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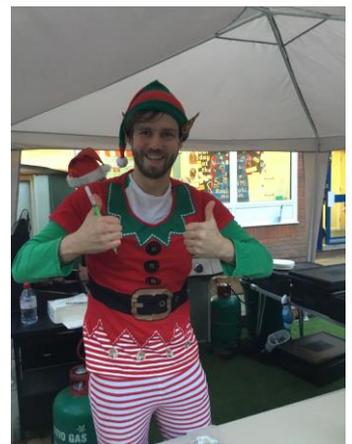
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had! I would first and foremost like to express a HUGE heartfelt thank you to our wonderful school community for your commitment to our Christmas Fayre. We were genuinely overwhelmed by your support – the prizes donated, the number of raffle tickets sold for our fundraiser and then the incredible turnout at the event after school! The children had been working extremely hard to make festive craft items and treats and we welcomed a number of external vendors. One of the stall holders who had been making slime with the children commented as she was leaving that Brooksward children and families were the most polite and lovely ones she had ever worked with! Staff prepared festive games and activities for the children to enjoy ‘spending’ their good behaviour tokens on during the ‘Fair Fayre’.



Thank you to all parents and grandparents who helped out in one way or another – a true team effort contributed to the overall success of the event enabling us to raise a phenomenal £1700 after expenses for our STEM fund – unbelievable!

We are very much looking forward to using this for additional resources to enhance the children’s educational experiences in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.



Continuing the festive theme, our fabulous choir was fortunate to have recently been selected to sing in the Milton Keynes Shopping Centre in association with the Christ the Cornerstone appeal. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to perform their repertoire of songs that they have been working on for our panto and to show off all their hard work. Well done!

Year 3 / 4 Visit to Tring Natural History Museum

Earlier this month, Years 3 and 4 visited Tring Museum to learn more about the classification and grouping of animals. They also had the opportunity to see models of a variety of rainforest animals that they had heard about during their Geography topic work, such as jaguars, sloths, toucans, butterflies and Amazon river fish.



In the workshop run by the museum staff, the children really impressed with their knowledge, understanding and reasoning skills, causing the staff to comment that there were lots of budding scientists in the room! Ruby said 'I found the whole museum really interesting because of all the extinct species in there.' Tyson said that he found the first gallery the most fascinating because there were so many different animals to examine. The children were very well behaved all day and impressed all the adults



with their enthusiasm to further their learning!

Red Riding Hood vs The Wolf!

Last week the children in Years 1 and 2 walked to Stantonbury Theatre where they watched a performance of a pantomime based on a the traditional tale of Red Riding Hood. The children watched intently and thoroughly enjoyed the show. Thank you to the parent helpers who made it possible for us to walk with the children to the local theatre.



We are very much looking forward to watching our Foundation Stage children's 'A Wriggly Nativity' this afternoon and also to the Pantomime Club's performance to the rest of the school on Friday afternoon. We will certainly all be feeling incredibly festive by the end of the week!



Finally, I wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas. I look forward to seeing everyone again on **Monday 7th January 2019.**

Mrs Abby McStraw
Head of School

Diary Dates

Wednesday 19th December (pm)
Thursday 20th December (5 - 6pm)
Friday 21st December
Friday 21st December
Monday 7th January
Monday 14th January

Foundation Stage Nativity
KS2 Christmas Disco
Christmas lunch – wear a festive jumper!
Break up for Christmas
Return to School
Florence Nightingale Day in Y1/2