

...Changing lives

Highfields

Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th December, 2023

KS1 & EYFS Nativity

As we wrap up this week's festivities, we wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the children for their unwavering dedication, passion, and hard work in making their nativity performance so remarkable.

Watching our children on stage, their faces beaming with excitement, and their voices filled with enthusiasm was a joy to see. Seeing our little ones confidently performing their roles, will give cherished memories for years to come.

I would like to thank all the teachers for their commitment to nurturing our children's talents, encouraging their creativity, and guiding them through the preparation for the nativity play. The time and effort they invested in rehearsals, costume preparations, and ensuring every child felt confident and supported truly shone through in their performances.



Date Reminder

Monday 8th January – the academy will be **closed** to all students for an inset day.

Paddington

Wimbledon

Liberty

Anna

Waterloo

Stars of the week

Brodie

Raven

Alesha

WESTMINSTER

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Let's Get Talking...

Try and solve this Christmas riddle at home and help your child practice their oracy skills at home:

Buddy and Hermey...

Buddy and Hermey were both born on Christmas Eve. When Buddy was 6 years old, Hermey was half of his age. If Buddy turns 100 years old this Christmas Eve, how old is Hermey going to be?



Attendance



Paddington

Waterloo



KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Class	Week %	Year %
Paddington	97.8	90.5
Wimbledon	94.4	93.9
WESTMINSTER	93.3	90.7
KNIGHTSBRIDGE	94.5	92.5
Waterloo	98.6	94.9
Whole School	95.2	92.7



Ancient Egypt



In Westminster, we have been learning all about Ancient Egypt. Recently, we looked at mummification and discovered that the organs were removed and put into canopic jars. As part of our art unit on using clay, we first experimented with the medium by trying out techniques such as coiling and hollowing. Using pictures of canopic jars as a reference, we then designed our own versions in the form of a sketch. Finally, we made the canopic jars out of clay, putting into practice all the new techniques and design features that we have learnt about over the past few weeks.



Mrs Walters



Diary Dates

Christingle Assembly - 18th

EYFS / KS1 Christmas Party - 20th @ 1pm

KS2 Christmas Party - 21st @ 1 pm

Start of Christmas

Holidays - 22nd @ 3 pm

Inset Day - 8th January

Back to School - 9th January

Energy Saving Week - January 17th-23rd

Chinese New Year - January 22nd

NSPCC Pants! - January 26th

National Puzzle Day - January 29th

Child Mental Health Week - February 5th-11th

Safer Internet Day - February 6th

Pancake Day - February 13th



Christmas Carols

Well, what a great week it's been in Knightsbridge class. Of course, we had our KS2 Christmas Concert, in which Knightsbridge Class performed, 'Christmas Don't Let Me Down,' by Jamie Cullum. It's a really tricky song, and we had to overcome half the class developing random American accents, but they worked really hard and performed it amazingly. Mr Lancashire was very proud. A special shoutout to Archie who was integral in behind-the-scenes technical support.

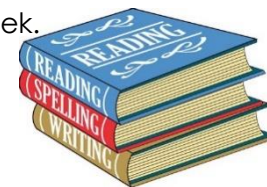


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We are definitely in full festive swing, and we've been working on our Christmas cards and 2024 calendars, so look out for those coming home next week.



Additionally, the whole class have completed termly assessments in reading, writing and maths this week and we are very pleased with the progress the children are making. Next week, we will be enjoying lots more Christmas activities as the anticipation begins to build! Only 10 more sleeps!

Mr Lancashire