



Annan News

10.12.21

Winter Festival

A huge thank you goes out to the amazing Friends Committee who worked so hard getting the Winter Festival organised. It was so lovely to be able to go ahead in the current climate.

There was so much to do and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. The Snow Queen looked wonderful in her snowy grotto, the children loved playing their instruments on the pagoda stage and searching for woodland animals to stamp on their Winter Festival passports.

It was also the first time in two years that alumni have been able to come back and visit and it was really nice seeing how much they had grown.

The Winter Festival raised somewhere in the region of £3000 less some outstanding expenses.

At school today we drew the winning passports from the Winter Festival out of the box and Eliza, Maya W and Jonah won the prize draw.

If you would like see some photos from the Winter Festival go on the school website and click on the Gallery where you will find a video.



Christmas in Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, this week has been all about getting in the festive spirit. From making cards, gifts and table decorations to making delicious party snacks, singing, dancing and enjoying their first whole school gathering watching Mark re-tell the story of the nativity with knitted puppets.



Annan sings for Uckfield
A big well done to everyone who came out to Uckfield for the late-night shopping evening last Friday. Our junior children sang at the tops of their voices to entertain the crowd who loved the musical instrument accompaniment.

If you would like to listen again or you missed the event find Uckfield FM on Facebook and scroll down to their post on 7th December.



“ To climb a new tree is... to discover a new world. If we could remember our joy when in childhood we looked out beyond the cramping limits of our immediate surrounds we should not be so insensitive as to call out “come down, you will fall”

Froebel



Neolithic roundhouses

Oak Tree class loved taking their parents into the woods to show them their finished settlement of Neolithic roundhouses built as part of this term's project.

First, they sited the village near a water source, then they made the wall structure using available materials.

Then they gathered all the materials necessary to make wattle and daub, using water from the stream and mixing it together to create the daub. The daub was then pressed into the woven holly walls.

The next job was to build the conical roof and thatch it with reeds gathered from the meadow.

The children have been really enthused by the project and were determined to see it through to the end.

Well done Oak Tree Class and thank you to our parent and Elder class helpers!



Looking forward to Christmas

Chestnuts thoroughly enjoyed the carol concert which they had practised for daily.

They continued singing the songs while making clove oranges, tree ornaments, and Christmas cards to prepare for the holiday.

Christmas Choral Celebration

We have now prepared a video of our Christmas choral celebration which we unfortunately couldn't invite parents to due to the weather. You will receive a Vimeo link by email.

Only people with the link can watch it. Every class is in the video.



Elder Class Trip to Bexhill Museum

Elder Class had a great end to their topic with a trip to Bexhill Museum. They were given a guided tour of clothing from 300 years ago to the modern day and learnt about the introduction of synthetic textiles.

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Chestnuts think about the power of steam

Chestnuts learned about the power of steam by observing a little pop pop boat move purely through the heat of a candle.

After having learnt about vehicles of the past and present, from horse and cart to Maglev trains, Chestnuts designed their own, futuristic transportation vehicles!

They also worked together to make a set of "Transportation Top Trump" cards to play with.

Menu for next week:

Monday -	Inset Day
Tuesday -	Inset Day
Wednesday -	Tbc
Thursday -	Tbc
Friday:	Packed Lunch

Diary dates:

- First Day of Spring Term – Wednesday 5th January
- Spring Half Term: Monday 14th – Friday 18th February
- Last Day of Spring Term: Thursday 31st March
- First Day of Summer Term: Tuesday 26th April