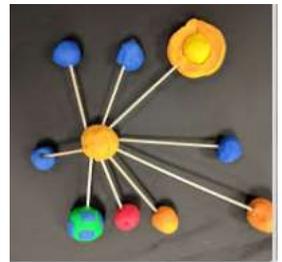




**Congratulations to the following children who have impressed me with their wonderful work and attitudes since the last newsletter:**

- Jack T in 3M for fabulous sewing skills with this felt stone-age bag he made for homework:
- Esmee in YR for amazing writing
- Toby in Y4 for fantastic myth writing
- Vlada and Cameron in Y4 for fantastic maths
- Alfie B in Y1 for wonderful writing
- Maisie and Toby in Y4 for beautiful RE work
- Eva and Isabelle in Y5 for great collaboration making this solar system model in homework club.



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, at the end of Parliament week, we had a very special writers' tea party in which every child presented their campaign speech they had been working on all week. They were confident, articulate and had some very persuasive arguments on a range of subjects. Our winning speech writers were:

- Bobby in 4P - rights for homeless people
- Hannah in Y2BH - dog mess
- Zach B in 4T - refugees
- Ella B in 2T - dog mess
- Millie T in 6GB - single-use plastics
- Chace CW in 3H - bullying
- Harry R in 1M - litter
- Georgia-Mai P in 3M - rubbish and recycling
- Riley W in 5C - school uniform
- Erica W in 5G - phones in school
- Esther B in 1I - litter



### Star Writers' Tea Party

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 14 children from YR-6 attended the writers' tea party in Ms Fredrickson's office. They were chosen for their exceptional effort in

writing and producing high quality results. Congratulations to all these star writers:

2BH	Evie J	Detailed diary entry
3H	Olivia W	How to make a fire instructions
1I	Weller F	Excellent use of punctuation and vocab in Emily Brown sentences
1M	Marley W	Amazing spelling in writing about Emily Brown
RM	Jeslyn J	Great punctuation and conjunctions in an elf description
RBH	Phoebe B	Recount of a trip to a garden centre
6BB	Melissa B	A version of Harry Potter better than JK Rowling's
4T	Stanley S	A beautiful haiku about nature
4P	Matthew C	Great personification in a description of Vikings
5C	Brooke L	A story about her own planet, filled with emotive language
3M	Zack K-S	Gorey instructions about how to make a gruesome blood-filled soup
5G	Sofia M	Empathetic description of Moon men's thoughts, filled with adjectives
6GB	Niah C	And imaginative setting description using perfect punctuation
2T	Alfie K	A diary entry featuring similes and adjectives

## Headley Park Praised for Excellent Practice

Our Early Years classes (Nursery and Reception) were visited by Bristol City Council's Early Years adviser last week and she was incredibly impressed with what we are doing. She said that practice in Reception in particular was the best she has seen across Bristol. Here are some of the things she wrote in her report:

- *The whole of the setting is alive with the buzz of learning*
- *Children are supported in being deeply involved in learning*
- *It is noticeable in this school that adults are ready to praise each other and are constantly celebrating children's learning*
- *The independence and confidence of children in Reception is noticeable wherever you observe*
- *The inclusion of risky play is part of the ethos and the critical thinking shown was inspiring to see*
- *The staff are promoting exemplary practice at Headley Park. Their enthusiasm for their job is a pleasure to observe*
- *The children have advanced independent learning skills and have been empowered to be self-reliant as learners*
- *The rigour underpinning the freedom given to children as learners is exemplary practice...*
- *There is a deep understanding of how young children learn and the staff are skillful in using every learning opportunity*
- *There is an excited enthusiasm which is inclusive of everyone; it is an example of the power of strong leadership with shared vision and values.*
- *I will be recommending your school as an example of successful EYFS practice*



We are so proud of the hard work all the staff put in to making our Early Years so exceptional - the children are happy, flourishing and making great progress.

## Sports News

**Year 5/6 Football** - after a great win against Broomhill Juniors this week, our fabulous Y5/6 team is through to the quarter finals! Well done to them all for playing well and showing great sporting behaviour.

## Tuesday Mile

Another fantastic Tuesday mile this week - can we make 100 before Christmas? You can walk it, jog it or run it - the more the merrier!



## Super Science Give Away

Thank you to everyone who collected vouchers for us for this prize draw - we collected an amazing 15,700 vouchers. Fingers crossed we win the £10,000 prize!



## Fire Fighters Call in on Year 2

There was great excitement in Year 2 when members of Avon Fire and Rescue dropped in to talk them about their job and show them their fire engine - the children absolutely loved it. Thank you very much to our friendly fire fighters for the brilliant work they do and finding the time to inspire and entertain our children.



## Christmas Dinner

This needs to be booked by Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec please in the usual way on ParentPay. Please note menu change that week - on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, the main meal will be fish fingers and chips NOT roast pork.

**Message from 'Game Zone' Learning to Lead Team**

Thank you to everyone who has been buying game zone's cup cakes. We will be continuing this once a month on the last Monday of the month. We raised £60 in one week! We have decided to donate £20 a month of our profits to cancer research UK as we feel strongly about supporting this charity to stop this horrible disease. We are going to use the rest of the money to buy a new console for game zone club. We have 10 children from years 2,3 and 4 every Monday lunchtime. Playing on the new device will be the reward for the best attenders.

Theo, Caiden, Archie, Bryn, Ashton g, Max  
Game zone learning to lead club



## **Christmas Appeal**

If you would like to donate any new toys, games, tinned biscuits, chocolates or selection boxes to support the Withywood food bank this Christmas, please bring unwrapped items to the office as soon as possible. They will be collected before the end of term.

## **Minibus**

You may have noticed that we have a minibus parked in the car park - this has been given to us by Bristol Cathedral Choir School - just one of the many benefits of being part of CST! Victoria Park have also been given one which we can share so we will be able to take groups and sometimes whole classes on trips at a much reduced cost.

## **Colston Hall Concert**

The Cathedral Schools Trust concert at Colston Hall on Wednesday was fantastic - the quality of music was superb and it was a privilege to be part of such a spectacular event. Huge thanks to Mr Bailey for inviting us to be involved and for helping us set up the choir. Thanks also to Mr Jackson and Mrs Shaddick for supporting and accompanying the choir. Well done to our wonderful singers and soloists - they sang beautifully and did us proud.

## Key Dates Terms 2 and 3

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Parents' coffee 2:50pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Y1I Christmas stocking making
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Y1M Christmas stocking making
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Y6 Hinkley Point Trip
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Y3 Fashion Show and Carols - main hall 2:30pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Y4 Jewellery sale and carols small hall 2:30pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Y1M open classroom am
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Y2 candle holder sale 2:30pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Y1/2 Dress Rehearsal 9:30am
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Nursery 2 Christmas singalong main hall 2:30
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Y1 /Y2 Christmas Performance 2pm main hall
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	YR carol singing at HP Church coffee club
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Y1/2 Christmas performance 9:30 am main hall
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Carol singing at local care homes (Y5)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Nursery 1 Christmas tableau 2:30pm main hall
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	2:30 Reception Christmas singalong
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Governors' assemblies with carols (9am in main hall / 10:30am in community centre)
	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
	Last Day of Term for children
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec:	INSET - End of Term 2

### Term 3:

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Term starts
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Y5/6 Athletics finals
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	5C swimming
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Y5/6 football match v Merchants
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition @ Ashton Park
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Road safety workshops and assemblies
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Girls' football v St Pius
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Girls' football v WTL
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Writers' tea party
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	End of Term 3