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# School News

1ST DECEMBER 2023

## Kicking off our Christmas Calendar



Well done to our choir who were in Halifax Town Centre this afternoon singing some carols. Pupils attended with Mrs Bennett to bring a little festive cheer to shoppers with their lovely singing and managed to collect just over £100 in a collection bucket!

Thank you to Mrs Shaw for inviting us to sing at The Woolshops. Mrs Shaw also gave the pupils in choir a lovely goody bag which was a nice surprise. Thank you to parents for transporting pupils and supporting us.

From next week we really are in to the festive fun with the Christmas Movie Night on Monday, Wreath Making evening for adults on Thursday and our Farmers' Market on Friday.

The week after will be full with our Carol Service at St Mary's Church and the nativities! There will be lots to enjoy!

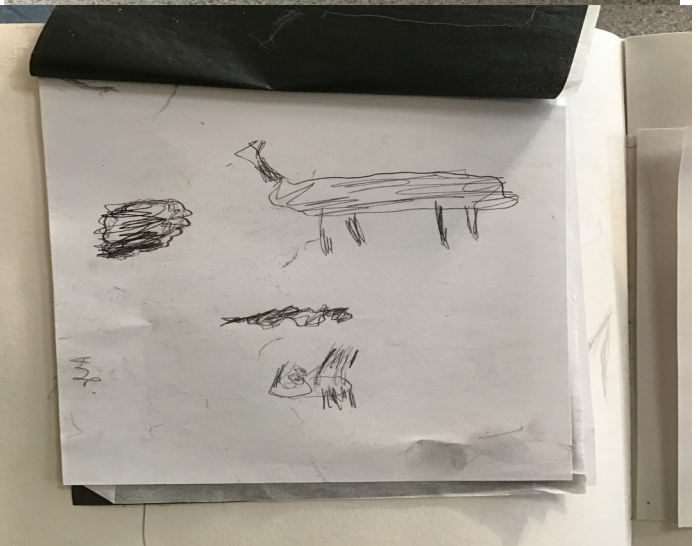
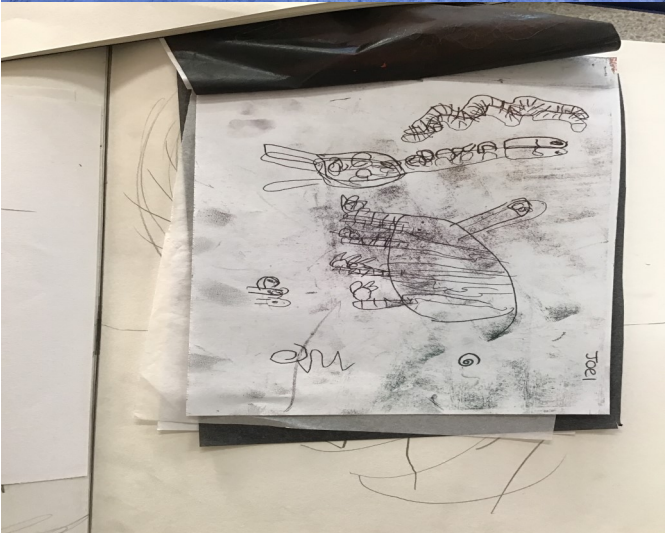
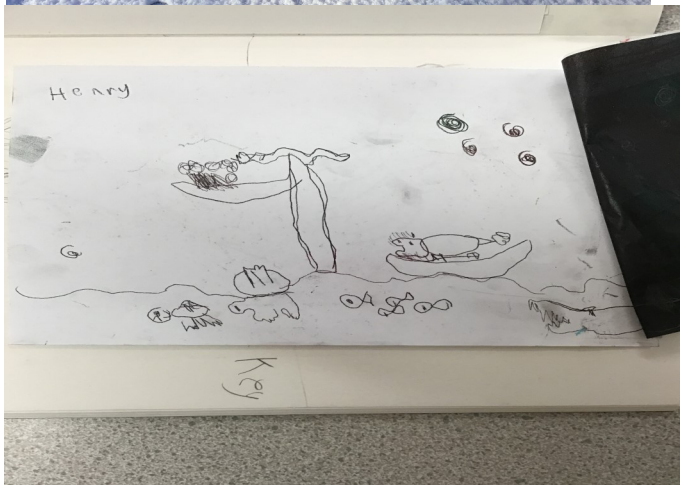
## What's been happening in school this week...

### Robins (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

This week in Robins we have been pretending we are Samuel Pepys and writing our own diary entry about The Great Fire of London. We have also been working on our Geometry topic in Maths. The children are gaining a really good understanding of the different 2-D and 3-D shapes and their properties.

This week in Art we have finished our Mono-printing that we started last week. We looked at work by Xgaoc'o X'are, inspired by his work we created our own work experimenting with shape, colour and textures.

We have also had lots of fun playing outside with the snow/ ice and making the classroom look festive.



## Jays (Year 3 and Year 4)

On Wednesday we really enjoyed working with our parents and classmates counting like an Egyptian! Thank you for joining us!

Earlier this week we learned in detail about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and the many artefacts that were found.

In science, we are learning about living things and this week we looked at the different types of invertebrates. We had a hunt in the school field and were surprised (and delighted) to find snails, worms and centipedes despite the freezing weather! Our tackling skills in Unihoc are improving too!

The Year 4s are continuing to improve their multiplication and division facts and more TTRS certificates have been awarded! Year 3 have been working on their Number bonds to 100 as they come to the end of their adding and subtraction work.



## Owls (Year 5 and Year 6)

We really enjoyed welcoming members of our families into our classroom on Wednesday this week. We shared some of our learning about biomes with them and talked to them about the specific biomes that we had researched individually. We then went on to work with our family members to make miniature versions of the different biomes that we had found out about. We produced some amazing work and were really proud of what we achieved!

We have also been using our biome research in our English lessons this week to plan our own information texts about our chosen biome. We have learnt about what this type of text would typically include and have begun to plan our own information leaflets.

Also English, we have continued to focus on the text *One Plastic Bag* by Miranda Paul. This short story talks about how plastic recycling can make a huge difference to the world that we live in. We are using this text to help to theme our ideas for the Farmers' Market next Friday. We will be making various items from recycled plastic bags to sell on our stall.

We have continued with our work on fractions in Maths and have all done really well with what is a really tricky topic. We now know a lot more about common denominators and how to find them and can all add and subtract improper fractions and mixed numbers. Year 6 have also been learning how to multiply fractions by integers and other fractions and also how to divide a fraction by an integer.



## **Cross Country Champions**

Congratulations to our fabulous Key Stage 2 runners! Two weeks ago, several of our pupils met at Stubbs Field for the HX7 Cluster event. All pupils ran really well—that slope is steeper than you think! The conditions were very cold and muddy which all added to the challenge. All the runners gave their best and all crossed the finish line. We knew on the day that Mabel and Theadora would qualify for the Calderdale Finals after finishing an impressive second and third place respectively. Once the official results had come out, we were thrilled to see that Elizabeth and Joseph had also qualified, once the schools teams of 5 were taken out. That meant we had an impressive 4 runners qualifying! Impressive for a school of our size!

On Wednesday this week, our 4 Calderdale finalists headed to Old Brodleians to compete against all the other finalists. Once again all 4 runners ran exceptionally well. Elizabeth came 26th in her race, Joseph came 16th, Theadora came 5th and Mabel came 4th. We need to wait for the next set of results to see if Mabel and Theadora make it through to the next stage which is the West Yorkshire Finals! Fingers crossed girls! Well done to everyone who competed and thank you to parents once again for transporting and supporting!



## **Forest School news**

We are delighted to announce that Mr Vickers will be a part of the Midgley Staff team from January. He will be taking on the role of our Forest School Leader which will enable the pupils to be fully accessing our fantastic environment again. Mr Vickers already has a wealth of knowledge and skills related to Land Management and the environment and he will complete his official Level 3 Forest School Leader training in March/April next year. You will see Mr Vickers in school this term as a volunteer, as he gets to know all the pupils and becomes familiar with school routines and curriculum. We can't wait to get our Forest School sessions going again!

## Notices

- Tickets for Robins Class Nativity—Tickets are on sale from the office for £1.00. There is a limit of 3 per family, per performance.
- Thursday 7th December –6.30pm Wreath Making evening in the school hall for Midgley Community and parents. £10 per ticket which includes refreshments and materials. Please bring your own secateurs.
- Friday 8th December –Farmers' Market - Come along and support our Farmers' Market in the school hall. Your child will be making items in class which will be on sale. There will be external stall holders selling candles, wax melts, handmade keyrings, recycled woolen items, wooden items, tree decorations, Christmas baubles and more! Hot food and drinks will also be on sale.
- Recycle your old Christmas Jumpers! Our Eco Club will be running their usual Christmas Jumper stall at our Farmers' Market. We would love for you to donate any Christmas jumpers that you have grown out of or no longer want and then come along to the Farmers' Market to buy yourself a 'new to you'/recycled Christmas jumper!
- Thursday 14th December (afternoon) -Christmas Shopping Event - If you have any unwanted new/nearly new items that you would like to donate to our PTFA Christmas Shopping event, there is a large green bag in the school reception area. Items such as toys, gifts for mums/dads etc. would be useful. **We are particularly short on men's gifts** so any donations would be appreciated! Thank you for your support!

## Diary Dates

- Monday 4th December—3.30pm—Christmas Film Night
- Thursday 7th December 6.30pm—Wreath Making Evening
- Friday 8th December 2.30-6pm—Midgley School Christmas Farmer's Market
- Monday 11th December 2pm—Christmas Carol Service at St. Mary's Church
- Tuesday 12th December 9.30am - Robins Christmas Nativity
- Wednesday 13th December 2.15pm - Robins Christmas Nativity
- Thursday 14th December pm—Christmas Shopping Event
- Monday 18th December pm - Whole School Christmas Party
- Wednesday 20th December pm—Whole School Christmas trip to Pantomime at Victoria Theatre
- Thursday 21st December 9am Christingle Assembly. Christmas Jumper Day—wear your Christmas Jumper to School for a suggested £1 donation to Overgate Hospice
- Thursday 21st December 3.20pm - School closes for Christmas
- Friday 22nd December—School closed to pupils
- Monday 8th January 2024—School reopens