



JUNIOR MONTHLY MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2023

Message from the Head

When our children talk to visitors on tours of the Junior School, it is very pleasing to hear how supported they feel by their teachers and peers, that they find their learning fun and appreciate the multitude of opportunities on offer in and out of the classroom. Staff in the Junior School are passionate about building the children's self-esteem and confidence; one key way this is achieved is through providing a range of inclusive performance opportunities. In recent weeks, our younger children performed brilliantly in the Christmas Production of 'Straw and Order', Year 5 provided fantastic entertainment with their class assemblies and all years contributed to a wonderful Christmas Concert. We have had an exciting end to the term and I wish everyone a happy and restful Christmas break.

Peter Doyle, Head of Junior School



Christmas Production



The whole of Year 3 and Year 4 took part in the production of 'Straw and Order' which told the story of bickering animals in a Bethlehem stable. Judge Grumps is called to sort out their squabbles and in the process, learns about the birth of Jesus. His verdict is to ask everyone to live in peace and love their neighbours. The children in Year 3 had the acting and solo singing parts on night one, with the children in Year 4 having the starring roles on night two. With toe tapping songs and some cheesy jokes thrown in for good measure, both performances were excellent and all the staff were very proud of the children.



Christmas Concert



On Tuesday 5th December, the main hall was filled with the festive sound of over 100 children who took part in the Christmas Concert. The evening began with an adventurous rendition of *Mars* from the *Planet Suite*, played by our Junior School Orchestra. This was followed by *A New Harp for Christmas*. The Wind Band then took the stage, playing *Twinkling Twilight* and *Christmas Movie*. A change of sound came from the Recorder Group who entertained everyone with *Silent Night* and *In Dulce Jubilo*. Our talented percussion group then brought the house down with *Twinkle Twinkle Little Rockstar*. All four Junior School Choirs then performed: the Year 3s, unfazed by their very first time on stage, gave us a very confident rendition of *The Penguin Dance*, the Year 4s sang the lively *Cowboy Carol*, the Year 5s performed *Christchild* before the Year 6s ended the evening with the two pieces they have learnt for a national competition. It was a splendid evening, highlighting the talent we have in the Junior School. A huge thank you to all of the music staff.

Year 6 Sports Tour

Children from Year 6 enjoyed time in Worcester on their sports tour at the beginning of the half term. As well as playing a variety of fixtures, the children enjoyed a trip to Cadbury World, bowling as well as plenty of good food! Thank you to all the sports staff for making this trip happen.



Year 5 Visit to the Space Centre



The children in Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous day at the National Space Centre. As well as learning a lot, the children had plenty of fun on this action packed day.



Lego Day

All the children in Years 3 and 4 took part in a Lego workshop. There were some fantastic creations and the children enjoyed the experience.



ART



Year 3 have produced wonderful charcoal drawings which developed their understanding of making art to tell a story and how to use light and dark.

Year 4 have finished their illustrated books and are, quite rightly, incredibly proud of the results. They look fabulously expressive. They have also used their illustration skills to create Christmas cards based on The Snowman - aren't they jolly?

The self-portrait typography maps that Year 5 have constructed are personal and every single one is different. The children put their typography skills to good use when drawing their Christmas cards too - we hope you like them.

Year 6 drew from life to create cards. They started by drawing festive foods and foliage, then added ink and watercolours before cutting out and assembling the elements on their cards. If you receive one, I'm sure you'll be keeping it for many years.



Music News

Many congratulations to the Year 6 Choir for qualifying for the finals of both the Barnardo's National Choral Competition and the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. This follows a busy term where they also sang with the Year 5 Choir at the Hull City Hall as special guests of the Hull Philharmonic Orchestra. They performed *This is Halloween* in front of a sell out audience. Very well done!



Science



The children in Year 6 have been enjoying their science topic of dissection.

Year 5 Class Assemblies

5H, 5M and 5W had their class assemblies this half term. 5H was based on the work they had been doing on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory where they invented their own sweets. 5M gave us a the story of the nativity—based on Star Wars! This was ably narrated by Yoda and was hugely entertaining with superb acting. 5W finished the term off with an imaginative take on the 12 Days of Christmas.

Christmas Quiz

4EG hosted the annual House Christmas Quiz. Well done to Holderness!



MFL

Joke of the Month



What car does Father Christmas drive in France?

Une Renault!

(Clue - un renne is a reindeer)

Children in Need



The Junior School Children made a giant Pudsey on the playground with silver coins in aid of Children in Need. We managed to raise £352.41

Thank you to everyone.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9th January

Tuesday 16th January

Friday 19th—Sunday 21st January

Friday 19th January

Thursday 25th January

Thursday 1st February

Wednesday 7th February

Thursday 8th February

Friday 9th February

Friday 9th February

Monday 19th February

Tuesday 20th February

Thursday 22nd February

Friday 23rd February

Wednesday 28th February

Tuesday 5th March

Term begins

Year 5 Sports Tour

Year 6 Choir Tour to Edinburgh

HMC Swimming at Leeds

5H & 5W Parents' Evening

HMC Cross Country

5M & 6O Parents' Evening

Junior School Disco

HMC Participation Tournament

Break up for Half Term

Return to school

6M & 6TR Parents' Evening

Hull Schools Swimming Tournament

Cottingham Music Festival—Year
3, 4, & 5 Choirs

HMC Boys Football and Girls Netball

Year 6 Choir National Choral Com
petition Finals

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