



LANGLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 23



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Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it? Christmas is just around the corner and our first term of this school year is almost complete! I don't know about you, but I am feeling the festive spirit in the air. The school has been buzzing with excitement as we have been getting ready for our Christmas celebrations.

We had our fantastic church carol service on Monday. It was a joyous occasion filled with beautiful singing and it was wonderful to see so many of you there supporting them. A big shout-out to all the staff who helped make it happen!

Speaking of celebrations, we also had a sensory Christmas experience for some of our pupils. They got to explore different textures, smells, and sounds associated with the holiday season. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to engage their senses and get into the Christmas spirit. I must say, seeing their faces light up with joy was truly magical.

Now, let's talk about the most important thing - our pupils' engagement with learning over the term. I have been so impressed with their enthusiasm. It has been a pleasure to see them grow and learn, and to listen to some of them read. They are truly the stars of our school.

Finally, I want to remind you all that school finishes on Friday 22nd December. It's time for a well-deserved break, so enjoy the festive season with your loved ones. We will be back and raring to go on 8th January, ready for another term of exciting learning adventures. See you all in 2024!



E-Safety Update

With Christmas coming we know lots of children will be getting new devices as presents. It is essential to set up parental controls on any devices your child uses, so they are protected. The NSPCC website has lots of advice and tips for parent/carers to keep children safe online. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

Attendance

Leave in term time - In line with our school policy, Langley School follow the Birmingham City Council Leave in Term Time Legal Process. If a parent/carer considers they require their child to have a leave of absence they should complete the absence request form which can be obtained from the school office.

Emergency Contacts

Please ensure that school have two emergency contact numbers for your child. These must be current and monitored by yourself.



Pupils will return back to School on Monday 8th January.



Louise Scrivener our Speech and Language Therapist has started making some short information videos for Parents.

Check out her page @letstalktherapyuk

<https://www.instagram.com/letstalktherapyuk>



Firs Class

Wow! What a term it has been in Firs class! We have been so busy and engaged with our learning; working on instructions and recall in literacy; weights and measures, money and patterns in maths; and continuing our make believe theme in our topic sessions. We really enjoyed exploring the seasons using our senses and using our imaginations to make 'things' in our DT week. As we head towards the Christmas period, we have enjoyed lots of festive activities and all helped to decorate our class Christmas tree...it's beautiful! We hope you all have a lovely break and can't wait to welcome you back in January!



Oaks Class

The Oaks class can't quite believe that we are at the end of our very first term in school and what a busy term it has been. This half-term's topic has been all about 'Make Believe', where we have enjoyed listening to stories, singing songs, imaginative play, and making potions. It has also been a term where we have joined in with lots of celebrations, such as Diwali, India Day, Children in Need, Christmas Jumper Day, Birthdays, Reindeer Run, and now Christmas! We have been incredibly creative in class, making beautiful Diwali prints, and Diva lamps, collaging on a large scale, learning a Bhangra dance, and dressing in traditional clothes. The children have all experienced using lots of sensory resources to help us with our mark-making and early writing. We have had fun exploring hot and cold, and observing the changes to ice when it melts. The children enjoyed exploring our Christmas ice gardens and looking to see what was inside. We have also been busy with our numbers and have enjoyed using our song boards to count on and backwards. The children have also explored size, by considering how much Christmas paper is needed to wrap up presents.

We would like to thank the Oaks children for having such a fabulous term. They all very much deserve a wonderful break, to get them ready for the busy Spring term ahead, which we are sure will be just as much fun as this one. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will look forward to welcoming you all back in 2024!



Beeches Class



We are very excited that it's nearly Christmas and have been enjoying making decorations for our classroom and taking part in 'Christmas Jumper Day.'

Over the term we have been focusing on communication and building friendships. Staff and children have been promoting kindness and working as a group during our cooking and science lessons.

The children really enjoyed STEM day with Aston Villa, using some great technology, and have made great progress in swimming. It has been a very busy term! We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved Christmas break and we look forward to seeing the children back at school in the New Year!

Acers Class

Well, what a fantastic Autumn term in Acers class!

It has been full of fun, events and celebrations including our newly introduced multicultural days. So far, we have celebrated Poland Day. We looked at where Poland is on the world map, collaged the polish flag and created colourful snowflakes inspired by traditional Polish folk art. India Day was also a highlight! We danced to Bhangra music, tasted Indian foods, and created some beautiful artwork based upon the sacred Indian elephant.

Now, we cannot forget to mention the other events that have also kept us busy this term; Children in Need, Christmas Jumper Day, The Reindeer Run and now of course Christmas! Children have already enjoyed making party hats and placements to make their Christmas dinner extra special. We have listened to the Christmas Nativity story, sang Christmas songs and created some lovely Christmas crafts that we will soon be able to share with you.

Thank you, Acers Class, for being so wonderful this term! We are so proud of you. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We can't wait to see you in 2024!

Acers Team

Poplars Class



Poplars have enjoyed science this half term, testing different materials to see how high they bounce. They even made their own slime!

Poplars can't wait for Christmas! They ran like superstars during the Reindeer run in coppice and Langley playground. Well done Poplars!



Maples Class

We have had a fantastic half term, the children have engaged in all of our science experiments and particularly enjoyed creating a chemical reaction. We have also been writing our own poems based on ones that we have read, there have been some interesting and funny suggestions. The children have really enjoyed our music sessions and have wonderful pulse and rhythm when performing. They were amazing at the carol service and are learning new Makaton signs each week. Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



Cedars Class

What an amazing Autumn term in Cedars class! Despite some staff changes the children have continued to settle well into year 5. This term, Cedars have continued their swimming lessons- what progress they have made! We have been so proud to see them achieve so much confidence during these lessons.

We jumped into our new Topic of Space and we've really enjoyed learning about the different planets in our solar system, the children have enjoyed writing a fact file about their favourite planet. The children loved learning about different theories about the world being flat! We have made orbiting planets and have even made paper mâché planets.

The children have loved our multicultural days, the first one learning about Poland and the second learning about India! During these days we come off timetable and explore different things to do with the country. For India day, we looked at Diwali, made Rangoli patterns, made chapati bread and looked at the country's flag/ national symbols/animals. We can't wait for the next one!

We have also enjoyed celebrating and raising money for some charities; Children in Need and Save the Children- thank you for helping us.

Well Done Cedars! Have a well-earned rest and We'll look forward to seeing your beautiful faces in January! We can't wait to start 2024 with you.

Merry Christmas!

Cedars Team

Mrs Green (Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Ms Taysum

Miss Basi

Miss Hayes



Larches Class

Over the Autumn Term, Larches have been working hard in their learning. They have been learning about: English, writing instructions. They have also been following instructions in making and creating things in cooking and D&T.

In Maths, they have looked at direction, coordinates. They have also learnt that the opposite (or inverse) of multiplication is division. We have solved mathematical problems in multiplication by drawing arrays.

In Art we have been looking collage, and how artists have used this in their art work.

In Science we have looked at space and how the earth and planets turn, where the sunlight comes from and how day and night happen.

Rowans Class

This half term has been a super busy one for Rowans class! We have loved learning about castles. We have created different backgrounds for our castles in art and in topic we explored the story the Princess and the Pea. We have also been going to Forest School this half term, where we have been exploring the story Owl Babies. We made some beautiful owls from pinecones and wool!



Willows Class

Willows have had a very busy half term. We have been learning about castles in Topic, what they look like and who lives in them, making our own artwork and 3D Odell castle, as well as a castle role play. In English we have studied recounts and instructions, made playdough and sequencing the order. We have had a lovely run up to Christmas, the children have been making Christmas biscuits, they are getting really good at following the recipe. We have used maths patterns and length to order strips for a Christmas tree and make Christmas candy cane decorations. Willows represented Langley beautifully at the church service, it was lovely to share the occasion with parents too. We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

