

Bumper Christmas

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My personal highlights from this term...

So much to look back on

What a term! The children and staff have worked so hard with many standout events. I have so enjoyed the Family Assemblies with lots of humour, entertainment and great information about what the children have learnt in their classes. This term seems to have been some of our best attended Parents/ Carer events. From the start of year 'Meet the Teacher' event, our Bonfire and Fireworks Night to the Christmas productions. Thank you so much for your support. In a very busy world, the children love seeing you and really appreciate your faces at each of their special events. Thank you.



At the beginning of December, Walsgrave had an external review with Paul Weston (HMI) - assessing the quality of provision and leadership with in the school - which went extremely well. Below is a short extract from his report.

Walsgrave C of E Academy continues to progress from strength to strength. It remains an extremely strong and highly effective school. The headteacher continues to develop and distribute leadership throughout the school well. Senior and middle leaders continue to rise to the challenge and manage their area responsibility very well. Together, all leaders are relentless in driving forward improvement. Staff are committed to the school and are receptive to new ideas and approaches. They are extremely hard working and dedicated and always have the interests and wellbeing of children in the forefront of their minds. As a result, children are happy, confident learners who thoroughly enjoy their learning at the school.

We were also thrilled to be mentioned in the Coventry Telegraph for coming joint 4th in City schools for children reaching the age-expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths. Huge congratulations to Clifford Bridge who came top. https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/best-performing-primary-schools-coventry-15558216_amp

Reception and Key Stage 1 Performances



During the penultimate week of term, I was so proud to stand and introduce Reception's Nativity and KS1's performance. As Reception presented 'Away in a Manager' to the parents/ carers and extended family members, it reminded us all of the true meaning of Christmas. The children beamed as they stood on stage and I was so proud of the quality of singing and stage-presence for such young children. I am always blown away by the children's confidence considering they have only been full-time at Walsgrave since September!

KS1's production 'Lights, Camel, Action' was just FANTASTIC! The humour, singing, dancing came together in a very special way which made each and every child sparkle. Thank you to Reception and KS1 staff who spent so much time, effort and energy into making these the magical events that they were.



Charity Events & The PTA

I think we can often take for granted some of the additional events that happen in our school. We are so lucky at Walsgrave to have an amazing group of organisers in our PTA. At a time when we have less members of staff at Walsgrave, Dawn, Katherine and Danielle have worked tirelessly to plan, organise and deliver many PTA events this term. I can't begin to tell you the hours they have dedicated to these events. From me personally - thank you.

And finally, any offers of help and support in 2019 will be of course much appreciated. Whether it be: hearing readers in school, being part of our fantastic PTA or continuing to support your children to achieve their very best, anything would be so very much appreciated.



After such a busy term, may I wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas and very happy 2019. We look forward to seeing all the children in school, bright and early on Tuesday 8th January from 8:45am.

Rob Darling

Class highlights from Autumn Term 2018



Nursery



What a wonderful Autumn Term Nursery have had. We are so proud of how the children have all settled well into Nursery life and have loved seeing them grow and change over the last few months. Nursery have had great fun learning lots of stories including We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

We have done lots of cooking including making toasty teddies, porridge, popcorn and biscuits and have learned lots of new songs.

The children in

Nursery are becoming so independent they have learned lots of new skills including putting their own coats and boots on, using tools such as scissors and learning how to share with their friends. We have also enjoyed seeing what the children have been doing at home. Thank you for all of your tapestry posts - we look forward to seeing what you all get up to over Christmas too!



100% Club Attendance

Whole School Attendance 96.2%

Class % Attendance			
RC	94	3S	95.8
RM	97.5	4C	96.4
1C	94.7	4S	99.2
1P	96.1	5D	98.5
2C	97.5	5M	93.9
2G	97.3	6B	95.6
3C	99.1	6P	94.7

Reception - Mrs. Collins

The children have settled into school life so well. They are becoming more and more confident and independent each day. We have been very busy learning our sounds and using them to read CVC words. We have enjoyed lots of stories, one of our favourites was Room on a Broom. The children were fantastic in our nativity show. It takes a lot of confidence to stand up in front of an audience well done to our superstars.



Reception - Miss Moore

RM have had a lovely first term at Walsgrave. I am pleased with how well they have settled into Reception life. The children are becoming more confident and independent and are showing an eagerness to learn. Some of our highlights this term has been: our very first few weeks in Reception getting to know each other, the Gingerbread man's party, making and tasting our own bread, our Damien Hirst art afternoon, our autumn walk and Bonfire night party, focusing our learning on some fantastic stories, our nativity and of course Christmas time at Walsgrave. I hope you have a lovely and restful Christmas after a very busy term and a Happy New Year! Miss Moore.



Year 1P - Mrs. Prudham/ Ms. Palfrey

The children in 1P have really enjoyed our Toys Theme this term. We had a fantastic time learning about old toys and puppets at the toy museum in Cannock. We have been very creative designing and making both pop up puppets and sock puppets.



Year 1C - Mrs. Cherry

This has been an incredible term in Year 1! We are so proud of how each child has matured and risen to the challenges of Year 1. We have thoroughly enjoyed our learning and have particularly enjoyed our science and theme lessons. We have loved making sock puppets, making pop-up dolls, using musical instruments and much more. We could not end the term without saying a huge 'congratulations' to all the children in their Christmas Play performance. We are so proud of each and every one of you and you looked absolutely fantastic! Thank you to everyone who came and watched and for providing such wonderful costumes!



Year 2C - Miss Cooper

Wow, what an amazing term 2C have had! We have already had so many magical moments during our time in Year 2, but I think one highlight for all of us has to be our amazing Christmas Performance. All of the children worked so hard to remember their lines and I was so incredibly proud of each and every one of them! I hope you all have a magical Christmas and New Year! Miss Cooper ☺



Year 2G - Miss Ginger

We have had such a super term in Year Two. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our theme work 'In the Toy Box' and have made some fantastic pop up puppets. Our trip to Cannock Chase Toy Museum was a real highlight and we loved watching the brilliant 'Punch and Judy show'. We are so proud of the children's performances in our Key Stage One production of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' They said their lines so clearly on the stage and really showcased their excellent singing and dancing skills. Thank you for all the support we had with learning lines and providing the children with fantastic costumes.



Year 3C - Miss Curzons

What an amazing start to life in Key Stage 2 3C have had! From creating skeletons and developing our End-ball skills to asking questions to experts from Jaguar Land Rover about the future of cars, it seems we've done it all. A particular highlight, was during our English focus on The Twits. We created our very own trick to play on Mrs Twit based on a very sticky marshmallow, here we are in the Forest school area sharing our ideas (whilst having a marshmallow of our own!).



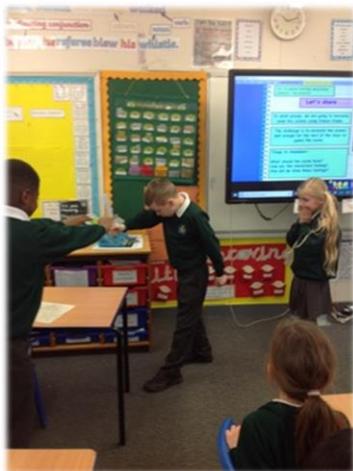
Year 3S - Miss Smith

Wow, what a busy and exciting term we have had in Year 3! We kicked off our Theme 'On the Move' with a fantastic transport day where the children loved riding their bikes and scooters on the playground. We've visited the transport museum and learnt lots about the history and the future of transport in Coventry. The children also enjoyed reading Claude in the City and writing their own version of 'Claude comes to Walsgrave'.



Year 4C - Miss Clarke

4C have enjoyed the story of 'The Firebird'. They used drama to retell key parts of the story which helped them to write amazing diary entries in the role of a character. Our science learning has also fascinated the children as they have been making circuits!



Year 4S - Mr. Sowerby

Wow! What an Autumn term it has been in 4S! From performances, to school trips, visitors and great learning opportunities, we have certainly made the most of our first term in Year 4. The children have produced some brilliant work linked to our 'Transport' theme, with a particular highlight being the classes independent research into an area of interest- it really represented the journey the children have been on in terms of expectations and quality of work within year 4. It has been absolutely brilliant to share two books as a class. Both 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and 'The Firebird' have been firm favourites with the class and this has led to some stunning work being produced. I can't wait to see what next term has to offer!



Year 5D - Mr. Deakin

This term 5D have been recruited into the D.R.U (Disaster Response Unit). After learning lots about Disasters and Pompeii we celebrated with our Family Assembly. It was a bonanza of drama, dance, diary entries and comedy. Both parents and children alike enjoyed it with the children showing off all they have learnt and their natural talents.



Year 5M - Mr. Mushing

This term 5M have been working hard in English focusing on Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver. We had lots of opportunity for drama, which lead us into writing our own version of the beginning of the story. The children then created their own book and eBook, which they enjoyed sharing with parents on Come and Share.



Year 6B - Mr. Brown

What an Autumn Term it has been in 6B! From the continued hard work and dedication in class, which has been evident throughout the term, to the epic residential that was Plas Dol-y-Moch...this year really has started off with a bang! The children in 6B have done themselves proud and have come together as a real team, rising to the challenges of Year 6 with a smile on their faces and a determined glint in their eyes!! Nowhere was this more evident than in our Thematic Curriculum, where this term we learnt all about 'Disasters'. The children really threw themselves in to the topic and it was an absolute privilege to support them and be a part of a classroom which had such a buzz of learning!! Finally, a huge thank you to parents and carers for your support this term, it really is appreciated!



Year 6P - Miss Prit

What a fantastic second half term of Year 6. 6P have really stood out this half term and shown their independence and maturity - being fantastic role models for the rest of the school. They have thoroughly enjoyed their Theme and Science sessions where they have been able to be a part of practical investigations and working as teams to solve problems! Well done 6P!



Gold Merit Certificates



Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Olive-Sarah O	Subhan F	Harry B	Adith J	Lilly C	Felica B	Callie G
Edward L	Anika D	Tilly S	Ashlyn C	Kayleigh T	Boonie H	Summer J

Cups Awards



Headteacher's Award	Academic Award	Special Recognition	Creativity Award	Sports Award	DYM Award	
Matthew A	Amber S	Jasmine G	Ethan B	Harley W	Thomas M	

Governor Update - Kasenya Morgan - Parent Governor

This term I have attended a Governor training session where we received safeguarding updates, met governors from the Multi Academy trust and spent time with subject leaders learning how teaching is structured for English & Maths. I also worked with Mr Deakin on reading and writing results in school and had a 'walkabout' the whole school seeing writing initiatives in practice. As a parent, I thoroughly enjoyed Year 4's Family Assembly about transport through the years and have loved all of the Christmas activities over the last two weeks.

Walsgrave Sports

News



December 2018

School Games Competitions

End-ball

Year 3 and 4 children were chosen to represent Walsgrave in an End-ball competition this term.

They had been practicing lots during their PE lessons and were a credit to the school.

Hockey - 30th November

Year 5 attended a Hockey competition, again this followed after lots of practice during PE sessions. The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning and this was reflected in their scores.

They lost the 1st game 3-0 then drew 0-0 and finally won 2-1. We also drew 4-4 against Clifford in a friendly.



Netball

We now have a team of Y6 children representing Walsgrave in a Hi5 Netball league. The children participated in their first cup match against All Souls. They showed great determination, team work and resilience. We look forward to many more fixtures coming up in the Spring Term!



Up Coming Game On Competitions

Gymnastics (Yrs 1 & 2)
Rowing (Yr 6)
Boccia & Archery (Yrs 3-6)
Agility (Yrs 1 & 2)
Magnificent 7 Festival (Yrs 3 & 4)
High 5 Netball (Yrs 5 & 6)

Football Matches

Girls



A fantastic term for the Girl's Football. The Girls have worked extremely hard

during training sessions and this is evident during the matches they have played. They are growing as a team and developing their confidence! A huge well done Girls!

Girls Vs Stoke Heath - Friday 16th November

Girls Inspire Mat Tournament - Tuesday 20th November

Girls Vs Wyken

Girls Vs Clifford Bridge - Friday 30th November

Boys

The boys have had a really impressive half term, with an increasing amount of games played. They are growing well as a team and are showing fantastic progress! They have showed resilience and superb teamwork. A huge Well Done Boys!

Boys Vs Stoke Heath - Friday 9th November

Boys Vs Sacred Heart - Tuesday 13th November

Harry Shaw Cup - Saturday 24th November

Inspire Mat Tournament - Tuesday 4th December - B team

Walsgrave Vs Fredrick Bird - Tuesday 11th December

Walsgrave Vs Hearsall - Friday 14th December