



# WESTFIELD NEWS

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Edition 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

During the past two weeks, the children have been involved in a variety of cross-curricular activities as well as celebrating the festive season.

In our final newsletter of the year we would like to share some of these events-

## Child Shows Parent- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers join their children at the end of the school day to have the opportunity to proudly show their work. Well done to all of the children this term for all of their hard work and showing a very positive attitude to their learning.

## Stepping back in time...



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Years 5 Lowry and Picasso spent the day at The Lincolnsfields Centre, where (dressed for the occasion) the children experienced life as evacuees. During the day, the children learnt about various aspects of life during World War II, spending time in; a "Dig for Victory" garden, a 1940's classroom, a Blitz simulator, a museum and a 1940's house. The



children were very lucky indeed to meet a war veteran, who shared his experiences of the war. Thank you to all of the Year 5 staff who organised this successful trip and to the parents who supported on the day and also dressing up for the occasion!

Mrs Banton said "We feel very privileged to have had this experience and see our learning come to life."



On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Year 4 Monet went to Verulamium Museum in St Albans. Here the children found out lots of interesting facts about the Romans and discovered what an important town Verulamium was in Roman times. Everyone had a great time handling artefacts that were almost 2,000 years old and studied a mosaic that took 6 months to make and had over 250,000 tiles in it! Well done to all of the children for their excellent behaviour on the trip, which was recognised by the staff at the museum. Thank you to Mr Bethune, Mrs Huke, Miss Keegan for organising the trip and to the parents who supported them on the day.

## First Aid training

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 took part in a 3 hour First Aid Training Course run by St John Ambulance. During the morning the children learnt how to recognise an unresponsive casualty and how to respond to save a life and put a person into the recovery position. They experienced how it feels to have an asthma attack and how to help someone who is having an attack! They also learnt how to treat a choking casualty by delivering back blows and abdominal thrusts. The training was excellent and they all agreed they now feel more confident to help in a situation as a first aider.



## This Month's Sports Updates...

Our Sports leaders have been undergoing intensive training with the experienced Sports leaders from Ashlyns. This is preparing them for running their own sports leaders sessions for the children in Years 1 and 2. We'd like to thank the Sports Leaders this term for their hard work and effort and we are excited to see how they develop in 2017.



## Christmas celebrations...

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Key Stage 1 Christmas performance of "Noisy Nativity" last week. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and treated us to some amazing singing and fantastic acting. We would like to thank all the teachers and teaching assistants for all their hard work in

the lead up to the show. A very BIG thank you also to Mrs Engel for all her hard work with the staging and also to Mr Bray for his support.

Thank you for your very generous donations at the end of the performance which will be donated to Great Ormond Street, our chosen school charity this year.



Well done to the Choir who did us proud on Friday afternoon when they visited the senior citizens at Lagley House in Douglas Gardens . During the afternoon, they entertained them with a variety of Christmas Carols and songs.

The whole school enjoyed eating their Christmas lunch in the hall yesterday, looking fantastic in their 'recycled' Christmas hats! Thank you to Mrs Pugh and her team for all of their hard work in the kitchen in preparing Christmas dinner for 202 children and all the staff and Year 6 children for doing a splendid job as waiters and waitresses!

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Rumsey today, our Deputy Head, Senco and Reception class teacher. I would like to thank Mrs Rumsey for all her hard work and commitment to Westfield over the last 10 years and wish her all the very best for the future.

### **Today's Christmas Carol Service**

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and extended family join with us in celebrating our Christmas Carol service at St Mary's Church this morning. Well done to all of the Year 4 children who confidently retold the Christmas story and to all of the classes who entertained us with their beautiful singing voices. We would like to thank St Mary's Church for inviting us back again.

Finally, the staff and I would like to thank you all for all of the cards and generous gifts we have received. Thank you all for your continued support this year and we wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Regards

Mrs Stace and the Westfield team

# DECEMBER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received awards this month.

## Headteacher's Awards

Reception	Year 1	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Daisy Frankie Max Maisy Mbali Dex Kadin Isla Connie Emily.C. Imogen	Ophelia Felicity	Belle	Nicolas Callum	Sammy Jessica.T. Annie Neve Daniel Leon Logan Jacob Kaitlin Isaac Jamie Bethany Lucy George Reece Jack Jay	Daisy Oscar Erin Emily Eze Megan Eloise Esmee Lily Rosanna Zach

## Values Awards

### Understanding

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Alfie	Mbali	Theo	Harvey	Sophie	Suri	Leona	Isaac	Freddie

### Forgiveness

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Lexi	Connie	Katie	Martha	Matilda	Brandon	Lucy	Edward	Etian

### All School Values

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Picasso	Year 5 Lowry	Year 6
Lyla	Charlotte	Henry	Nicholas	Ellie	Ellie	Ella	Olivia	Nat

### Ross and Andy Football Awards

KS1 Player of the Term	KS1 Fair Play	KS2 Player of the Term	KS2 Fair Play
Nina-Rose	Thales	Daniel.B.	Chris

### Big Write

Rosa, Matilda, Elliott.C. – Year 3

Jenson, Ella, Sarah, Isabelle.S., Jessie, Jack, Jessica.P., Kaiser, Emily, Lucy, Leona – Year 5 Picasso

Logan, Georgia, Jamie, Annie, Reece, Luke, Maisie, Ella-Mae, Daniel, Jay – Year 5 Lowry

Rosanna – Year 6