



# NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

We are immensely proud of our wonderful school choir for performing with such confidence and grace at Middleton Luncheon Club this week. The pupils did a superb job and were the stars of the show during their performance. A huge thank you to Mrs Morris and Mrs Emery for their hard work in preparing the choir to sing for our local community friends.

We are delighted to announce that our school Facebook page is now live! We hope you enjoy our new social media page, where we can share even more of what is going on inside of our lovely school. Here is a link to the site: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552555717112>. Please follow our page to see the latest updates.

This week we have also been working with our pupils and staff on our new uniform design. Pupils had great debate and undertook voting during assembly time. We are in the process of creating samples for families to view, which we will share with you in the new year. Our new uniform won't be available to buy until the summer term of next year, ready for the 24/25 academic year.

## Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- **PHOTOTRONICS** will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** to take individual and sibling photos – a great Christmas present idea!

## A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

### Polar Express Movie night! (Over 2 hours Child-Care!)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 3:15 until 5:30pm – only £5.00 per child**

Perfect opportunity for some Christmas Shopping/Prepping!

Children will come straight to the Dining Hall at pick up time to enjoy a Christmas Movie, Christmas Crafts, snacks and milkshakes, as well as a special gift.

There are limited spaces: To book places, please make payment by BACS putting your child's name as the reference:

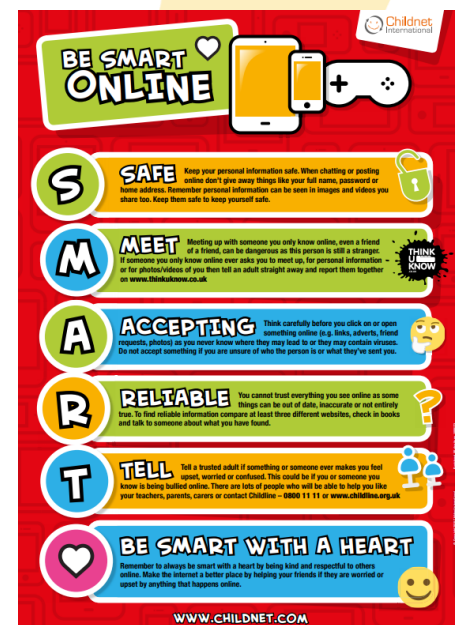
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## **EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson & Miss Spenceley**

Nursery have had a fantastic week focusing on our story of the week 'Jack Frost'. All children gasped with excitement as we went outside and saw that Jack Frost had visited our garden! We searched high and low to see the different areas where he had left ice.

On Thursday morning, Jack had been extra busy and had left snow outside! We quickly put on our wellies and waterproofs and dashed outside; screams and laughter came from all children as they made their own snowballs and snow angels. We then came inside and warmed up with some hot chocolate.

We can't wait to see what next week brings with our new text, 'Betty and the Yeti'.

What a fantastic week we have had in Reception! We have enjoyed reading the story of Detective Dog and learning what a detective does! In Maths, we have been finding 1 less of amounts and practising our counting. We have also loved playing in the snow and celebrating the start of Advent by creating our very own Advent wreath.





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## **Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Aislabie and Mrs. Niven**

This week, we have been preparing for our class nativity play, 'The BIG, Little Nativity'. The children have been working really hard to learn their lines, together with all of the songs. We are looking forward to performing this to you soon. Tickets coming soon!

We have had a very Christmassy week. First of all: we have written and posted our letters to Santa; we have had fun in the snow; we were surprised with a creatively decorated Christmas classroom door and we also had a visit from our class elf... Eddie!

In History, we talked about our important life events and shared them as a class. Thank you for taking the time to discuss and share these memories with your children.







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## **Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock**

The children have had a very exciting week this week! They started the week taking part in a 'Stone Age' survival workshop, where they got to experience how people from the Stone Age used to use things to help them survive. The children looked at how they made fires, made bread, the types of things they used for tools and keeping warm, and even how they built temporary shelters.

Later in the week, the children started to look at the features of a narrative and amazed us with their knowledge on what they needed to include.

In PSHE, the children have been celebrating differences and exploring how they can resolve conflict, and understanding that people can have different opinions, but it does not need to cause arguments.





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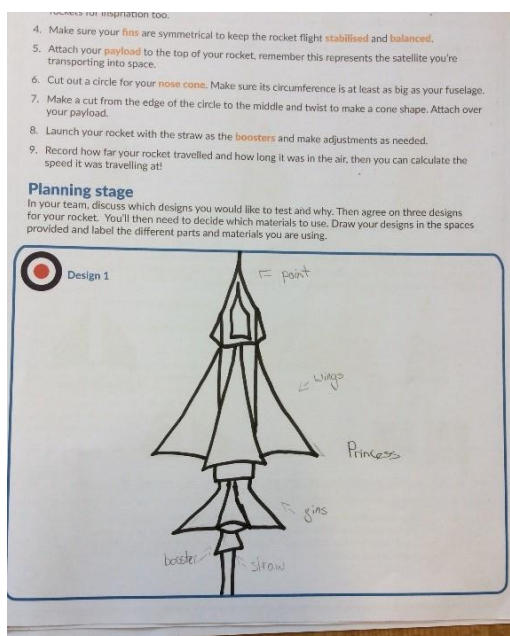
## Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

Last week we oozed with creativity as we designed, built and tested a model Spacecraft as we participated in the Road to RIAT challenge, in partnership with the RAF. Not only did this challenge develop our scientific and engineering skills, but also allowed us to develop teamwork and resilience.

We have also had great success in writing our own non-chronological reports about Earth and Space - every child has really embraced the topic and written their own interesting facts.

In French this week, we have learnt classroom commands and days of the week - try asking your child what day of the week it is to really embed that learning!

This week in geography, we delved deeper into understanding what vegetation belts are, and how there is a notable connection between plant life and climate zones. To consolidate this learning, we created our own fact files which identify the five main types of vegetation.







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Upcoming  
Events:

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	School Photographs – individual and sibling
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert, The Pathway at 1.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	FOMS Christmas 'Polar Express' event, 3.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Play – 9.15am EYFS Nativity – 10.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Author 'Adam Bushnell' visiting school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner + Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime at Georgian Theatre, Richmond, 10am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens for Spring Term 1

