

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

We have had a fantastic week and now December is upon us preparations for the Celebrations are well underway, with play rehearsals and Santa's little helpers busy making things to sell at the Christmas Fayre next week. The decorated baubles will go up in the hall this evening and the standard gets higher every year. I don't envy the judges their difficult job. The baubles all look fantastic. On Monday we had our Diffendoofer Day. We had a fantastic time doing practical maths, using lots of manipulatives to help us get even better at mastering skills and applying them to problem solving and reasoning. We want to be a 'Diffendoofer School.' This is a school where we learn how to learn, we know how to approach solving problems and things we find difficult, a place where learning is irresistible. We think we are well on the way to achieving this and this was confirmed by our review day on Wednesday.

As a part of our journey towards becoming an outstanding school we have been working closely with two other schools, challenging each other as we aim to be even better at what we do in ensuring the best outcomes for children. If you would like to talk to us further about what we are doing the door is always open. We are very excited about the work that is going on in the school and always enjoy sharing it. There will be an open day after Christmas where you will have the opportunity to come and join in your children's learning and see what is going on across the school.

We also had a brilliant RE day yesterday. The children across the school have been considering the story of the Nativity from the points of view of all of those involved. Daniel wrote a wonderful retelling of the story from the point of view of the donkey and this will be read at our Christmas church service. The children have also been working on large wooden nativity characters and these will be on display in school until the end of the term and will be displayed at the church over the Christmas period. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to see their work.

Star of the Week

This week our value has been COOPERATION. We have been thinking about events in the news this week and considering the British Value 'Democracy' as we have considered and discussed the decision making behind the Autumn Statement by the Chancellor and evaluated 'What is the budget and how does it affect us?' Children have had their own thoughts on the subject which they have recorded on post it notes and left on the display board. Our pupils of the week for cooperation are Connor and George in Oaks; Chelsy in Hawthorn; Chester in Rowan; Evie-Mae in Chestnut and Kaylem in Silver Birch. Next week the value we will be considering is LOYALTY.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket" Our whole school attendance figure for the school year is 96.6% and for the week is 93%. (93% is low enough that it could lead to the school becoming a school of concern for attendance rates.) Although there has been some illness it is really important that the children attend the school regularly and promptly as the pace of learning is such that even a few missed days can lead to missed opportunities and difficulties in ever catching up. The class with the best attendance this week was Hawthorn with 95.2%.

In the Community

More children have been busy swimming and they have been gaining even more awards in the ASA Water Skills Swimming for Life Scheme. Lily and Abigail have achieved Grade 3. Fantastic news girls!

PTA News

The cloth bags with the faces of all the children and staff on them (all drawn by the children) are still available to order via the school office. They would make a really useful gift especially now the 5p carrier bag charge has come into effect everywhere. The bags will be available for collection at the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday and there will also be a chance to pick up one on the day if you are quick, as they are going fast.

Good Behaviour Awards

Alex, Daniel, Tom and Olivia went onto gold this week on the behaviour chart for amazing written work, storytelling, RE work and super attitudes towards learning. Learning behaviour and effort have a huge impact on progress so these children should be very proud of themselves. The following children have attained their ten house point certificates this week: Rosie. Well done Rosie! The following children achieved their twenty five house point certificates this week: Maddie, Chelsy and Heather. Well done everyone. We also have our first Fifty House Point Certificate of the year, which goes to Daniel. Huge amounts of extra work have gone into this as Daniel always asks for and completes additional maths homework each week. Good job Daniel! Keep it up.

Diary Dates

05.12.16 Phonics Screening Week - Year One Children

Week beginning 05.12.16 Hour of Code - All classes

07.12.16 School Christmas Fayre 2pm - all welcome

12.12.16 KS1 Nativity Play - Baubles 2pm and 5.30pm

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14.12.16 Art and Music Day - The Nutcracker

15.12.16 Christmas Dinner

15.12.16 Carols round the Tree at Mill Hill 6.30pm

19.12.16 Christmas Disco

20.12.16 LAST DAY OF TERM