



Monday 12th December 2022

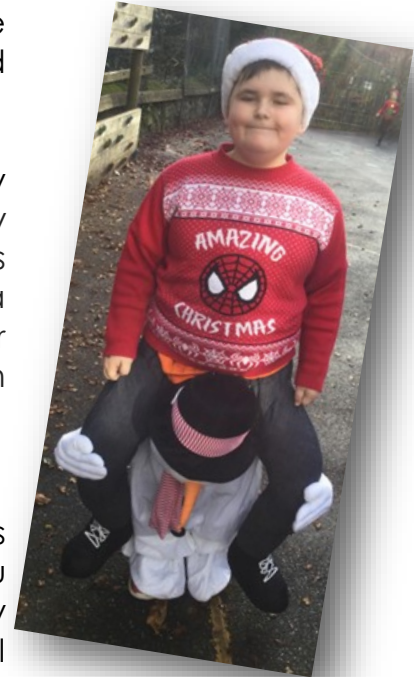
Dear parents,

With the last week of the Autumn term upon us, this week we are gearing up for our Christmas performance at the Acorn theatre on Thursday afternoon, to successfully end the first term of the year!

As you are aware, I'm sure, the government are carefully monitoring the situation around Streptococcus A, commonly known as strep A. As a school we are mindful of the signs and symptoms of this infection and Paula did send out a direct communication from the NHS last week for your information. However, if you require any further information or advice about strep A please follow this link -

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/strep-a/>

Last week, the Christmas jumper day was a huge success raising £38.30 for the Save the Children charity. Thank you for your support and generous donations. There were many colourful and varied jumpers on display but a special mention must go to Calum for his Christmas regalia!



We hope to see many of you on Thursday afternoon!

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Mr Mark Francis - Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 13th December

- Year 3 & 4 Swimming

Wednesday 14th December

- Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December

- Christmas Production, Acorn Theatre, 2pm

Friday 16th December

- Last day of Autumn term 1.30pm finish

Tuesday 3rd January

- INSET DAY - school closed

Wednesday 4th January

- Spring Term 2023 begins

Attendance

Please be mindful that good attendance is vital for learning for all of our children. The national minimum expectation is set at 96%. Please help us achieve this on a daily basis and support your child's learning.

Choughs 89%

Puffins 93%

Whole school 92%

Persuasive letter writing

After our trip to the Hall for Cornwall to watch Treasure Island, Year 3 and 4 have been writing formal letters to the theatre to praise them on their wonderful production but also to try and persuade them to find a way to make sure the sweets, coconuts and snow reach those in the upper circle as we were a little disappointed to have missed out!

Year 6 have been writing to Mr Scrooge to try and persuade him to change his ways and use his vast wealth to help those in need and make Christmas as magical as possible! They have been using flattery to help the persuasion along!

Here are some extracts!

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18th December

Dear Mr Scrooge,

While our class were researching the interesting people from the Victorian age ~~we~~, you were described as an outstandingly rich gentleman with great prospects. Currently in the UK, as ~~poor people~~ the poor and destitute: the unwashed and unloved: * the population ~~increases~~ people have been forced to flee to the streets.

Desperate for money, desperate for food, the only place to go is the workhouse where they are whipped and driven to misery.

As and an outstanding member of society, we implore you to change your ways and find your inner ^{genuinely} Christmas. We beg you to share your riches and make it the best & ^{most exciting and memorable} Christmas of the Century has ever seen - better than any 18th Century one.

We believe that you can't ~~quite~~ spend the Christmas alone, it would be miserable and isolating. As your nephew stated, Christmas is an important time of year for bonding with friends and relatives. * Highly qualified & ~~see~~ doctors and scientists have reported that ~~the~~ people's brain waves have changed (in a good ^{way}) when Christmas festivities begin. You want to feel warm and joyful, spending time with loved ones, don't you? Christmas is merry. Christmas exciting. Christmas is a joyous time of year - a time when family matters.

You might be aware that many people (including children) don't celebrate Christmas - most families can't afford it. As many people are forced to go in the work house (35,000 being children under the age of 12) they have become cold and hungry. Some would rather die. Dr Christy stated that it was unfair and unnecessary that children are ~~to be~~ treated this way, and proposed that he would help them become well-fed and healthy. Without the help from you and your spendings his plans will fail letting innocent people suffer.

Wednesday 7th December

Dear Mr Boast,

I write to you from St. Lavan Primary, having recently returned from a fantastic production of Treasure Island at your phenomenal facility. The show was incredible; I would give it 5 stars! It had everything a good show needs, a spectacular storyline, amazing actors and mesmerizing costumes. Clouds were gathering as we went in, yet as we came on the rays broke free and glanced onto our shoulders.

Back at school, we are working like bees to prepare our play: A Christmas Carol. We much enjoyed watching professional show and picking up a few handy tips.

tips. When I perform (with butterflies in my tummy) at the Acorn Theatre, I will make sure I: 1) Go to the front when I have a line, 2) Not use filler words like um and er, 3) Speak clearly and loud enough that everyone can hear you, and ^{loudly (as it is an adverb)} 4) To make all of your actions large and deliberate. You are welcome to attend, yet I advise you to book tickets ASAP, quickly, as spaces are ~~are~~ quickly snaggled up.

Even though I felt that Treasure Island was tremendous, I have a matter of great importance to bring to your attention.

RE: Belonging

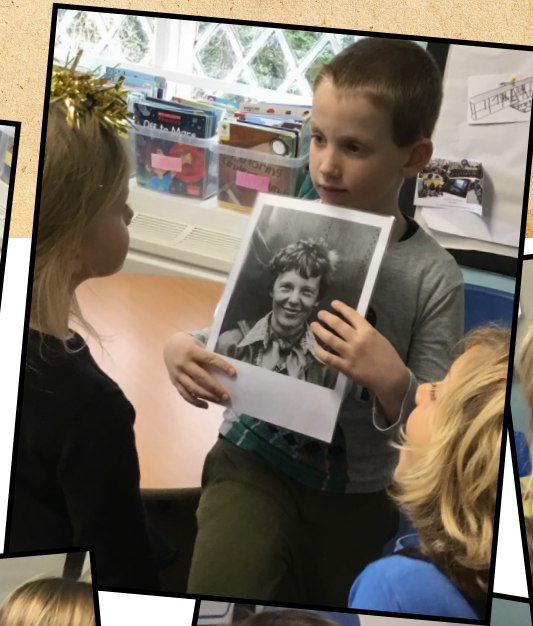
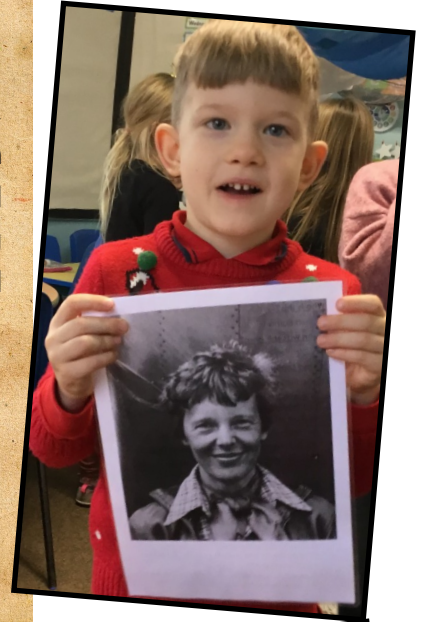
In RE this half term, we have been learning about belonging. We have talked about groups and communities to which we belong as well as religious symbols of belonging in Christianity and Sikhism. This week, we created our own symbols of belonging with Hama beads to show how we are all part of Choughs Class. This was very fiddly and required great patience and team work!

Throughout this unit, the children shared really mature ideas about how we belong (learning together, being kind, listening and showing respect) as well as how belonging makes us feel (loved, safe and warm).



History quiz

To sum up all of our learning about Amelia Earhart, Bessie Coleman, the Wright Brothers and other flight pioneers, we enjoyed an afternoon of quizzing. Working in pairs, we buddied up and quizzed our friends about some of the historical figures we've been learning about. By the end of the quiz, we had recalled lots of the facts we'd learned about these inspiring people from the past.



Bags Needed

On the last day of term, we will be giving out our Christmas cards from our class post box. We will also be taking down displays to give back some of the fabulous artwork from this term. Therefore, could all Choughs please bring a plastic bag (or similar) to school on Friday 16th December so that these things can be transported safely home.



Creative Environment Club

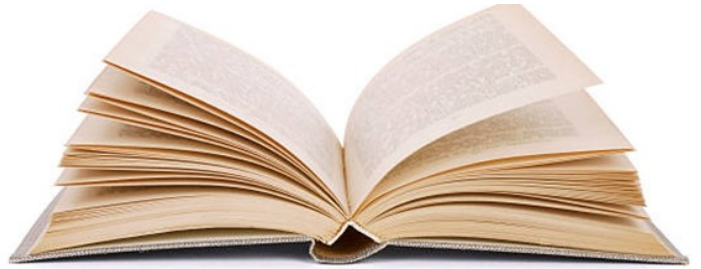
Over the past couple of weeks, the children have been getting into the festive spirit by creating some fantastic artwork in club. From designing Christmas-themed scenes for our copper enamel tree decorations (A big thanks to Jess!), to crafting reindeer out of pinecones and experimenting with water colours for Christmas cards.

We've had so much fun!!



Brilliant Book Reviews

Calum's Star Rating



"A book filled with great jokes, funny drawings, and lots of action"!

