



Newsletter

December 2021

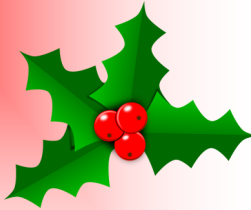


Dear all,

Christmas in school has been as special as ever! The children have had such a wonderful time and I am as always 'blown away' by their joy and with the appreciation they show. Whilst it has been extremely disappointing not celebrating and sharing our Christmas in school with parents, carers and families, we can take heart from the happy children and their Christmas cheer! There have been many highlights over the past two weeks—from seeing the children tuck into a delicious Christmas dinner, to seeing the surprise on the children's faces when they found a box full of presents in the library grotto.

I wish all of our Ryelands families a very

Happy Christmas



Stay safe and enjoy this extra special time of year. I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year and send you my best wishes for a positive and peaceful 2022.

Mrs Pye

School re-opens on Tuesday 4th January 2022

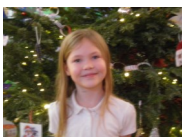
REINDEER RUSH

All children, from Nursery to Year 6... and staff, took part in the Reindeer Rush to raise money for St John's Hospice. We set a whole school target of 500 miles, which we thought was quite a challenge. However, our amazing children managed to run a total of 570 miles! Not only did we smash our target miles, the children also raised a staggering £1300.00. The Hospice have been bowled over by the generosity and spirit of Ryelands. We are so grateful for all of your support with this. This year has been extremely difficult for everyone, but your kindness has really shone through.



SINGING IS BACK!

The school corridors and classrooms have been full of a sound we have not heard for a long time, singing! It has been such a pleasure to hear wonderful, tuneful singing across school this term. Whilst we may not have had the singing opportunities we usually have at this time of year such as nativity shows, carol services at St. Chad's, school choir carol singing within the community and whole school assemblies, we have still managed to enjoy singing within our own classrooms and as a phase through singing assemblies. I am sure I am not the only one to say how magnificent it is to hear the children's lovely voices again. Well done to all the children for learning and performing the Christmas carols so well, a special thank you and well done to all the children who auditioned to be a soloist for Once in Royal David City and an extra special congratulations to Bella in 4S for being our chosen soloist to sing in front of the whole school! You really shone and your voice is superb!



CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

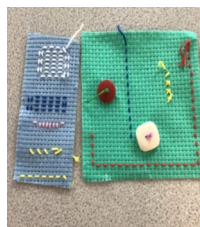
On Thursday 10th December, the children enjoyed the Christmas lunch with a full Turkey dinner followed by festive biscuits or sticky toffee pudding.

They enjoyed pulling Christmas crackers while wearing the Christmas hats that they had made in during class.



YEAR 3

Recently, Year 3 have been developing their sewing skills. They have learnt to thread a needle, tie knots and do the running stitch as well as the cross stitch. Also, if you have any loose buttons, you will be pleased to know they can sew those too! They managed to create some lovely bookmarks which we hope will be used to read lots of books!



CHRISTMAS GROTTO

School is always a special place, but this week it has been an extra special place to be thanks to a cosy, sparkling corner of our library. Usually, Santa's Grotto can be found outside, but because Storm Barra blew in, our Grotto magically appeared inside school this year. Each class had the opportunity to visit the Grotto and listen to a Christmas story, or share their letters to Santa.

Unexpectedly, a mysterious box appeared each time a class visited, and inside the box there was a gift for each child! Santa's elves did a wonderful job to make the Grotto an extra special place to spend time, with twinkling lights, colourful paper chains and fluffy blankets.

Katie in Year 3 said "The Grotto was calming because we got to listen to other people's Christmas letters. I enjoyed spending time there."



HEAD TEACHER AWARDS

The following children were nominated by their class teacher to receive the Head Teacher Award this term.

1G

Elsie Anne
Alex
Remi-Mae
Harry

4S

Marcus
Harley
Grace
Kienna
James

Bella
Lauren
Chloe
Arthur

1W

Abi
Poppy
Jacob
Honey
Sophie
Finley
Charlie
William
Evie

3B

Cameron
Danielle
Stacey
Shania
Jeremy

5A

Hollie
Jacob
Kyra

3R

Darcie-Mai
Max
Maayra
Molly-May
Jakob
Maja

5G

Lola
Thomas.B
Maisy
Jack
Thomas.R
Charlie
Ryan
Star

2AM

Logan
Flossy
Bella
Spencer

6F

Amelia.C
Caleb
Catherine
Nathan
Emilia
Raid
Katelyn
Ella

2S

Amelia
Olivia
Emma

6G

Stephen
Jacob
Ocean



A big well done to you all!



SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to say a massive thank you to Laura McConville for donating enough selection boxes for each and every one of our wonderful children here at Ryelands.

A message from Laura:

The selection boxes were donated by myself and a team of personal training clients and sj barge.

Each year we try to raise as many selection boxes as possible to cover school children, safe bet, the homeless shelter, mental health organisations, the olive branch and Morecambe food bank.

This year we were able to give out just under 3000 boxes and had enough funds to send the children from 1 of our most challenging community areas to the cinema to watch a muppets Christmas Carol as a special treat.

I am fortunate to work with the support of a very strong team who all believe in social responsibility.

I worked as a nursery nurse for 21 years at Skerton Primary School before we were closed, more than ever I appreciate the support our children and families need especially through Christmas.

We would like to thank you for providing a safe environment for our children and look forward to supporting you again next year.