



What a fantastic week we've had in school this week. Year 2 have replicated the Great Fire of London, our Year 5 mathematicians attended The Regional Final of The National Young Mathematicians' Awards and our choir sang brilliantly at the Kirkwood Hospice Christmas Market.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the two fundraising events that are happening in the next week. Firstly, we have our PTA organised 'Story with Santa' event on Saturday 8th December from 10am till 12 noon. Secondly, our 'Carols around the Tree' event on Thursday 13th December from 5.30pm. Both events are set to be great occasions and are crucial fundraising opportunities for school. We hope to see as many of you at the events as possible.

Mentions

Reception: Sienna
Y1: Scarlett, Joey
Y2: Lola, James
Y3: Ben, Erin, James
Y4: Aariz, Alfie
Y5: Seamus, Loui



Reading Awards

Y1: Ruby, Gabrielle
Y2: James,



Looking Ahead

Saturday 8th December Story with Santa, Christmas Market 10.00 – 12.00

Wednesday 12th December School Choir at the Library

Thursday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Buffet Lunch, Carols around the Tree

Monday 17th December Sleeping Beauty Performance

Tuesday 18th December Nursery Christmas Sing a Long

Wednesday 19th December School Choir at the Denby

Over the last half term, **Year 2** have been creating houses mirroring those of 1666 with Miss Dyson. Today, Skelmanthorpe Fire Brigade kindly came in and replicated the Great Fire of London using the houses created. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are proud of the work they produced.



Ooh Oh, Tracks in the Snow- **Reception** make a discovery.

Reception returned from singing on Wednesday to find a mystery. Something or someone had left footprints from the cloakroom all the way into the Reception classroom.

It's a monster, a minion, a creature, a mystery, an owl baby were some of the suggestions made by the children in regards to who it could be.

One child decided it might be a Gruffalo, another thought it was the Gruffalo's child. We followed the footprints and found a cave. Inside was a snake, a squirrel, a mouse, an owl, a baby Gruffalo and the Gruffalo himself. Meanwhile, one child mentioned that there was no fox in the cave. Another suggested it was 'a missing fox mystery'.

The children are now very busy making up their own stories and role playing about the Gruffalo and the Gruffalo's Child. They are also searching the area for foxes.



At the weekend Holy Trinity Church held their annual community event. The theme this year was 'Christmas Wreaths'. Children from R-Y5 worked together to create a wreath display that represents our school 'DDFNS'. It is now on display in the hall.



Denby Dale Community Library

On Monday 10th December the library is holding a Christmas Story Time 4.15 – 5.00 pm all children to bring an adult with them.

Last week, the **School Choir** provided the festive musical entertainment for the Kirkwood Hospice Christmas Market at Denby Dale Village Library. They wowed the crowds with their enthusiastic and tuneful performances of Christmas favourites such as Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Away in a Manger.

Mrs Taplin and Mrs Thomson were very proud as the children received positive comments not only for their singing but also for their good manners and behaviour. Thank you to all the parents for bringing the children along to the event and supporting both the school and Kirkwood Hospice.

