



# NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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

Wow, what a busy week it has been! A huge well done to our Year 1 & 2 and EYFS for their fabulous nativities this week. The children's acting skills were incredible, they read beautifully and sang their hearts out! Thank you to all those who attended, it was lovely to see the hall full!

This week we welcomed children's author, Adam Bushnall, to our school. He began the day with a whole school assembly to excite children and encourage them to be creative writers. He then did some exciting work linked to character and settings descriptions in each class. The children were so enthusiastic and created some wonderful work.

We would like to thank Lucinda and Tracey (kitchen staff) for their delicious Christmas lunch which was served on Wednesday – it was enjoyed by all!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in 2023 and are very much looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at  
Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary!**

## Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December it is Christmas Party Day – all pupils may come to school wearing their party clothes.
- We break up for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

## Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	95.8%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 3+4	96.7%
Year 5+6	97.3%



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**What have we been up to?**

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

What a fantastic performance EYFS had on Tuesday, performing our nativity, 'The Nursery Rhyme Nativity'. We cannot express how much hard work all of the children have put into this, in the past weeks, learning their songs and actions, bearing in mind some are only 3-4 years old! We are beyond proud of them!

EYFS absolutely loved the pantomime; this was a new experience for many of us and they coped with it very well. We especially liked the part where we were all treated to ice cream, sweets and a drink! This has put us all in the mood for Christmas and we are excited for the remaining festivities next week.





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

What a fantastic week we have had! At the beginning of the week, we performed our Christmas play, 'The Big, Little Nativity', in front of parents and family members, and what a show it was! The children were amazing.....their acting was perfect; the singing was beautiful and the dancing was incredible! We are so proud of them.

On Wednesday, we had the author, Adam Bushnell, visiting our school. He worked with our class and tasked us to create a Christmas robot. The children were engaged throughout and their manners and attitude were brilliant. We also had Christmas lunch which was delicious!

On Thursday, we had so much fun at the Pantomime! We watched the performance of Rapunzel. We were a great audience and enjoyed joining in... oh yes, we did!

To end the week, we joined in with School Games Live - the Christmas Special. We joined in with a Christmas fitness routine, it was tiring but SNOW much fun!

We have lots of exciting events and activities to look forward to in 2024. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!







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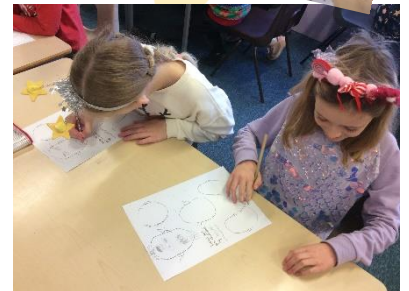
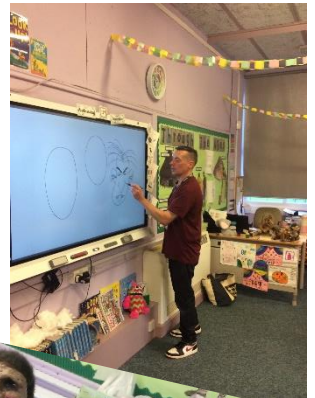
## **Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock**

It has been such an exciting week in Year 3 and 4 this week, in the build up to Christmas. The children got to enjoy the dress rehearsals of KS1 and EYFS, which were both fantastic and the children loved watching them.

On Wednesday, the children were thrilled to meet author Adam Bushnell and thoroughly enjoyed creating their own grumpy troll stories with him. They were all in such a festive mood wearing their Christmas jumpers, eating their Christmas dinners and making their Christmas cards.

Towards the end of the week, we all had a brilliant time at the pantomime watching Rapunzel, lots of our children were able to get involved and enjoy the performance.

On Friday, the children spent the day being pottery artists from the Bronze age, and designed and created their own Bell Beaker pottery using the ancient techniques.





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## **Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery**

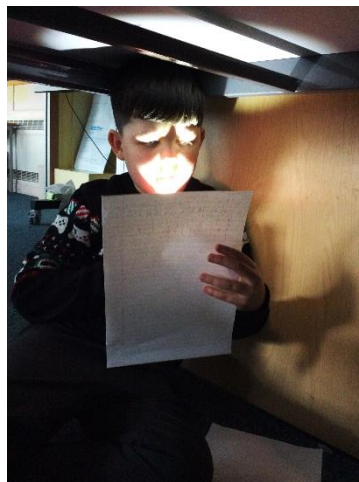
This week we got into the festive spirit by watching KS1 and EYFS' nativity – it was one of the best we'd ever seen! As well as the nativities, we also enjoyed our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, where we were able to eat with author, Adam Bushnell.

Adam visited us on Wednesday to share with us his passion for writing. Children immersed themselves into a live action story during assembly time, before creating their own ghost story individually within the class. We absolutely loved sharing our ghost stories with one another, hidden under the table in a dark classroom, with nothing but torches for light!

Our lovely friends from The Pathway visited us on Tuesday to share with us the meaning of Christmas, as well as sing some Christmas Carols accompanied by an accordion. We had a joyous afternoon, where we also presented The Pathway with a gift for their kindness.

In writing this week, we have written a narrative, based upon our class novel, 'Suzie and the Spaceblasters'. Every child has created and designed their own planet and character (typically Christmas themed!), before writing their own exciting story.

On Thursday, we had a ball at The Georgian Theatre at Richmond, watching the Pantomime, 'Rapunzel'. Lots of fun was had, from crowd participation to sing-a-longs to the songs, but our favourite part of the panto was throwing knitted fruit and vegetables onto the stage. In all the good cheer, one of our Year 5 pupils did a marvellous job of tidying the stage up and receiving a small gift for being a good sport.





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Upcoming  
Events:

Date	Event
Monday 18th December	Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 19th December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
Thursday 4th January 2024	School re-opens for Spring Term 1
Wednesday 10th January	Open Day for Reception, 10:15–11:30am and 2:00–3:15pm
Friday 12th January	Athletics Competition - Years 5+6
Monday 22nd January	Martin Luther King Day
FEBRUARY	LGBTQ Month
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	TTRS Dress-Up Day for NSPCC
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Women & Girls in Science Day
Monday 12th February	Dance Festival at - Years 3+4
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Disco
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for Half Term Holiday
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens for Spring Term 2
MARCH	International Women's History Month
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer Term 1