

DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 16th December 2022

Headteacher's Thoughts

This has certainly been an interesting week. As most of you will know the excitement of the pantomime for Years 1, 3 and 5 was dashed when the theatre phoned to cancel at the last minute. Luckily, we have been able to re-schedule our visit and those year groups will head to the theatre on the 10th January (fingers crossed). For Reception, Years 2, 4 and 6, their trip continued, and all had a wonderful time. Thank you to Miss Stephens for her amazing work in organising this event and to FODS for supporting the costs.

Nursery had their Christingle in the church on Wednesday morning and yesterday, was a very busy day with Christmas jumpers, Christmas lunch and the making of our Christmas hats. It was great to see the sea of colour within all the festive jumpers and the smiles on the children's faces. Even my turkey hat made its annual appearance – not a sight that you need to see (but I have included it anyway!).

Today, we say our farewells and thank you to Miss Stephens, who is leaving us for new adventures and excitements after 9 years at the school. I would like to thank her for all the support and hard work particularly over my first two years with the COVID management challenge as well as keeping many facets of school going seamlessly, which has been greatly appreciated. I am sure you will join with us to wish her well with the next challenge and we will certainly miss her.

As reach the end of the Autumn term, with its variety of weather from the surprisingly warm weather up to November and the cold snap that we have 'enjoyed' this week. Thank you to the whole school community for a great term of being together which has been brilliant for the first time in three years.

Finally, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - please keep yourselves safe and those around you. I look forward to seeing you again on Thursday 5th January from 8:30am. Mr. Leigh



Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Co-operation

We will be thinking this term about the secret of good cooperation and how we can work together.

"Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts."

1 Corinthians 12:12

Future Diary Dates.

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – INSET day

Thursday 5th January – Spring Term starts

Tuesday 10th January – Re-scheduled Pantomime for Years 1, 3 and 5

Friday 27th January – FODS Disco (details below)

Tuesday 31st January – Reception/Y6 Height & Weight



Achievements Assembly

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

Cygnets:	Joel Wright
Ducklings	Jack Tollett, Olivia Parker
Owls:	Whole Class
Mandarins:	Freya Wootton, Isla Blackford
Eagles:	Whole Class
Robins:	Felix Harris
Kingfishers:	Aaliyah Razzaki
Red Kites:	Harley Franklin, Elin Shepherd

Congratulations

Following a competition organised by Richmond Homes, we have the exciting news that Tilly-May Peachy (Y5) has been selected and will receive a £25 Smyths Toys Voucher as well as her design created into a bauble. Well done to Tilly.

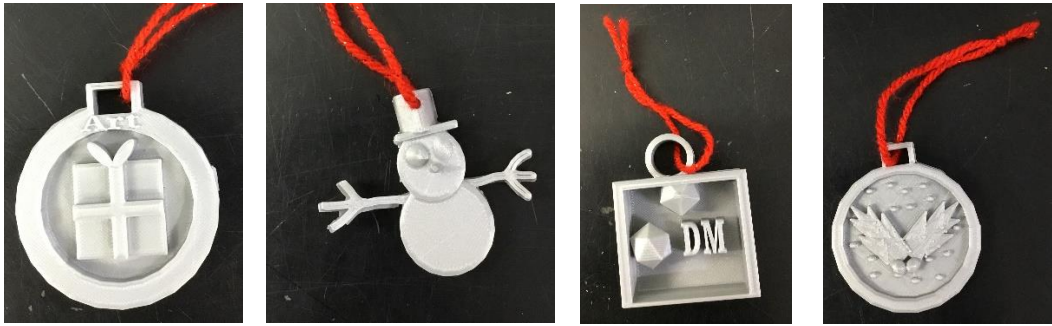


Around the School

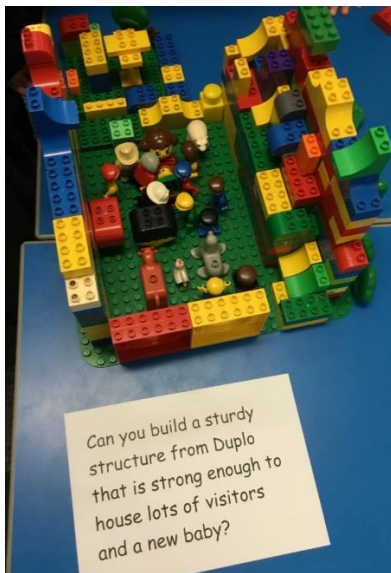
The children have certainly enjoyed using the 3D printer in some of the classes over the last few weeks, but sadly our time with the printer is now at an end. Below are some of the designs from the Year 5s. As we mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are trying to raise money to buy our own 3D printer to build on the excitement from our experiences.

So far we have raised £136.50 from donations and £24 from the sale of our 3D printed snowflake tree decorations after school on Thursday. If you are able to support our fundraising to buy our own 3D printer in the future then any donations would be hugely appreciated via parentpay. If you work for a company that you think could possibly financially assist then please let us know so that we can send one of our letters!





As part of their DT work on structures, **Year 1** were set the challenge of building a sturdy structure from Duplo to house lots of visitors and a new baby – here is one of those structures and the building team.



The Nursery children have been very busy over the last 3 weeks creating Christmas cards, decorations, Christingles, wreaths, baking gingerbread and much more! They have worked so hard practicing and performing their Christingle songs in the Church and we are so proud of how amazingly well they performed on the day! We hope everyone has a joyful and restful Christmas.

Today, the children enjoyed their Polar express morning in their pyjamas, exploring the hot chocolate sensory tray, counting jingle bells and hole punching train tickets for fine motor and having hot chocolate and popcorn whilst watching the Polar express movie.





Church News

Crib Service 4pm in St Bartholomew's Church

All are welcome to the Crib Service in Church at 4pm on Christmas Eve. A special service to prepare for the excitement of the following day.





SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY

27 January

4pm - 4.45pm

Reception & Nursery

(Only children going to school in September 2023. A parent/carer must stay with nursery children)

5pm - 6pm

Years 1, 2 & 3

6.15pm - 7.15pm

Years 4, 5 & 6

TICKETS - £5

Includes:

- two snacks
- carton of juice and

• 2 glo sticks



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