



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn Term 12

3rd Dec



In this newsletter, find out about:

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A message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

In a strange week of weather that has varied from the freezing temperatures and snow on Monday to the milder rain of today. It hasn't dampened the festive spirit at North Mundham. There has been the usual buzz of excitement at the start of December as rehearsals for Christmas productions reach a crescendo, advent calendars and elves are discussed and decorations are put up around school.

This year each class have made decorations to decorate an area outside as part of our Winter wonderland event, everywhere is feeling very festive.

It was really great to be able to invite some parents from year 5 and 6 classes to share the work that the children have been doing this term. It has been a long time since the children have taken part in class assemblies and although we weren't able to have the whole school there, I was very impressed by their confidence and enthusiasm. In Year 5 they rapped in Chinese and played a whole class piece on the glockenspiel (and recorder), they described learning about ancient China and shared some impressive space facts. They also shared some fantastic art work and English writing based on their text 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. Year 6 showed off all their skills by presenting their knowledge of African countries, the slave trade, coding as well as some very impressive live maths doodle working. They read their powerful English work based on the African slave trade and demonstrated their talents in art and music.

The audiences were suitably impressed with these celebrations of what the children have achieved and we hope to be able to share the work of other classes in the new year. The children's learning and talents have been nurtured, encouraged and strengthened by their teachers' skill and patience and as always, I am grateful for the hard work of all the staff here in our North Mundham community.

On Thursday the choir had their second public event when they sang at the Cross in Chichester. Christmas shoppers stopped to hear them sing some Christmas favourites and some even joined in.

This week it was the turn of Year 4 boys to show off their football skills. Once again we were very proud of their communication and efforts as a team. They just missed getting a place in the semi-finals but scored lots of goals- well done!!

Library Competition

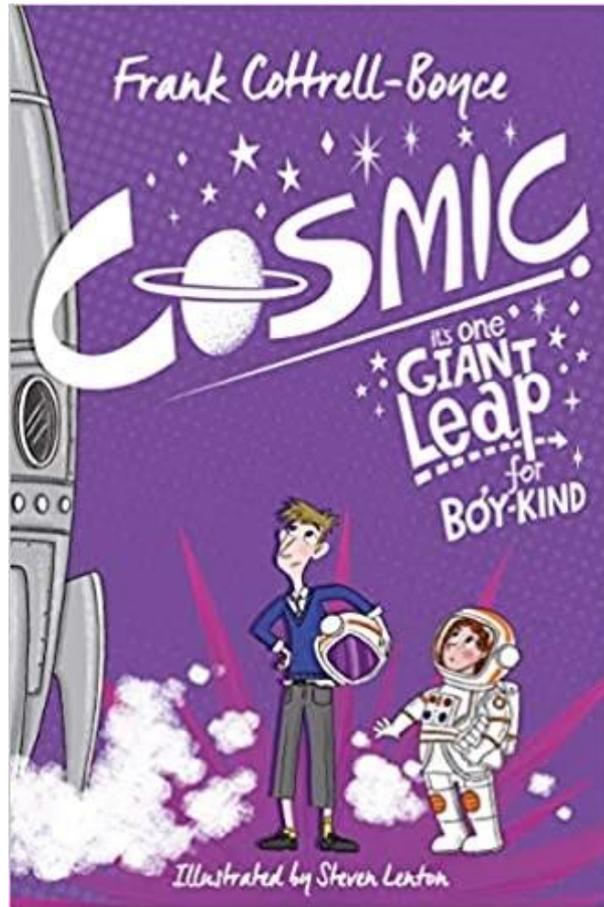
Congratulations to the winners of this month's competition based on the anti-bullying theme of 'One Kind Word'. Winners were; Freya in Year 6, Ava in Year 5, Abbie in Year 4, Leah in year 3, Juno in Year 2, Imogen in Year 1 and Henry E in Year R. The poems were very thoughtful in content and well presented. It was a tough choice, thank-you to everyone who took part.

Winter Wonderland event.

Thank-you to our amazing PTA and all of the helpers who have worked so hard to create a very special event. We are very grateful to everyone who came and took part. The windows looked amazing in the twilight and the event was very well attended. Everyone seemed to have a great time and we did really well. We will let you know the final figure when we have it.

Have a lovely weekend

Zoe Gordon

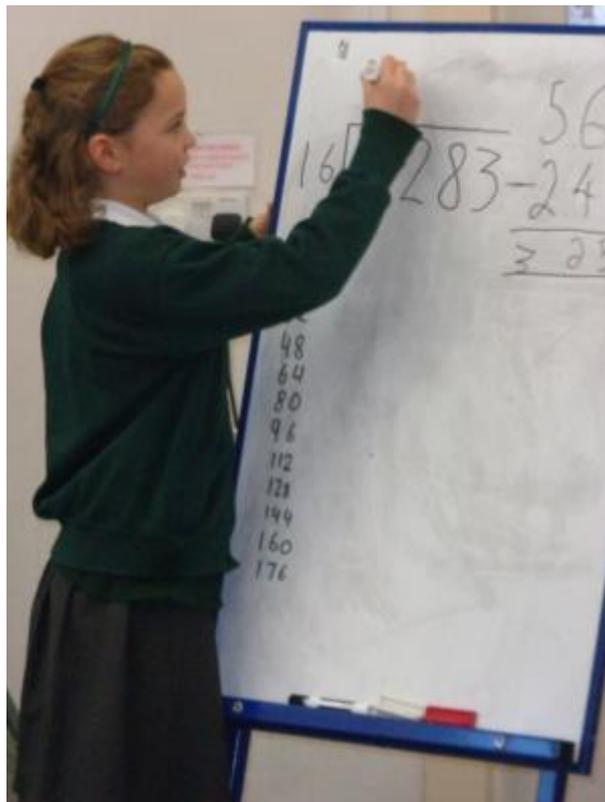






Year 6 wow us with their skills and knowledge







Year 1 go on a bus ride!





Year 4 North Mundham footballers





Winter Wonderland Advent window event 2021



1 - Year 1 pose with their window



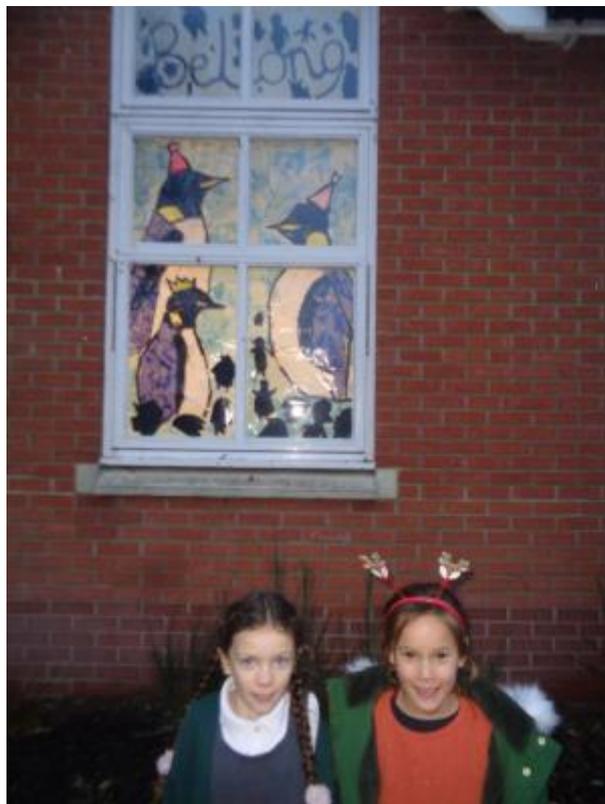
2 - Year 5



3 - Year 6



4 - Year R



5 - year 1



6 - Year 3



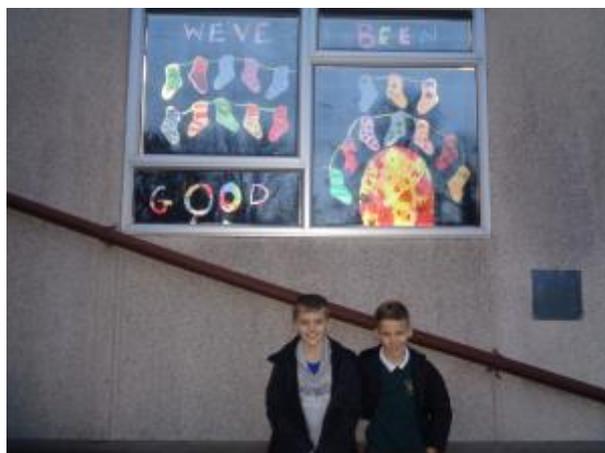
7 - Year 3



8 - Santa's grotto



9 - Year 4



10 - Year 4



11 - Year 1



12 - festive Sophie!



13 - The choir sing again!

Reminders and Notices



REMINDERS

Year 4 Class Assembly

We are hoping to hold the following class assemblies.

Year 4- December 9th

This will be at 9.05 and we hope that we will be able to have a live audience but that will depend on Covid numbers and restrictions.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch this year will be on **Thursday 16th December**. The children may bring a special Christmas packed lunch or order a hot school meal direct from Chartwells, on line at www.mealselector.co.uk (**Please note – only parents who pay for meals need to book these on-line**). The cost of the meal is £2.35 and **orders MUST be made, on-line by Sunday 5th December. (CHARTWELLS DO NOT ACCEPT LATE ORDERS)**

If your child is in Class R, 1 or 2 and you have already ordered a hot meal for Thursdays, your child will automatically receive the Christmas lunch (you do not have to pay for this). **Please check at the school office if you are not sure and we can either order or cancel the Christmas lunch. Friday 3rd December is the last day that orders can be amended.**

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers or something festive (a hat or headband) on this day if they wish and give a small donation to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day appeal.

Christmas Performances

Provided we do not have an increase in Covid cases the plans for productions are as follows:

Year 1 parents and carers are invited to see the Christmas production on **Tuesday 7th December 2pm**- 2 tickets per family are available. [Google Form](#)

Year 2 parents and carers are invited to see the Christmas production on **Thursday 9th December 2pm**- 2 tickets per family are available. [Google Form](#)

Year R parents and carers are invited to see the Christmas production on **Wednesday 8th December at 2pm**- 2 tickets are available. [Google Form](#)

The performances will be recorded so that they can be shared with other family members.

Unfortunately we are **not** able to accommodate siblings at these performances.

Raffle

We have some fantastic raffle prizes and would be very grateful if you could sell the raffle tickets before next Friday when it will be drawn. All money and ticket stubs should be handed into the office by then.

Information

Clubs

Reminder that all school run clubs are now finished except choir. Football finishes on Tuesday 7th December and dance continues to the last week of term. We will be planning some more clubs to start after Christmas so keep an eye out for information in this newsletter in January.

Church Christingle and Carol service

We will be taking Key Stage 2 (not the whole school due to Covid restrictions) to the church on Wednesday 15th December. Key stage 1 will have their own in school service. Revd. May will lead the service with the children having the opportunity to sing some Christmas songs and read some poems and other readings. We would like to invite Year 6 parents to join us if they wish as it is their

last Christmas with us. Due to the current restrictions on numbers we are not able to accommodate any more parents but hope that we will be able to in the future.

Christmas Parties

These will be on Wednesday 16th December. Children in Years R, 1 and 2 can wear party clothes to school on this day. There will be a party snack provided and they will watch a magic show.

Years 3-6 should bring party clothes in to school and will be given time to change into these in the afternoon. year 3 and 4 will have a disco followed by party games and snack and 5 and 6 will have party games and snack followed by a disco. Due to Covid, we felt it better not to have all of the children together in the hall so close to Christmas.

We ask for a donation of £2.50 for this event. See separate information.

Many thanks for your understanding on all of these matters

[Dates for the diary](#)



Thursday 2nd December- Class 5 assembly

Friday 3rd December- Class 6 assembly

w/b 6th December- Y1 and 2 Christmas performances (see above)

Thursday 9th December- Class 4 assembly

Friday 10th December- raffle draw

15th December- Christmas carol concert in church

15th December- Christmas magic show and discos (more details above)

16th December- Christmas lunch

4th January 2022- return to school after Christmas break.

INSET Days 2021-2022

28th February 2022

27th May 2022

(All INSET days are either at the beginning or end of a school holiday, we ask that you take advantage of these for family holidays or long weekends and DO NOT book holidays in term time.)

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