



## Message from the Head of School—Miss Jenkinson— Friday 16th December

It's been wonderful that so many of you have been able to join our Christmas celebrations this week. The children have had a great time celebrating all the Christmas festivities and have enjoyed their parties today.

We have said a fond farewell to Miss Simpson and Mrs Davey today who are off to start their new ventures; Miss Simpson is off to teach in Australia and Mrs Davey as the Deputy Head at a Special Educational Needs school in Bradford. We wish them both good luck! Have a happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year when we start back at school on TUESDAY 3rd January..

*Miss Jenkinson*

## Star Award



## Goodbye to our wonderful staff



We are extremely sad to say that two of our members of staff are leaving us at the end of this term.

We say goodbye to Mrs Davey who has worked tirelessly at Heaton Avenue for over 8 years. Firstly as Key Stage 1 leader, then SENDCo, Deputy Head and teacher. She will be truly missed as she is a pillar of our school and we are so sad to see her go. Mrs Davey is following her passion for working with Special Needs children and is moving to be a Deputy Head of a specialist provision. Good luck Mrs Davey, you will be dearly missed by all at Heaton Avenue!



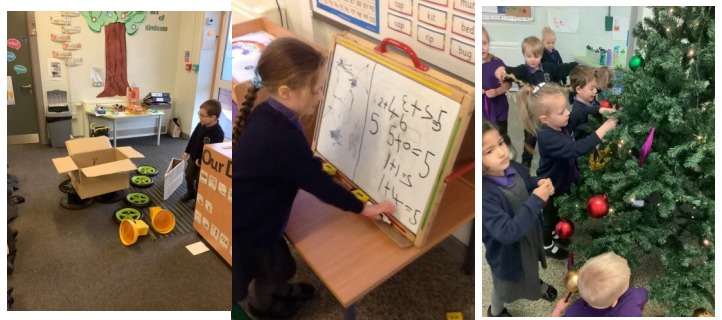
We also say farewell to the lovely Miss Simpson who is leaving us for warmer climates in Australia! Thank you for all your hard work at Heaton Avenue, you will be sorely missed by all the children and staff. We wish you the very best on your new adventure down under!

## Foundation Unit

In Foundation the children have been writing number facts for 5 independently from memory on the whiteboard.

This term we have been focussing on the story Whatever Next, in this story we have looked at the way baby bear travels to the moon. We have been innovating our own story maps and changing it from a box into some space transport. Everyone has been coming up with some great ideas in their adventures and today we used random objects and built our mind creations and brought them to life for others to see.

The children have also been getting into the Christmas spirit and have been helping put the decorations on the Christmas in the Foundation unit!



## Key Stage 1

In science this week, we have been learning about electrical circuits. We created a human electrical circuit first. Check out Alice who was our bulb. Subhan was our battery and had to lie down! The rest of us were wires. When our circuit was complete, Alice stood up. If there was a gap in our circuit, Alice sat down.

We then worked in small groups to attach a bulb, battery and wires together. The bulbs lit up!



All of the Year 1 children had a great time on the balance bikes doing 'Balance ability'. They were fantastic and soon picked up the skills they were taught, they were zooming round the hall in no time and had so much fun!



## Key Stage 2

Well done everyone in Year 5/6 on a great week. The festivities have really got underway, and I loved seeing everyone in their Christmas jumpers last week and enjoying the Christmas Crafts.

Last week, they started our DT topic which includes sewing. Although some of the children have found this difficult, Mrs Ainley has been impressed with the level of perseverance they have shown.

Mrs Ainley says 'I am absolutely over the moon to say we actually finally did it...Attendance Bear has come to our class! I am so proud of the improved attendance, especially after we were hit so badly by the horrible virus that was going round.' Well done to U2EA!

Miss McGrath says 'Well done to our class this week as we won 'Doodle Maths Stars of the Week' in KS2! Let's keep it up and carry on practising our doodle maths.

Also a big well done to Dominic, who won Accelerated Reader of the Week as he has read a whopping 119,000 words so far! And a massive well done to Elizabeth who won TTRS of the week, and to Lennie for winning Resilient Reader of the week! Keep up the good work.'





## Inter-house Football

Well done to all the teams who took part and thank you to Alex from Project Sport for making the tournament so much fun for everyone. Congratulations to all our winning teams!

Key Stage 1 winners  
were...

**TEAM DISCOVER!**

Lower Key Stage 2 winners  
were .....

**TEAM DISCOVER!**

Upper Key Stage 2 winners  
were .....

**TEAM EXPERIENCE!**



We currently have our inter-house handball tournament going on and so far the winners of the Key Stage 2 tournament were team Discover followed by Inspire in 2nd place and Experience and Achieve in joint 3rd place.

## Heaton Avenue v Luck Lane

Well done to our Year 5/6 boys who smashed the 5 a side tournament against Luck Lane Primary on Tuesday!

All the boys involved played fairly with great respect and integrity. Both sides were credits to their schools, tremendous sportsmanship!

A special mention to Rocco who was awarded 'Man of the Match' by the Luck Lane Primary football team!

We are hoping there will be many more matches to come as we are in the process of setting up Heaton Avenue Football Academy so keep your eyes peeled for more information on this after the holidays!



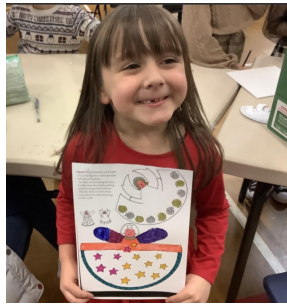


## Christmas Fun!



### Christmas Craft Afternoons

The Christmas Craft Afternoons were a great success, thank you to Mrs Oldroyd for organising all the amazing crafts. It was so nice to see all the parents and children getting creative having some festive fun.



### Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Fair on Thursday! We hope you had a lovely time enjoying our festive games and stalls and visiting Santa in the grotto. Thank you to Dale from DRW Photographics for capturing these wonderful photos!



### Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances are underway this week. There has been some fantastic singing and acting going on and it is truly getting us into the Christmas spirit.

### Christmas Jumper Day

We had a fun-filled festive Christmas Jumper Day last Friday. The children looked so Christmassy and all had big smiles on their faces getting into the Christmas spirit.

Thank you so much for all your generous donations for our Christmas Hamper raffle! The hampers are looking fabulously festive—the raffle will be drawn tomorrow!



### Christmas Party Day

Don't forget it Christmas Party day this Friday! Wahoo! Children can come to school in their Christmas clothes and will have a Christmas party with party food and games and maybe even a surprise visit!





## Our fab-yule-ous Christmas Fair





## Class' of the Week

Congratulations to Mrs Sheldon's last week and class who won our Class of the Week Trophy!



Well done to these two classes on receiving the most green cards! You are all super helpful around school and always ready, respectful and safe!

## Latest Information

### School places for September 2023

We still have places available for September 2023. If you need to apply for a school place for September 2023 (for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019) and haven't done this yet, please note the deadline is 15th January 2023. You must apply via the Parent Portal: Home (kirklees.gov.uk). If you need any assistance with your application, please call Pupil Admissions on 01484 225007.

### MyED

We are experiencing issues with the MyEd App at present, please report any absences on Class Dojo.

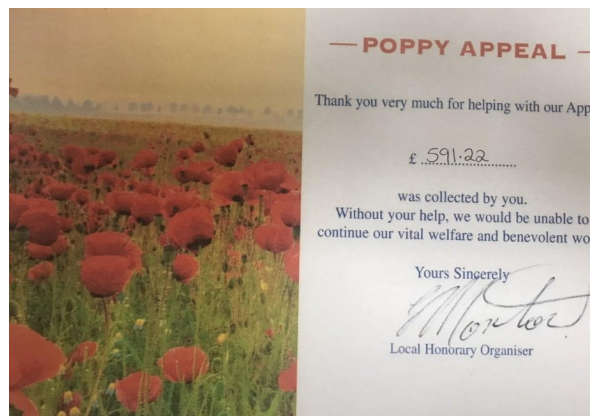
Many thanks.



## Do Good December— Happiness Action

- ◆ Leave a positive message for someone to find
- ◆ Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

## Poppy Appeal



A huge THANK YOU from The Royal British Legion, as a school we raised a massive £591.22!!!!

Please see the message we received from Eddie Morton:

In what has been another demanding year it is gratifying to find that the schools have yet again remained the backbone of the poppy appeal in Spenborough. The branch, and those individuals who will benefit from your support in the coming year congratulate you.

## Dates for your diary

### Wednesday 14th December:

Year 2 Pantomime @ Victoria Theatre, Halifax

### Thursday 15th December:

Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St. Luke's @ 1.30pm

### Friday 16th December

Christmas Party Day

After School Club is closing early @ 4pm.

### Tuesday 3rd January

Return to school