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NEWSLETTER

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**Exclusive News Today!**

**INSET DAY ON  
JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

**CHILDREN RETURN  
TO SCHOOL ON  
TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

Pictures from the Winter Fair



## GREAT LEARNING TO SHARE

Thank you for all your support this half term. The children have been working very hard and made so many gains in their learning. Particularly well done to Year 6 who have been coming to so many extra sessions for boosters, or just working very hard in class as they prepare for their last two terms at Primary School.

A particular success this term has been within our Times Tables Rock Stars work. Children are getting very excited by competing with each other and children of all ages are improving their knowledge of tables so much. Hopefully they can practise lots over the Christmas break too.

Many thanks to Zabeda and Debbie, ably helped by some fantastic teaching assistants and parents for organising the Winter Fair. The children's stalls were lovely.

Christmas at Pye Bank has as always been very special. We are delighted that all our children are so keen to get involved and one little girl commented to me that it was lovely that Muslim children were wearing Christmas Jumpers too as it shows that we all appreciate each other and our differences. A true reflection of our Pye Bank Values put in to practice.

Our Multi-Faith Collective Worship was lovely with children singing and sharing in Christian and Islamic prayer.

In a world of conflict our school community leads the way in showing friendship to and acceptance of all. All equal, all different and all special.

**HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL CELEBRATING. ENJOY READING YOUR CHILD'S CHRISTMAS BOOK GIFT.**

*M. Andrew*

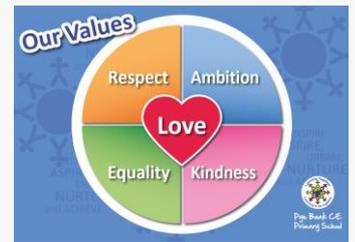
**CHOIR ARE LOOKING FORWARD  
TO TRAVELLING TO YOUNG VOICES  
ON JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>. MRS WRIGHT  
AND MRS ANDREWS ARE VERY  
EXCITED!**

**ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLIES ON FRIDAY  
JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>:**

- YEARS 1-2 9AM
- YEARS 3-4 9.30AM
- YEARS 5-6 10AM
- FOUNDATION 10.30AM

## Nursery: Jewels

The Jewels have had so many new children this half term and we have had great fun getting to know each other. We have been learning some new songs and rhymes and using them in our play. Here is a few of our favourite, ask your child to sing them with you at home: 'I'm a Little Tea Pot, Incy Wincy Spider, 5 Currant Buns in a Bakers Shop'.



## Reception: Eagles and Owls

The staff and children in Foundation have really enjoyed learning about the Christmas story. The children have been developing many skills whilst talking, reading, writing and learning through play. It is a really important life skill being able to perform in front of an audience and every child did so extremely well - we are so proud of them! The children also loved their visit to the Pitsmoor Adventure playground.



## Year 1: Investigators and Explorers

It was such a pleasure to invite parents in to join Year 1 for their fabulous finish. The children have been finding out about Bears! This has involved traditional tales and the children have loved Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children showed their parents how they can make split-pin bears with moving arms and legs and character masks from the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

## Year 2: Mighty Oaks and Willows

This half term in Willows and Mighty Oaks we have enjoyed learning about celebrations around the world with a main focus on the Hindu celebration of Diwali and Slovakian Christmas. We have created our own Newsrounds explaining how people celebrate. We have also created some fantastic diva lamps out of clay and a whole class rangoli pattern using coloured sand. We sold our Diva lamps at the fair.



## Year 3: Champions and Heroes

In PE children have been learning the rules and tactics of Tag Rugby. The children have enjoyed working together and learning how to work in teams. The children have also learned the Haka in dance. They have shared it with others in Gold Award. In Year 3 we are very pleased to have our new teachers Mr Terry and Mr Gray. Miss Vickers has now started her maternity leave and we are looking forward to welcoming her back for September.





### Year 4: Stars and Tigers

Year 4 have had a fantastic time learning about the Industrial Revolution. During this half term, the children have learnt what the steel industry was like and managed to quiz a steel worker that visited our school. The children certainly showcased their knowledge to parents for the fabulous finish in a variety of different ways explaining the changes from rural Britain to urban Britain and stunned the staff at Kelham Island Museum when answering questions about inspirational inventors such as Henry Bessemer and Harry Brearley.

We are now looking forward to our next topic about the Romans.

### Year 5: Galaxies and Rockets

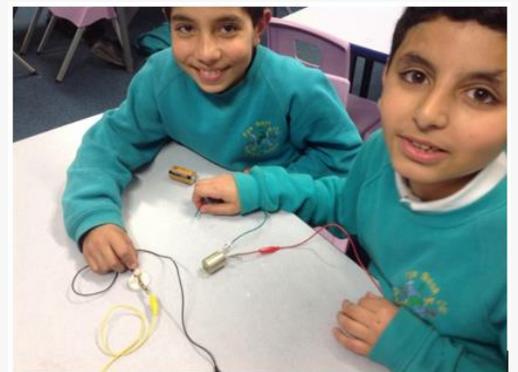
Year 5 have really been enjoying reading Harry Potter this half term and experimenting with potions. We have learned about dissolving and reversible changes. We had fantastic fun in the forest making willow wands and creating an exploding potion from a chemical reaction. We have also created our own 3D potion shop on the computer using sketch up.



### Year 6 Fireballs

#### A hands on approach to learning!

Year 6 Fabulous Fireballs have had plenty of opportunities this half-term to be creative, explorative and challenged within their learning. Not only have they been able to develop their independent skills but also build upon working collaboratively with their peers. So far, in Topic, they have created tin foil shadows, constructed a human eye and made paper lanterns using Art materials. This has allowed them to develop resilience, overcome obstacles and evaluate their projects. As a result, they have been able to apply these skills to their core subjects, English and Maths, which has led to good progress being made within the year group. Their writing has been phenomenal and their knowledge of fractions has been superb. The class most definitely get a 10 (excuse the pun)!



### Year 6 Thunder and Lightning

Throughout the half term, Year 6 have been learning all about light and electricity. We carried out scientific experiments into opaque, transparent and translucent objects and we also learnt about how we see things. After learning about how light travels and looking at the different parts of the eye, we decided to create a model version of the eye which our parents helped us to make during our 'Fabulous Finish.' Although it was a little bit messy, the children learnt a lot and had great fun.



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Merry Christmas  
& a  
Happy New Year



From all at Pye Bank