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Head's Corner

Thank you one and all for a wonderful first term. We have had a little bit of everything over these last few months- with some fantastic developments both curricular, and extra-curricular- as exemplified by our wonderful Inspection Report. Have a superb and safe Christmas holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all on our return on Tuesday 10th January. Busy Bees will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January with lots of exciting activities planned.

Nursery

Phew has it really only been one term? What busy little people we have been, we started by learning all about ourselves and welcoming the new children into the class.

During the transport theme we discovered all about different modes of transport, we even had an outing to the airport where we got to sit in the pilot's seat of the plane.

After the half term, we delved into Traditional Tales, the home corner transformed into the Three Bears Cottage and the children embraced the challenges around the room from making the 3 little pig's houses out of sticks and bricks to using the puppets retelling their own versions of traditional tales. We were so proud of our children when they attended the Cenotaph to show our respects on Remembrance Day.

December saw the arrival of Tinsel McJingles the elf in Nursery who turned our classroom into a winter wonderland complete with grotto! The children had an amazing trip to the Cheshire Reindeer Lodge where we got to feed reindeer and meet Father Christmas himself. We couldn't have been prouder of all the children who performed Whoops-A-Daisy Angel on stage in front of families, friends and teachers. We would like to thank all the parents of Nursery for your ongoing support, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.



Reception



Reception certainly have had an action packed term learning so much about our various topics of 'Ourselves', 'Travel and Transport', 'Traditional Tales' and 'Winter'. We painted self-portraits, sculpted divas to

celebrate Diwali, carried out various jaw dropping science experiments and made Christmas crafts galore. In between all of this hard work, we have even managed to fit in amazing school trips to Manchester Airport and The Cheshire Reindeer Lodge. The children have worked incredibly hard and have all made fantastic improvements over the term; rising to the challenges of Reception.

Year 1



We have had a fun filled and busy term with our Class Assembly and Christmas Play. I wish to thank each and every child for their brilliant performances. Barnaby Bear has had a great time with the class and

has thoroughly enjoyed his weekends with the children. He is spending Christmas with me and heading home to Ireland. I promise to take some photographs.

I am so happy that I've had the opportunity to teach this fantastic group of children this term and I look forward to spending the rest of the year with them. They gave me a wonderful welcome to the school and have worked extremely hard to produce some very high quality work both at school and in their Learning Logs. I hope the children have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. See you 2017!
Miss Quinn.

Year 2



Year 2 have had a wonderful first term and have worked extremely hard – I'm very proud of all of them! We have loved our 'Fire' topic, and had a brilliant conclusion to our work by visiting the Greater Manchester Fire

Museum last week. It was really interesting and we added to our term's learning : we heard the history of the Great Fire and fire engines through the years; tried on fire fighter's clothes; had the opportunity to try an old engine's pump and bell; climbed inside a real fire engine; and even 'saved' a house by using a real fire hose and water!

Year 2 have also loved learning about poems in English – we learnt 'The Owl and the Pussycat' off by heart, and got some performance poem techniques by watching Michael Rosen's videos. We have written nonsense poems of our own and used some amazing descriptive language to create pictures in people's minds.

This term, we have also created some beautiful art work, performed amazingly in our Christmas Concert, made some wonderful learning logs, and have been really good friends to each other.

Parents – thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful break and a lovely Christmas.

Mrs Hunter

Year 4 and Year 5



As we reach the end of a busy and exciting term, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support with reading and homework projects. Yet again, the children's Learning Logs have been first-rate and the children have taken great

pleasure in delivering Power Points and showcasing their work on WW1 and WW2. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic, exploring the lives of ordinary men, women and children during the wars and researching family heroes and heroines - delivering some touching personal stories. They've produced some fantastic writing, retelling the experiences of soldiers in the trenches in a poignant and heartfelt fashion and describing the experiences of evacuees. The children's trenches looked great and they were worth all the hard work, even though there were times when we were completely covered in Mod Roc from head to toe!

Once again the standard of our Christmas Concerts was exceptionally high. I was absolutely delighted with our Nativity - 'Straw and Order'. The children have such amazing talents and it was an absolute pleasure to see them shine in so many ways. They were creative, entertaining and their confidence inspiring to everyone. Next term we look forward to a new topic, Mighty Rivers. In this fascinating topic, the children will learn what rivers and coasts actually are, some of the forces that help create and shape these important features, and the effects they have on the world around them. As Geographers, they will learn about the formation and features of a river; follow its journey to the sea and discover the role of the water cycle. Whether you are a parent, a governor, a member of staff or a child, each one of you plays a vital part in making our School the success that it is – thank you for your continued support! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Mrs Baumber

Year 6

What a fabulous term Year 6 have enjoyed. The children have worked so very hard preparing for exams – they even have homework over Christmas! I am so very proud of all their efforts and their determination to do well. Keep it up, children – we are nearly there!

In our Creative Curriculum lessons, we have studied both the First and Second World Wars. We have even been constructing our own Anderson shelters.

I think the highlight of our term, though, has to be the pantomime we produced for the end of term celebrations. The children all performed out of their skins, and we are particularly proud of Michael and Joseph, who entered FULLY into the spirit of the production by performing as the ugly sisters, wigs, beauty spots 'n' all!

We would like to wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas, and look forward to two more smashing terms at BCPS!



Year 3



In our topic we have been studying the Tudors. In November, Year 3 went on a school trip to Ordsall Hall.

The children had great a time interacting with characters from Tudor times, preparing a Tudor feast and performing a rat dance. The children dressed up as Tudors characters including Henry VIII which meant they performed some gruesome beheadings!

In class we have made Tudor portraits of our favourite Tudor characters including: Henry VIII, Henry Tudor, Ann Boleyn, Elizabeth of York and Elizabeth I. We also learnt about Sir Francis Drake and the Spanish Armada, the Battle of Bosworth and wrote instructions with feather quills and ink just like they would have done in Tudor times!

Thank you to all of you who worked so hard with your learning logs at home – we have had some amazing work!

The Tudor weapons category has produced: an amazing mace, an incredible canon and some terrifying swords; we have also had some very elaborate and elegant crowns made for our Tudor kings and queens, a terrific Tudor house, some brilliant booklets and magnificent timelines.

I have enjoyed my first term immensely and would like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome. Have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to a Happy New Year with you all. Mr Larkins



Congratulations to Miss Farrow and Mrs Taylor

After Mass, the Chair of Governors, Kath Duffy, presented Miss Farrow and Mrs Taylor with gifts in recognition of 25 years of service to the school, a quarter of a century! During their time they have touched the lives of many children and families and we are incredibly privileged to have such dedicated and committed members of staff. They have served our community tirelessly and have contributed greatly to the life of the school. Miss Farrow and Mrs Taylor are fondly thought of by the children, staff and parents and we wish them well.



Winning House & Winning Christmas Baubles



We had so many fantastic entries to this year's bauble competition– they really brightened up our library.

Congratulations to Jessica (EYFS), Scarlett (KS1) and Liam (KS2), and thank you to our governors for judging the competition– a very difficult decision!

St Theresa were the winning house this term– with 3,540 housepoints. They won a selection box– well done children!

