

North Stainley C of E School News letter December 2021



News from Mrs Wallen

Since returning in November the school has been 'a hive of activity!' There have been many events, projects and themes across the school, in classes and in after school clubs. Please read through this newsletter to see just how busy the children and staff have been this Autumn half term.

We have had a number of helpers in school, volunteering to support in classrooms, helping with Forest schools and leading activities including music, sewing and planting. These volunteers offer extended learning that enables our children to access extra activities fully. Please can I say a huge thankyou to all of you, Kia, Leah, Margaret, Emily, Emma, Jane and Helen as well as the many parents who regularly support us in school.

The 5 Ways to Wellbeing at North Stainley School



We continue to use the

5 Ways to Wellbeing to support the mental and physical wellbeing of all staff and children in our school. Over this term a number of our lessons and our extended club activities have related to these 5 areas:

Be active: In the playground with scrap store and other planned activities.

Keep learning new games in our games club and yoga in wellbeing club, learning all about coding with lego and much, much more.

Taking notice of all around us by taking and sharing photographs.

Give: Children in Need, Poppy appeal and 999 non school uniform day. Save the children Christmas Jumper Day.

Connect: Reading partners across the school, Club activities, Visitors from Yorkshire Water and Author Visits.

Our Schools Christian Values of:

Friendship, Respect, Resilience, Empathy, Independence and Aspiration are at the heart of everything we do in school.



Our Vision is for our children to become caring, confident, successful and responsible citizens of this amazing world.



**“our Christian values
are like roots holding
us firm.”**





Diversity Week and Courageous Advocacy

The whole school took part in a themed week all about **CELEBRATING DIVERSITY**.

Each class took a separate area of diversity to learn about. This included disability, diversity in relationships and diversity in culture .

Over the week we had music workshops from different cultures, we baked Rainbow cakes, the children played blind cricket to really gain an understanding of what it is to have a disability. Over the week the classes presented what they had learnt within their areas of diversity to the whole school .

Class 2 have taken this a step further ,showing courageous advocacy when joining with Ripon Disability Forum. Following a presentation given to them by Jen Dunford of the RDF, the children completed a village survey aimed at highlighting how accessible our village is. The results were very positive for our village with the exception of a missing 'dropped curb'. This has been brought to the attention of the council and there are plans to rectify this in the future. 'Watch this space'



“dig deeper for stronger roots..”



Remembrance Day 11th November. The Year 6 Worship Ambassadors led a short service at St Mary's Church to Remember the fallen soldiers of conflict. There were prayers and poems as well as a brief description from Class 2 about commemorating the fallen of World War I and World War II.

Children In Need This year was on the 19th of November. Our Charity Ambassadors Boe and William .F. organised a colouring competition, a spotty outfit competition and best of all a spotty cake competition. We raised £92.73. Well done everyone for giving so generously.



Guy Fawkes Night

After learning all about Guy Fawkes and his attempt to blow up Parliament. Mrs MacArthur and children from across the school made a traditional Guy for the village bonfire. In line with tradition, he even sat outside with his tin 'A Penny for the Guy'



Lego Coding

Thank you to Emma Robinson, who has signed our school up for a special Lego Coding project. Emma has already worked with Class 2 on this and the children really gained some valuable computing knowledge and were able to manipulate and move lego models using coding.

Emma will be working with Class 3 on the same project next term.



Online safety: The whole school took part in an online safety day including workshops to enable our children to work safely on line. This was followed up with training for staff and parents. If you were unable to attend please make sure you watch the video link on the Website's, November news page.



We will grow,
blossom and
flourish.

That naughty elf has returned to Class 1 in December and has been causing absolute chaos. All of the children have embraced his mischief with great excitement. Every morning they come in to discover what their naughty little friend has been up to over night!!



Class 2 have had a very busy half term! We have been learning about Water in Science and Geography and had a visit from Yorkshire Water who told us about how water is treated so that we can drink it; a visit from Mr Grayshon (Charlie's dad) who taught us all about flooding and how we can improve flood defences and protect communities from flooding. We had a fabulous day at Murton Park where we learnt about what life was like for a soldier in Roman Britain. The children loved making oil lamps and using the wooden swords and shields. All the children were impeccably behaved and were a credit to our school.



Class 3 have been investigating materials and their properties in science. We have carried out various experiments, from seeing which material is the best for clearing up a spillage, to mixing different substances to see if the gas given off could blow up a balloon. We were successful in the end as you can tell from the picture. In design and technology, class 3 have made some amazing mythical creatures and to add detail, they learnt some new stitches. Music, has also seen some amazing talent in Class 3, with some fantastic recorder playing and bell ringing.



**“ We are our school
Our school is us.**

School Christmas Nativity Showcase

After a few false starts it was eventually decided that the children would present a Christmas Showcase via Teams.

Class 1 performed their Nativity songs beautifully in costume.

Class 2 who have been learning the ukulele performed jingle bells and as linked to their learning around diversity signed the carol Only a babe.

Class 3 linked their learning of the recorder and performed Silent Night followed by some campanology playing Once in royal David City with the hand bells.



Christmas dinner / jumper day and Christmas Parties

Thank you to Sarah and Natasha for once again cooking a delicious Christmas Dinner. And then going onto to prepare a Christmas party lunch. Great fun was had by all!!



Class 1 Dress the Crib

On Wednesday the 15th of December. In true school tradition Class 1 went to St Mary's Church to dress the crib. Thank you to Mrs Mansell for inviting us.



Don't Forget the Pantomime

Unfortunately our trip to the Pantomime has had to be postponed. We will now be going on Friday the 7th of January to see Cinderella.



Christmas Fayre: Our Early Christmas Fayre was a great success raising £641.30. Thank you to Sarah, Kate, Rebecca and Amy for organising this and to everyone else who helped.

Jasmine and Poppy even had their own stall at the fayre selling the many items Jasmine has sewn over this year. An entrepreneur in the making!

