

Writing competitions!

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been taking part in lots of writing competitions over the term.

After every writing competition one person from each year group gets a prize. All the winning entries get sent off to a bigger writing competitions with other entries from all over the UK. If you happen to win the bigger writing competition you could win £1000! A big well done to everyone that took part.

Reported by Amelie Jay

Film Club

In November, Y3 went to film club in 5PB and watched Bolt.



It was AMAZING especially the early lunch pass and it was so good we want to go again but there were only 7 passes. In 3CH, it was the most improved readers who got chosen. Year 4 had their turn next.

I loved the bit where the hamster drew a smiley face on his ball - it was soooooo funny! When the hamster drew it, he said "Perfect."

Thank you to Mr Bradford and 5PB for organising it all. We really hope we get to do film club again next term.

Reported by Mia Horton and Kyle Allen

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Useful Dates

Monday 4 January
School closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 5 January
School opens after Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 10 February
4SP Dance Showcase

15—19 February Half Term

Monday 14 March
School Closed for Staff Training

Thursday 24 March
School closes for Easter Holidays at 3.20pm

Monday 11 April
School opens after Easter Holidays

Useful Information

First aid If your child has been sick they should not attend school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness and diarrhoea. Please ring the office each morning they are absent.

Please call with changes to pick up arrangements before 3pm to enable us to get messages to classes in time.

WEJS Wonderful Christmas Concerts

On the 15th and 16th December, we performed our Christmas concerts where we sang traditional songs and performed poems. Songs included were 'On a Starry Night', 'Away in a Manger', 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. We all wore Christmas clothes.

Each year group performed a poem. In Year 4, we performed one called 'The Little Christmas Tree' and each person has a part in it.

We hope you enjoyed the concerts.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Reported by Jasmine

New School Circle Groups

This year Mrs Parry-Jones has introduced a new type of leader in school called a *circle leader*. They have been working exceptionally hard to get ready to be a role model and a leader of their own personal group!

On 4th December they held their first groups across the school and from the feedback given, it sounded like it was a lovely time and everyone got to learn lots of new things about lots of different people. They had a nerve racking time leading their own group but also had fun discussing ways to improve our school. Max said, "My group were a bit talkative but they finally got used to the fact that I was in charge and they had to listen to instructions so they knew what to do. They had so much fun and were a good group to work with."

by Jersie-Leigh



Our new circle leaders

Autumn Term Award Winners

We are really proud of our award winners all of the children who were nominated this term!



Writing



Sport



Reading



Maths



Learner values

Many thanks to the children and staff who contributed to this newsletter, especially our child reporters:

Mia, Kyle, Reece, Olivia, Amelie, Jasmine, Megan, Rebecca, Abigail and Jersie-Leigh

Craz Conga!

Friday 13th November was a day like no other. Coming to school for children in need, we should have known that we weren't doing normal lessons all day. So just before lunch we assembled for... THE CRAZY CONGA!



The conga started in Year 6 and slowly made its way to Year 3. The whole school joined in, even the teachers! It was really fun to all be together and not at lessons. It really showed that West Earlham Junior School was a team.

We didn't just do the conga. All of us brought in a donation to help those who aren't as lucky as us. Amazingly, we raised a whopping £141.60! We really helped children in need but in a fun way.

Well done everyone for taking part!

Reported by Abigail Armitage

Thank you for your generosity!

This year's collection for Norwich Food Bank was our biggest ever!!

Thank you so much for all your generous contributions. They will make a huge difference.



Congratulations to all of the children who have been star of the week this half term!

Year 3 News



Time travelling!

This term, Year 3 have been attempting to travel back in time to the Stone Age.

We have been learning about fractions, division using a number line, multiplication and also using a number line.

3SC and 3CH have learnt how to trap a stone giant and we have also written our own stories.

Reported by Reece and Olivia



Year 5 News

Lazy monks and lots more!

In year 5, we have been learning about the Normans. After taking a trip to Norwich Cathedral, we have expanded our knowledge of them greatly. So far, we have learned how the Cathedral was built, how the Monks lived and many of The Normans' customs.

We have also been looking at fractions. We've looked at numbers and everything in between.

Year 5 have also been learning about traditional tales. We have drafted, planned out and practised our stories. We have been writing stories about lazy monks to link in with our inquiry learning.

Reported by Megan



Year 4 News

An Amazing Autumn

Year 4 have been very busy this term, learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We have been planning a major school project for next term and have learnt and practised skills in maths that we will need to use. These include measuring accurately outside, reading scales, solving problems involving money and using area and perimeter.

We have also been learning about portal stories. We learned a story called 'The Door' off by heart and then we wrote our own exciting portal stories.



Measuring the playground



Reading a scale to measure capacity

Year 6 News

Aylmerton and more!

In the crazy world of Year 6, anything could have happened ... so this did!

In the magical time of the second half of the Autumn term, Year 6 had one of the longest trips in WETS history... They went to Aylmerton Study Field Centre where they calmly sitting on a boat looking at some loveable seals and learnt about adventurous pirates doing missions, finding hidden treasure, and even trying to dodge the teacher line of fire as they had super soakers full of water!! This was a lot of fun for the Year Sixes who went and when they returned, they received a nice warm welcome from their respective classes! While some of the Year Sixes were out finding treasure, the kids still at school merged together as one whole class (taught by Mrs Edwards) and made a fruit salad and a delicious drink made of milk, honey, lemon and sugar to cure scurvy, and even did two lots of drama!!

That's pretty much the excitement for Year 6 so far, so see you next term!



Some of our Year 6 children at Aylmerton

Reported by Rebecca