



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Maicey-Leigh Stoton, Alisha Hunte, George Saffin and Mason Colbert, who all received Headteacher Awards this week.

Golden Tickets: The children who have been rewarded with Golden Tickets this week and have been selected to sit at the 'Top Table' next week are:

Year Group	Children	Year Group	Children
R	Carolina and Anna	4	Tobi and Wiktorina
1	George and Kalina	5	Filip and Lacey
2	Ashanti L and Mateusz	6	Nathaniel and Blessing
3	Olivia and Ashleigh		

House Points: This week's winner is: **Mowlam**

Godiva		Herbert		Moorcroft		Mowlam	
Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly
12	87	13	95	15	83	18	108

Christmas lunch: On Wednesday, we all got into the Christmas spirit and enjoyed a traditional festive lunch. The children enjoyed turkey, vegetables, stuffing and gravy followed by mince pies and ice cream.

Bake Off: On Thursday, four of our Year 6 children (Beverly, Jessica, Katelyn, Wonder) excitedly travelled to Grace Academy to take part in a Bake Off contest against three other primary schools in our local network. Each team had to bake a sponge cake and our children (with the expert guidance of Miss Bourne) decided to bake a victoria sponge. The children felt like professionals because each team were given their own designated kitchen station to bake their creation. The children had to work against the clock with a two hour time limit and did extremely well to achieve third place. The taste testers back at Moat House all agreed that it was the best Victoria sponge they had ever eaten - well done to our Moat House bakers!

Christmas Performances: This week, our children in the Foundation Stage produced two fantastic performances, which included songs, actions and acting. The children did extremely well to learn their lines and songs, as well as perform in front of large audiences. We were also treated to two more amazing performances by our talented Year 1 children. The children performed a traditional nativity, which was adapted by Miss Wilson and the children again learnt lines, songs, dances and actions. Everyone was especially impressed with their beautiful singing and surprisingly loud voices!

Year 2 Carols: Our Year 2 children delighted us all with their beautiful singing today; they sang a mixture of traditional carols with some more modern Christmas themed songs. They looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers and made us all feel very Christmassy.

Christmas Jumper Day: We would like to say a huge thank you for your support today for Christmas Jumper day - we will be able to let you know how much money we raised for charity in a future newsletter.

Parent Questionnaire: We would like to say a huge thank you to the responses that we received in the recent questionnaire that we asked parents to complete. We received 137 responses in total and the large majority of these were positive. We are continually looking to develop and improve and will certainly attempt to address any issues that have been highlighted as a result of the questionnaire.

Attendance News: We are keen to celebrate our attendance news with you and to say a huge thank you for all your support in enabling us to make these improvements. Our attendance rate is currently 96.7%, which is close to our current target of 97% and an improvement in where we were last year because at this point last year the attendance figure was only 95.8%. So far this year, there are 197 children who have achieved 100% attendance - again this is an improvement on last year when we only had 48 children at 100%. 1LM and 2ET should be congratulated as they have both achieved a week where they have achieved 100% attendance and 6NL have done remarkably well and achieved two whole weeks with 100% attendance. The children are enjoying our attendance initiatives where they can earn money for their classes and extra golden time at the end of each half term for the overall class attendance being 97% or better.

After School Clubs: For your information, there will be no after school clubs next week; if your child usually takes part in one of these clubs you will have been notified via text message.

Pause for Thought: "Be a student as long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life," - Henry L. Doherty.

What new discoveries have been made recently? What might we learn in the future?

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

Monday 18 th December	-	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 19 th December	-	KS2 concert at St Chad's
Wednesday 20 th December	-	Christmas break
Thursday 21 st December	-	Teacher training day
Monday 8 th January	-	Children return to school
Saturday 26 th - Wednesday 31 st January	-	Year 6 at Dol y Moch
Friday 16 th February	-	Half term
Monday 26 th February	-	Children return to school
Thursday 29 th March	-	Easter Break
Monday 16 th April	-	Children return to school
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Saturday 19 th - Monday 21 st May	-	Hordain Football Tournament
Thursday 24 th May	-	Half term break
Friday 25 th May	-	Teacher training day

*Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher*

Letters that were sent home this week:

13th/14th December

- Christmas party letter (YN/Y3)



Attendance for the week before half term:

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 96.6%

The class with the best attendance last week was 6NL with 100%

Attendance money won:
£5 - 6NL, £1 - RSR, RKG, 5SG, 5ST

