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Todmorden Cluster Bid

Thank you to all the parents who offered to talk to our children about their careers. I have made a note of all the volunteers and in the new year, I will be getting in contact with you.

The headteachers of all the Todmorden primary schools have written a bid in order to fund a project, that if successful, would showcase all the available careers in Todmorden and raise aspirations for all children. This bid links very closely with Calderdale's Vision 2024. <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/council/vision-2024>. The bid has to go through a partnership board meeting at the beginning of December (so fingers crossed that we will be successful).

6GP's Climbing Wall Trip by Sienna, Molly, Poppy and Megan

On Wednesday the 21st of November 2018, class 6GP attended the Todmorden Climbing Wall to experience what it would be like to ascend a real mountain as our topic is mountains. Here are some of the activities we attempted to achieve.

Our first activity was sitting and listening to a local climber, Tony Fisher, tell an interesting story about all of his many climbs and showed us endless beautiful photographs of mountains in ranges such as the Himalayas, Alps and Scottish mountains. Then, he let us hold some of his own personal equipment like his three kinds of walking boots for different terrains. Also Tony allowed us to attach his crampons to his boots. I couldn't do it at first, but then he showed me how to.

Afterwards, we were split up into three groups of five with a tutor for each activity. During the activity of bouldering we played many games such as Squish, Simon Says and Marco Polo. The instructor, George, was really encouraging and managed to persuade us to reach the ceiling which we were scared of at first. Overall, we think our climbing trip was one of the best school experiences we had ever attended at Castle Hill Primary.





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5/6 Trip to Town Hall



On Monday this week, Class 5/6M took a tour of Todmorden Town hall. They met the mayor of Todmorden and visited the court room and took part in a real life crime drama! Jonah was the judge and Annabelle was the thief who stole the gooseberries! The jury listened carefully to the trial and it was decided to send her to court room cell. The tour also took in the ballroom and the children found out some facts based on the old paintings that were hanging on the wall. They were all very impressed with the scale of such an huge building right in the middle of our town.

Open Afternoon



The Enterprise team have been working very closely with Mrs Bardsley to get their products ready for the Christmas Fayre.

All the classes were very busy on Monday afternoon, making decorations for the hall and items for the stalls. Thank you to all the parents who visited the children in class and helped out with the tasks. As I walked around it was clear that everyone was getting in the festive spirit!

Tom Palmer



We were very fortunate to be part of Todmorden Book festival this year. Class 5/6M and 6GP had a visit from the author Tom Palmer. He was talking about his new book Armistice Runner. He read extracts from the book and then the children asked questions. He told me afterwards that the children had been brilliant and asked really astute questions. Whilst he was visiting us, we took the opportunity to ask if he would open our library (officially), which he duly did!



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 3 rd December	Better Living team in for Reception and Year 6
Thursday 6 th December	3.30pm - 5.00pm PFA Christmas Fayre
Friday 7 th December	3F Stone Age Day!
Wednesday 12 th December	2pm Reception and KS1 Nativity at the Hippodrome
Thursday 13 th December	6.00pm Key Stage 2 Carol Concert - St Mary's Church
Friday 14 th December	Foundation Stage Trip to Maxwells
Monday 17 th December	4.00pm Nursery Christmas Performance
Friday 21 st December	3.30pm Break for Christmas
Monday 7 th January	Back to school
Tuesday 15 th January	Deadline for Reception Applications
Thursday 17 th January	1.30pm Year 1 Sports activities Todmorden Sports Centre
Friday 25 th January	Road Safety Day
Thursday 7 th February	1.30pm Reception Mini Olympics: Todmorden Sports Centre
Thursday 14 th February	Valentine's Disco
Friday 15 th February	3.30pm Break for Half term
Monday 25 th February	Back to school
Monday 11 th March	1.30pm Open Afternoon for Parents
Thursday 14 th March	PM KS2 Swimming Gala
Mon 18 th March - Wed 20 th	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 3 rd April	Class Photographs
Thursday 4 th April	High 5 Netball Tournament: Todmorden High School
Friday 12 th April	3.30pm Break for Easter
Monday 29 th April	Back to school
Thursday 2 nd May	INSET DAY 3 Polling Day: School Closed
Friday 3 rd May	INSET DAY 4: School Closed
Monday 13 th - Fri 17 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 20 th May	Year 6 Art Exhibition at Platform One
Thursday 23 rd May - Friday 24 th May	Year 4 Residential
Friday 24 th May	3.30pm Break for Half term
Monday 3 rd June	Back to school



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Castle Hill Christmas Fayre *Thursday 6th December 3.30pm – 5.00pm* *All stalls will be in the school hall*



The PFA & School Enterprise Team are delighted to invite you to our annual Christmas Fayre
Our amazing School Choir will open with a Christmas Carol Singalong, there will be tea's, coffees & cake to enjoy.
Our large selection of stalls give you the opportunity to top up on Christmas gifts &
also have the chance to win some fantastic prizes too.



This years stalls include:

- Christmas raffle – gifts generously donated by local businesses & friends
- Gizmo Toy Shop – lots of amazing creative play toy gifts to buy
- Chocolate Tombola – back by popular demand
- Arts & Crafts stall where children can make their own gifts
- Balloon's to buy on the day or pre-order for Christmas
- Lucky Dip/Pin the nose on Rudolph/Christmas Tree Bean Bag game



School Enterprise Stalls – all gifts beautifully made by our children

- Hot Chocolate & Reindeers , Pom Pom Pine Cones
- Glass Candle Holders, Christmas Crackers
- Calendars, Star Sticks
- Chocolate Truffles



We would also like to thank our local businesses for all of their support: Hoyles Garage, Gizmo, Top Brink, Site Pizzeria, Lidl, Morrisons, Gordon Riggs, Creative With Nature, Tropics (Lorna McNair), Wonderfully Made, Maxwells House, Todmorden Climbing Skool, Hiit Gym, Concept Cleaners



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