



Weekly Newsletter

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Key Stage 1 Christmas Panto

Our KS1 children were treated to a pantomime performance of Cinderella last week with M&M productions. They thoroughly enjoyed the show and joined in with all the fun!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to:

Reception: Noah

Year 1: Jude

Year 2: Ray

Year 3: Arthur

Year 4: Tilly

Year 5: Caden

Year 6: Mia



ATTENDANCE



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.6%	89.2%	98.8%	96.6%	92.7%	95.6%	99.2%



OUR LEARNING

In Reception... Reception are well and truly in Christmas mode this week! We enjoyed exploring our new Christmas Post Office roleplay area and creating Santa's sleigh outside using the crates and dressing up. We visited the Library on Tuesday morning and learnt all about the books and how to get a library card. The children were extremely well behaved when walking down and listening in the library too. Well done Reception!

In Year 1... This week in Year 1, we have continued to look at subtracting, using counters to help us work out subtraction facts to 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 systematically. We have also loved learning about reptiles in Science and now know all about mammals, amphibians and reptiles!

In Year 2... We have had a very exciting week! We had a visit from a snowman who needed our help. We entered our classroom to find lots of snow, a postcard and a carrot! We have described where he lives to help him find his way back home. In DT, we have designed our own hand puppets in preparation for making them next week.

In Year 3... This week year 3 have begun looking at a new text 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. They were very excited to find out who would use a thimble, sewing thread and a hammer and nails. They will be writing descriptions of the Shoemakers workshop.

In Year 4... We have been learning the words for different shops in Spanish and using actions to help us remember them. We have also been working hard practising fronted adverbials ready to use in our writing about Leon and the Place Between. In Maths, we have been learning that addition is the inverse of subtraction.

In Year 5... This week, Year 5 have been writing a narrative all about Hansel and Gretel. We have also enjoyed another Forest School session where we used compasses to find our way around the forest. We have enjoyed practising for our Christmas Production and can't wait to show you!

In Year 6... This week, Year 6 have blown me away with how hard they have worked in Maths. We have started to look at long division and they have really impressed me with their perseverance, patience and eagerness towards learning such a tricky concept!



OTHER AWARDS



Congratulations to:

- **Football Superstar, Arthur**, who received Player of the Week from Whittle Hall Cosmos JFC.
- **Super Swimmers: Esme** (Level 3) and **Logan** (5 metres).
- **Gymnasts: Phoebe** (Gymnast of the Month from Penketh Gymnastics Club), **Edie** (5c's certificate from Warrington Gymnastics Club) and **Alice** (certificate from Warrington Gymnastics Club)
- **Dancers: Lily** (Star of the Week from Sarah Royle School of Dance), **Maisy** (Star of the Week from Abigail Barlow Dance Academy) and **Isabella** (Star of the Week from Sarah Royle School of Dance).
- **Amelia**, who received certificates for her Reading Egg achievements.





READERS OF THE WEEK

Reception: Scarlett

Year 1: Winston

Year 2: Asher

Year 3: Logan

Year 4: Kahlil

Year 5: Haroon

Year 6: Emily



DIARY DATES

Monday 11th December: Flu Immunisation Program Catch-up Session
(Reception to Year 6)

Wednesday 13th December: KS2 Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

Thursday 14th December: Reception Nativity 2:30 p.m.

Friday 15th December: Reception Nativity 9:10 a.m.

Friday 15th December: Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production 2:30 p.m.

Monday 18th December: Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production 2:30 p.m.

Monday 18th December: KS2 Christmas Production 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 19th December: KS1 Christmas Party in the classroom

Tuesday 19th December: KS2 Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 19th December: KS2 Christmas Production 2:00 p.m.

WPAT NEWS

LGC Meetings

The WPAT central team have been busy this week, in preparation for our Local Governing Committee meetings for this term. WPAT would like to thank all of the volunteers involved. We could not undertake this essential work without them.

Ditton Primary Academy made the local news this week, with their brilliant Ofsted report.

The Widnes school, which was previously rated 'inadequate' in 2018, was visited by the education watchdog in October. Inspectors were impressed by the turnaround since the previous visit and Ditton are now celebrating being a 'good' school.

Read the news article here:

<https://www.cheshire-live.co.uk/news/chester-cheshire-news/hard-work-pays-once-inadequate-28181262>

Teacher Training Offers

Generate Teaching Hub have increased the teacher training offer. Trainees can not only train as a teacher through our established 1-year full time PGCE route, but also through an Apprenticeship funded route. Learn more about this here:

<https://generateteachinghub.org/teacher-training/teacher-apprenticeships/>

Trustee Visits

The second round of Trustee visits to schools took place this week visiting Alderman Bolton, Beamont, Bruche, Penketh and Ditton, where they met with the Headteachers to identify how these schools operate on a day to day basis and recognise areas of best practice in each setting that can be shared across all schools in the MAT.

Parent Surveys

The WPAT team are now collating and analysing the responses from the recent parent surveys. We are very pleased to see how many responses we have had and all the positive feedback we have received has been brilliant. Thank you to all who completed the surveys!

Gas & Electricity Consumption

Due to a series of initiatives across the trust, we have seen a significant reduction in our gas and electricity consumption. A big well done and thank you to all staff and pupils who helped to achieve this.