

# Welsh House Farm News



Autumn 2 edition

## Head Teachers Welcome

Hello Everyone.

Looking back over the Autumn term, I can say it hasn't been easy. We've had to come to terms with the loss of a dear colleague, Mrs Bull. We also say goodbye to Mrs Floyd who has a new job with the CAT team in January. Both Mrs Collier and Mrs Yeardsley have been sincerely missed during their absences also.

I am grateful for all the support from you, the community - and I thank the pupils for making every day a positive day. They, as always, remind us why we remain committed to Welsh House Farm. They are wonderful, energetic children who remain at the core of everything we do.

I look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 7th January 2024. Until then, have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

Mrs Jay

### A fond farewell

Dear families,

As most of you will be aware, I will be leaving Welsh House Farm at the end of this term.

There will be a new SENDCo in school to take over my role.

It has been a real pleasure to work here and see all of the children learn and grow over the years. I'm grateful for the opportunity of getting to know you all in the many years I have worked at the school. I will certainly never forget what a Welsh House Farm Christmas is like – enough fun to keep everyone going for the rest of the year! I will miss it so much in my new job.

Most of all I will miss working with your wonderful children every day.

I wish you all the very best for the future.

Mrs Floyd



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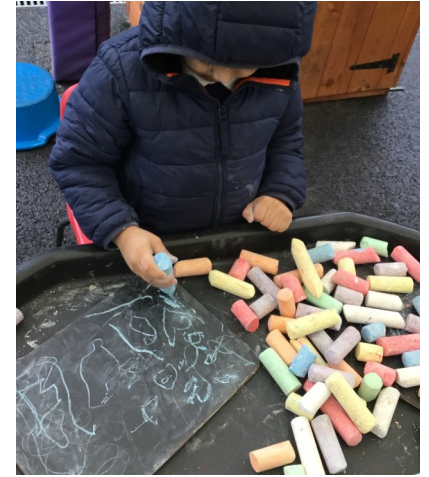
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## Nursery

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During this term the Topic in Nursery has been “Let’s Celebrate”. The children have joined in with many celebrations including Nursery Rhyme week, Diwali and Christmas. The children have been using a range of different materials to create Diva lamps and we even turned our role play area into a Christmas post office.



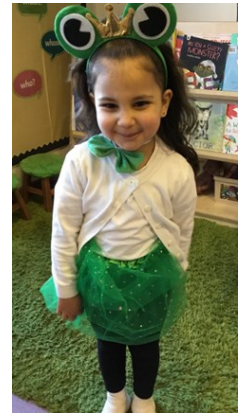
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## Reception



This half term Reception have had lots of fun! Our topic has been 'celebrations' so we started the half term learning about Diwali and Bonfire night. We then celebrated 'World Nursery rhyme' week. We also learned the Christmas story and practised our Nativity show. We had a visit from a theatre company and watched the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have also enjoyed our Christmas Post Office role play where we wrapped presents and wrote post cards.

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## Year 1

This half term, Year 1 have loved sharing their learning with their grown ups during our inspire workshop. We hope this was useful for you all. In History, we have been learning about toys from the past and even made our own toy museum to show our friends. We have been adding and subtracting in Maths using part whole models, bar models and number lines. We have also had a go at making our own bridges in science to test the strength of materials! We loved making Christingles and watching the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime. We hope you like our calendars and cards we made using the printing methods we have been using in art. Have a happy safe holiday!

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## Year 2

This half term, the children of Year 2 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. They have learned about the events that led to the fire, the circumstances that caused the fire to spread, and what happened after the fire to ensure that it never happened again.

They have learned about the significant people connected to the fire - Thomas Farrinor, the baker who started the fire, King Charles II, and Samuel Pepys. The children have even had a chance to write their own diary!



They used a primary source (hearth tax record) from the National Archive to find out about the residents of Pudding Lane at the time of the fire.

We ended the topic by taking part in a drama workshop all about the fire. Children acted out scenes from the fire, and were interviewed in roles about their part in the events of 1666.

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## Year 3

Year 3 have been busy practising their Christmas song "Dear Santa", and are sounding beautiful. To get in the Christmas spirit, they have also been learning about how Christmas is celebrated by various people, designing baubles, and of course showing off their festive fashion in their Christmas jumpers!

The class had a fantastic time watching the Panto "Sleeping Beauty" which they found hilarious and enjoyed singing and dancing along. The children's behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to the school.

Back in school, they have been learning about the Victorians and the Industrial Revolution, and have used drama and actions to learn their non-fiction text, "What is a Monster?" Apparently, not all monsters are scary, and some can even be rainbow coloured!

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## Year 4



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During this half term, Year 4 have had a great time learning. They enjoyed having parents join us for our reading inspire workshop and have also used hot seating in lessons to help them understand the characters in stories. The children are continuing to enjoy art lessons and their weekly French lessons and also their ukulele lesson with Mr George. They enjoyed their trip to the theatre with Year 3 to watch the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty.'

They are hard at work getting ready to make Christingles and perform to parents in our final week of school.



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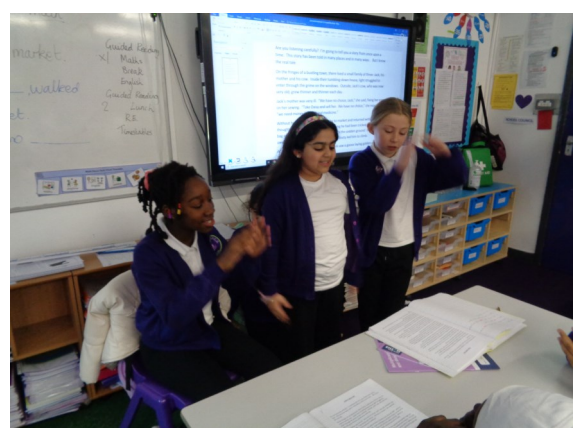
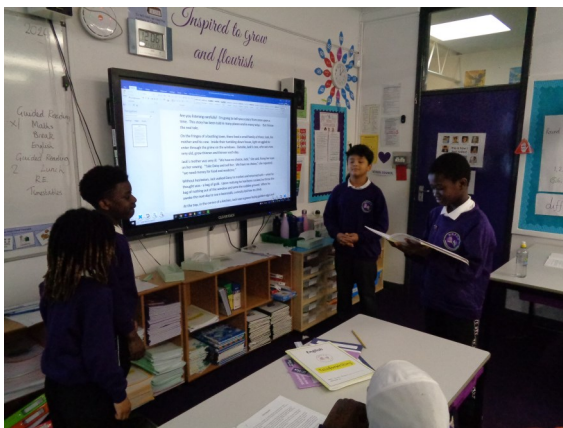
## Year 5

Year 5 have been working very hard this half term.

In Science, the children enjoyed the Virtual Reality Workshop. They explored our solar system using VR headsets. We also investigated the formation of craters. The children planned and carried out an investigation to see if the size of the meteor (ball) effected the size of the crater.



In English, the children have read and acted out fairy tale adaptations before writing their own exciting fairy tale.



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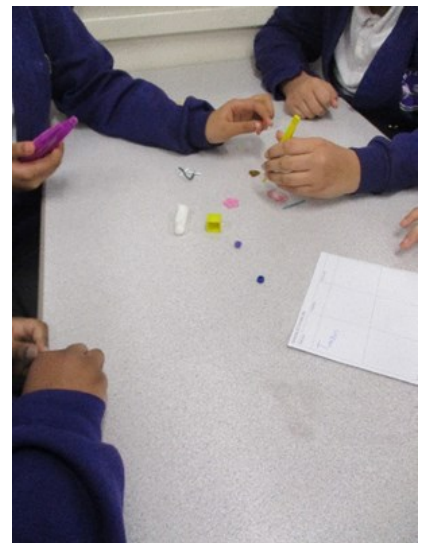


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## Year 6

As well as fundraising for Save the Children by wearing Christmas jumpers, Year 6 have been singing their Christmas song "Cowboy Christmas" on repeat (yeehaw!). In Science, the class carried out an investigation to find out about adaptability of different bird beaks, using small objects to represent nuts and berries. One of the classes highlights recently has been the Ancient Greek day. They had so much fun finding out about the way that people lived, playing a strategy game from Ancient Greece, a quiz, trying on helmets and even holding an Olympic Games.

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## Year RB

This half-term in the Resource Base, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London. Life in London in 1666 was very different to the lives we live today. We all agreed that life without electricity and the internet is in itself unimaginable! A visit to Selly Manor in Bournville helped to bring the story alive, and we loved dressing up as Thomas Farriner the baker, King Charles II and Samuel Pepys the diarist and retelling the story through drama and role-play.

In English we have been reading the traditional tale, Babushka. Once again, drama helped us to get to the heart of the text. The story focuses on a grandmother who loves to clean—until she is visited by three travellers who are following a star to find the new born King, and she starts to reflect on what is important in life. The story centres around themes of love, kindness and family—and the children in RB loved creating their own, modern-day ending.



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## Ted's page

I have had another wonderful half term working with the children, staff and families at Welsh House Farm! Thank you to everyone for always being so kind to me and remembering to follow the instructions about how to keep me safe in school. I have been working with children to help them with bereavement, confidence, coming into school each day and have had lots of fun working with children to reward them for their hard work in class.

I really do hope that you have all had a chance to see the new reading area in your school entrance. I left you some cushions with pictures of my brother Ralph and me so you can think about us even when we can't be with you. We also chose a selection of books and stories about dogs to encourage you to read more and enjoy reading for pleasure.

We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas with your families and friends and can't wait to work with you all again in the New Year.

Lots of love from Ted and Natalie.

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## PE and Sport



The under 11s football team played two games this half term and played really well in both games , they are improving with every game.



Year 3 and Year 5 had an excellent work shop with Sprint Active learning about Fencing: Both classes really enjoyed the sessions. There are lots of exciting opportunities and competition`s to come in the next half term.

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## Mrs Westleys Art & Craft Club

We have had so much fun over the last 10 weeks, whether it was painting, sticking, mask making or cooking, we had plenty to do. There was lots of laughter, conversation and fun had by all. Here are some of the children's thoughts and some photographs of our activities.

I loved craft club because we could be very creative and we did lots of fun things.  
Lena

I loved craft club because I love arts and crafts.  
Dougie

We made fun crafts for Christmas, Halloween and more. We didn't just do crafting but we also coloured in.  
Sara



In craft club we made Christmas goodie bags and the best thing was the Christmas crackers with sweets inside.



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# **Awards at Welsh House Farm**

## **Gold Book Awards**

**Head Teacher - Bella Y1 & Keith Y3**

**Deputy Head - Wahab Y6 & Elliyah Y6**

**Mrs Floyd - Aweza Y5 & Jaydon Y1**

**PE - Isiah Y3 & Esther Y5**

**Rec - Deon & Sumaya**

**Yr1 - Japheth & Yasmin**

**Yr 2 - Anora & Ehsaan**

**Year 3 - Mariah & Rateb**

**Y4 - Lewis & Raei**

**Yr 5 - Batool & Bryan**

**Yr 6 - Zainab & Zekhethelo**

**RB - Mustafa & Pemi**

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