

...Changing lives

# Highfields

## Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023



### Awesome Attendance

Waterloo Class have enjoyed their dance and ice-cream party this week for their excellent attendance, winning for the past two weeks in a row! The children had so much fun and cannot wait to see if we are winners again soon.

We started our afternoon, having a full class 'Wii Dance' off...some of the children were excellent dancers. A couple of the children sang along too...I think we could make a year 6 music band! We paused in between dances and enjoyed: Oreo ice-cream sandwiches, chocolate bars, mini muffins and biscuits. They particularly enjoyed the ice-cream. By the end of the afternoon, we were all very hot and tired after all that dancing, however they are looking forward to our next class treat!

Thank you to all parents for ensuring that the children are in everyday, it is vital in Year 6 that children are here every day to make sure they are ready for their SATS in May next year.



Mrs Bonner



Paddington

Wimbledon

Evie-Rose

Scarlett R

Destiny

Stars of  
the week

Waterloo

Tommy-Jay

Braylen

WESTMINSTER

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Attendance

Wimbledon



2<sup>nd</sup>



1<sup>st</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup>

KNIGHTSBRIDGE  
Waterloo

WESTMINSTER

Class	Week %	Year %
Paddington	77.8%	89.7%
Wimbledon	94.3%	93.6%
WESTMINSTER	91.7%	90.6%
KNIGHTSBRIDGE	92.9%	92.1%
Waterloo	92.9%	94.1%
Whole School	91.4%	92.4%



## A busy week in Knightsbridge!

It's been a busy week in Knightsbridge this week. We've decorated for Christmas, begun learning our Christmas concert songs and practised, practised and practised for our MTC assessment. And that's just to name a few!

We've also produced some fantastic writing, with some highly effective language choices. Here's a couple of excerpts:



*'Fundamentally, these loyal experts believe they have the faith to persevere, despite having no solid evidence of the Basilisk's existence.'* - **Archie**



*Only a tiny number of people believe Fire Dinos exist, they frequently take off on missions in order to expose the truth around their existence.'* - **Braylen**

**Mr Lancashire**



## Diary Dates

**FoHPA Coffee Morning / Bake Sale** – 5<sup>th</sup> December @ 9 am

**FoHPA Christmas Craft Afternoon** – 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Jumper Day** – 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Special Visitor** - 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Dinner** - 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Reception / KS1 Nativity**- 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm

**KS2 Christmas Carols**- 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

**Christmas Panto** - 15<sup>th</sup>

**Christingle Assembly** - 18<sup>th</sup>

**EYFS / KS1 Christmas Party**- 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

## This Week's Letters

In case you missed them in your emails, scan here to see this week's letters.



Christmas Festivities



EYFS/KS1 Nativity Tickets



KS2 Christmas Carols

## Forest School Fires

In Forest School Club this week the children built, lit and maintained a fire so that they were able to toast their own marshmallows.

Forest Schools is a wonderful opportunity for children to connect with nature and experience hands-on learning in a natural environment. These sessions provide a range of benefits for children's development and well-being. By spending time in the forest, children develop a deep appreciation for the natural world, fostering a sense of environmental stewardship. They learn about plants, animals, and ecosystems, gaining valuable knowledge about biodiversity and sustainability.

Forest Schools also promotes physical activity and gross motor skills as children engage in outdoor play, climbing trees, building dens, and exploring their surroundings. This active participation enhances their coordination, balance, and overall physical fitness. Additionally, being in nature has been shown to reduce stress levels, improve mood, and increase concentration and creativity.



**Miss Hepworth**