play against the Netherlands. It was a really exciting match with the Lionesses finally winning 3-2 after being 0-2 at half time. It was very late return, so thank you to all the parents for staying up until 1.30am to collect their children!



Piano Recital - Internationally recognised Pianist Clare Hammond visited our school on Wednesday 6th December and played for children in KS2. Thank you to Gloucestershire Music for arranging this - the children were captivated and amazed.



Robin Christmas Crafts and Surprise Visitor

Last Friday Robin class parents were invited in to make Christmas crafts with the children and everyone had great fun. At the end of the afternoon, they had a surprise special visitor! Mr Brown promised that he has been good this year!



Mini Police We are really proud of this group of children who have been chosen to represent the school through the Gloucestershire Constabulary's mini police scheme. They are the only people in the constabulary to have the new King Charles' cypher on their uniforms! They will get to work alongside PCSOs to get a taste of police work in the community.



Horse Riding Champion! Well done to Savannah from Swift Class who took part in her first horse riding competition, the RDA virtual national championships in November and came first in her category – Showing Walk & Trot, Led – here are some pictures of her with Tilly!



Author Visit As part of non-fiction week we were lucky to have local author Andy Seed come in to speak to the children about his work. We learnt lots of fascinating facts, particularly about endangered animals.



Nativity Plays Huge congratulations to our wonderful EYFS and KS1 children for their nativity plays earlier this week. All the school got to watch the dress rehearsals and then lots of family and friends came to watch the performances. A big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make the magic happen – teaching the songs and lines, rehearsing, organising all the props and accessories. A really big well done to all the children – all your hard work really paid off and you were amazing! See the class padlets for lots of photographs!



Recycling Thank you to everyone who uses the clothes recycling bank on Buckshaft Road. We hope this provides a useful service for parents and the community, and the PTFA receive funds every time it is emptied. The most recent collection raised £49.50 and up to now we have raised £712.20 since 23/06/2021!

We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Have a lovely holiday and we will see you all again on 10th January 2024!

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on 9th February. If there are any achievements or any other celebrations you want to share with everyone, we will be very pleased to feature your child in the next newsletter. Please email admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk by Monday 2nd February 2024.



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