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Weekly Newsletter – Edition 14

Welcome to the final edition of the weekly curriculum newsletter for the autumn term. What a term it has been, and I sincerely hope that our weekly publication has kept you up-to-date with news and exciting events that have been happening in school. When I look back over all of the previous editions, I am amazed at what the children have achieved, and this makes me feel very proud indeed. As always, my thanks to you all for bringing them to us every day, and ensuring they are fully prepared for the day ahead! Teamwork is what it's all about and the Mayflower Team has always been the best! Also, I think it is important we point out just how long this term has been. Closing on the 22nd December is almost unheard of, but we will get some of this back when the New Year begins. Please note that school will reopen again on **Tuesday 9th January 2024**. We shall all look forward to seeing you then.

Car Parking at the Mayflower Site

Just a quick note about the car-park at school. Earlier this week, there was a near-miss, and this happened because a parent had chosen to park in the car-park area. To ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of the children at all times, please can you refrain from using this space, and I ask you for reasons of safety, only. My thanks, as always for your help and support. It is great to know that you are always constantly thinking about how we can keep your children safe.

World War 2 Experience in Year 5

On Thursday, I was so pleased to be able see the children in Year 5 at Beaumanor, enjoying their World War 2 experience. You will recall that we had some concerns, and had to cancel this trip earlier in the term. Pleasingly, everything has now been put right and it was so great to see the children finding out what life was like for people in the past. The highlight was the simulated air-raid, and sitting with them all in the cellars as the lights flashed, and buildings collapsed above us was both terrifying and powerful. My thanks to the children for their contribution, and also to the staff who supported them on the day. Bringing learning to life in this way is no easy feat, and I know that the children were pleased to be able to attend. Interestingly, we also spoke to them about the Year 6 residential, which will also take place at Beaumanor. A little bit of familiarisation could be useful, and our hope, of course, is that they will all be able to come along. This booking has now been made, so please look out for further details, soon.

A Polite Request

Of late, we have noticed that a small number of children are bringing chocolates into school as part of their packed lunch. Some nut related items have also been identified, and it is really important that this does not happen. We have multiple children in school with anaphylaxis, and coming into contact with nuts could prove fatal. Please can you try to ensure you uphold our 'Healthy' and 'Nut-Free School' mantra and in this way, as a community we will be doing all we can to keep our children healthy and safe. Thank you.

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Our New School

This week, I had the pleasure of visiting our new school, and was quite simply blown away by the quality, abundant light, and the sheer amount of space our children will have. It is very difficult to gauge this from the roadside, but I literally cannot wait to share this space with you on our open afternoon. It is still our intention to host this on the afternoon of **Tuesday 27th February 2024**, with our children resuming their lessons on the following day. This will mark 11-months of being a split school. Coming back together again in such a brilliant building fills me with joy, and will be something that I think we can all look forward to. Very exciting times indeed!!

Mystery Abounds....

My thanks to the many people who have engaged with the process of finding a worthy person to cut the red ribbon, and officially declare our new school as open. To help allay any concerns that there may be in the community, the school will not be inviting any politicians to the event, and a number of other alternatives have made themselves known to us. Time is beginning to get tight, so we will need to make a decision soon. Of course, my dream is that Filbert will be the guest of honour, but I suspect this will remain what it is – a simple dream. Once I have more to report, I'll be sure to let you all know.

Our Final Assembly of the Term

It was lovely bringing the children back together on the final afternoon of term for an assembly. Reception engaged with their assembly in the morning, and it was my pleasure to lead the session with years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. As the children came into the hall, you could really notice how happy they were to be back together again. This was never more evident than when older siblings could support younger siblings in school. This has been one of the greatest challenges for us to resolve, but assemblies such as this really help. I spoke to the children about the universal aspirations of hope, peace, joy, and love. I then shared a story about someone who forgot about these aspirations. It did not bring them happiness, at all, and the children then thought about how the ending would have been different if better choices had been made. The assembly finished with the assembled staff choir singing the 12-Days of Christmas, with me on the guitar. This was a lovely way to end of the term, and the children seemed to really enjoy what we had planned.

Attendance

Attendance continues to suffer as a consequence of the Global Strikes that have been called. Please be advised that as a school, we support these strikes, in the pursuit of peace.

| Week Beginning Monday 18 th December 2023 | | | |
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| Early Years | Key Stage 1 | Lower Key Stage 2 | Upper Key Stage 2 |
| Willow: 92.1% | 2AP: 94.3% | 4CR: 96.2% | 6CW: 96.8% |

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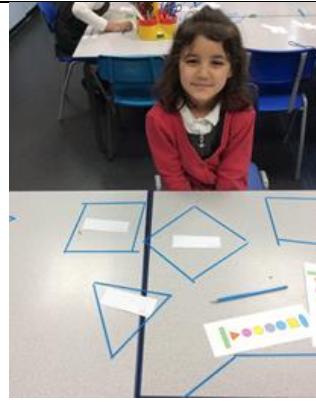
Wow Moments in School



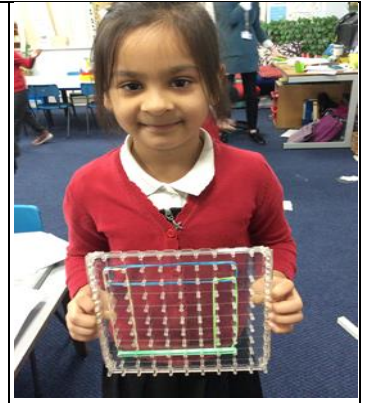
Reception Party



Reception Carols



Shape Work – Y2



Shape Work – Y2



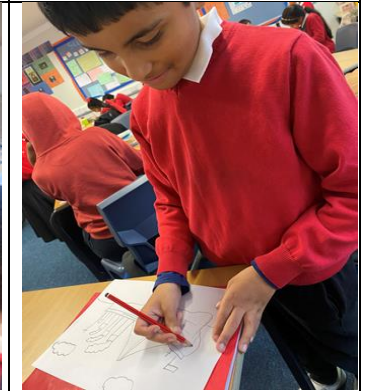
Proud Learners – Y3



Calendars – Y4



Games Day – Y4



Titanic Art – Y4



Beaumanor – Y5



Proud Learners – Y6



Design Tech – Y6



DT Prototypes – Y6

On behalf of the children, governors and staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful and rewarding break. We shall look forward to seeing you again on **Tuesday 9th January 2024**, as advised.

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