



WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Jumper Day

On behalf of the School Council, we would like to thank everyone for taking part in The 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day. The children of Sandringham Primary Raised **£282.93!** THANK YOU!

It was great to see so many creative festive jumpers and hairstyles too!



Dunelm Delivering Joy Campaign

We want to say a big thank you to Dunelm for the very generous donation of Christmas Gifts. The gifts were given to 32 randomly selected families within school.



Christmas Fair

A big thank you to the 'Friends of School' team for organising the Christmas Fair and to all the families who battled the weather to attend. We have raised over £260 for school.

P.E. Days

Reception Dolphins – Wednesday
Reception Whales - Tuesday
Year 1 - Monday & Friday
Year 2 - Tuesday & Thursday
Year 3 - Wednesday & Thursday
Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 5 - Wednesday (P.E), Friday (Swimming)
Year 6 - Friday

Important dates for Term 2a

Date	Event
Tuesday 4 th January	School closed to pupils for Staff training day
Wednesday 5 th January	School reopens to all pupils
Friday 11 th February	Last day of term
Monday 21 st February	School reopens to all pupils
Friday 25 th February	School closed to pupils for staff training day

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF-TERM

Nursery have learnt the story of 'Owl Babies'. They enjoyed a visit from some real owls and saw them fly! They have really enjoyed their visits to the wildlife area this half term and made a new path using logs.

Reception have been reading Owl Babies. They had an amazing visit from SMJ Falconry! They brought four different kinds of owl, and they all got to hold one! They were so gentle and brave. They have also loved rehearsing and performing their nativity.

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the falconry, where they learnt many interesting facts and even got to hold an owl! Mrs Bell came to teach the children about her role in hospital and what she does to help our school as a governor and also took part in a litter pick around our school site and learnt about looking after our environment. They have had a very busy half term.

Year 2 started the term with a very exciting and enriching trip to Conisbrough Castle. They have written about medieval castles and the job roles of people that lived in them. They have also been Scientists to help find the best mixture to help clean the Knights armour.

The main highlight for **Years 1 & 2** this half term has to be the Nativity! The children were AMAZING! We were just as upset as you were when we were informed that we needed to film the Nativity. We hope that we have captured the wonderful singing, great acting and confident narrators to be able to share with you. Thank you for all your support with the costumes and helping the children learn their lines. They were all stars!

Year 3 have been retelling the story of Iron Man and created their own 'conquering the monster' stories which developed their understanding of addition and subtraction and investigating how they can reduce and recycle household waste.

Year 4 as part of their 'Farm Frenzy' topic, have been looking at different foods from all over the UK and the world. They have learnt about how our food reaches our plate and the journey it has to go through to get there. In addition, they have learnt about the impact that food production can have on the environment with a specific, in depth focus on the unsustainable production of palm oil and its devastating impact on the rainforest and lives of the orangutans.

Year 5 have been focusing on their Lowry style artwork recreating some of his famous paintings. The children enjoyed their time during Victorian day where they learnt the Victorian school rules, came dressed as Victorians (massive thank you to parents/guardians on the great effort with costumes) and had a Victorian playtime. Last week, children also took part in an enterprise day creating their own bubble baths with a crazy feature.

Year 6 have been finishing their WWII learning and had a fabulous trip to the National Holocaust Centre & Museum in Newark. They have also created some amazing pieces of artwork in the style of Roman Halter, a Polish artist who experienced the Holocaust.

OUR LEARNING NEXT HALF-TERM

Nursery's key text will be 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We are going to be learning all about different bears, their features and habitats and where they come from in the world.

Reception will be looking forward to their topic on bears and reading their key text, 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'! They are going to be learning all about where bears live, what they eat, and what we can do to help the planet to keep the bears safe!

Year 1 will be beginning their new topic 'The Greatest Show' where they will be learning about toys and comparing modern day toys and toys from the past. They will also be learning about different forms of entertainment.

Year 2 will be diving into their topic of 'Magnificent World' and will be reading their class text of Flat Stanley and Traction Man as they explore the World.

Year 3 will be looking at the fabulous 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' where they will explore all things chocolatey! It sounds yummy!!

Year 4 will be starting their 'Rebellious Romans' topic. In Geography, they will be looking at our local area, beginning with Doncaster and then move further afield to look at the UK, GB and the British Isles as well as the differences between them. In History, they will be learning about the life of the Romans, the power of their empire and the key emperors who led the Romans to their success. They will also be making Roman shields and Roman mosaics as part of our art topics. They are also looking forward to starting their new English text 'Queen of Darkness' which links nicely to their Roman topic with a specific focus on Queen Boudicca.

Year 5 are going to Space, a favourite every year. Children will learn about the planets and our universe and begin to read their book 'George's Secret Key to the Universe'. Children will also have a great experience when they go on their trip in March to the National Space Centre – more information to follow.

Year 6 will be crossing the Atlantic as they follow Charles Darwin in his travels to the Galapagos Islands. They will be looking at some of his theories and carrying out their own investigations surrounding the concept of the survival of the fittest as part of their evolution & inheritance science project.

From all the staff at
Sandringham Primary School,
we wish you a very Merry
Christmas & a Happy New Year

stay safe and we look forward to
seeing you in 2022!



Hopes and Dream for the Future!

My mum asked me last night what I'd want for christmas. I told her, "Tom Gates books," but that's not what I wanted to say. What I really wanted to say was...

I'd want to see a day with no racism.

I'd like to see a day with no covid.

I'd like to see a day when everyone is happy and the world is full of peace.

I'd like to hear when your sexuality is no big deal.

But humanity needs to turn around, so let it start with you and me.

Let us teach people how to be kind, for one and for all, how we all should truly be.