



# Right Start-Bright Future

## Newsletter

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Dear Families

The Christmas festivities are in full swing here at school. It is wonderful to hear the children rehearsing their Christmas performances and seeing them grow in confidence speaking their lines. At the same time, we remain committed to covering our ambitious curriculum and improving academic standards. Before the end of term, I will be sharing with you external evaluations of our school, undertaken by our Wirral LA School Improvement Advisers, Julie Barlow and Paul Tomkow. Both are past HMI inspectors and Julie is still a Lead Inspector for Ofsted. The evaluations are based on analysis of school performance data, our curriculum design, quality of teaching, personal development, behaviours and attitudes, leadership and management and the early years. Both advisers spoke with children with their subject work books, to assess their knowledge of the taught curriculum.

**Christmas Disco:** Thank you to our PTA for a fabulous school disco. The children absolutely enjoyed their time and also the new 'Chill -Out' zone for those who needed a quieter space.

**Eco News:** The Big Battery Hunt is back! We are a recycling point for batteries here in school. I am sure lots of you have battery operated Christmas decorations at home. When it is time to take everything down and remove your batteries, you can recycle them here in school. If you have any batteries to recycle please send them in with your child (already counted and labelled) and we can add this to our score. Alternatively, you can take them to our local recycling centres and let me know the total you have collected (with a photograph). There is a grand prize of £3,500 for the school if we are the school who nationally recycles the most batteries. There are also individual prizes available for the child who collects the most. We can also put forward any children who are Pioneers for recycling. Please ask family and friends or even your workplace to help us collect and recycle as many batteries as possible! Thank you, Miss Ramejkis and the Eco Team.

**School Attendance Matters-**We aim for 100% our target is 98%.

**F2 = 92.5% Year 1 = 95.4%, Year 2 94.1%, Year 3 = 95.3%, Year 4 = 97.1%, Year 5 =%, Year 6 =94.1%. Overall school attendance = 94.7%. The winter lurgy is playing havoc for both the children and adults in school!**

**-REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS-**

### Magic Moments

**F2** We have been using their very own magic skills this week! We have amazed ourselves by turning squares into rectangles and then back again! This has been helping us learn the properties of shapes with 4 sides.

**Year 1** This week Year 1 have been thinking about what makes a family and what they appreciate about their own families. We have also looked at simple family trees. In DT we have started to create our own houses incorporating hinges and are looking forward to being able to finish these next week.



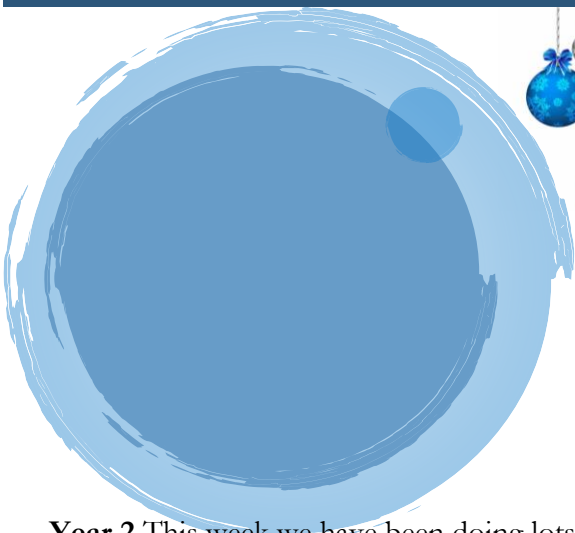
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**Year 2** This week we have been doing lots of real life maths skills. We have been using our addition skills to work out the totals of different items to buy. We had to use different 1-digit and 2-digit numbers to work out the total of the different item combinations we could purchase.

**Year 3** – This week, Year 3 have investigated how the amount of light affects what we see in our Science lesson. We were surprised to find out that the moon is not a light source and that it reflects light. In DT, we have considered the different levers whilst designing our moving picture. In Geography, we located the smallest counties in England using maps.

**Year 4** – This week, Year 4 have been dipping their toes in the swimming pool at The Oval. We have seen fantastic progress from all swimmers and have been very proud of the efforts of the class in the pool.

**Year 5** – This week we have focused on our Ready Steady Comprehension text, FaRther. This picture book has enabled the children to discuss the perils of conflict and to respond through their writing. We have all been working very mathematically!

**Year 6** – This week, Year 6 continued to engage with their current DT project in which they are designing and creating car alarm circuits. This has linked well with the electricity based science topic Year 6 have recently completed. In this week's session, the class cut out nets for their vehicles and began building them, thinking about where their electrical circuit will need to go.

Kind regards

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Steve Williams

AND FINALLY..... Next week. the PTA Christmas Craft event with Santa takes place after school on Tuesday 12 December. On Wednesday 13 December is Christmas Lunch and the children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. (We are not asking for any donations) Children are to wear school uniform, replacing the school sweatshirt with a Christmas jumper.

Only 17 sleeps until Christmas Day!

# Ready, Respectful and Safe



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