

General News and Updates

Phew! I don't think any of us have stopped for breath this month and we're sure you have been the same with all the preparations for Christmas. We've had lovely Christingle Services for Y2 to Y6, Christmas Jumper Day with Christmas dinner, Christmas concerts/plays for EYFS and Y1, lots of lovely craft and fun activities for the end of term and all alongside our regular lessons. It's been a fantastic month. We'd like to thank you, as always for your support and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a lovely holiday with your family and we will see you all in the new year.

Buzz Club



Just a reminder that Buzz Club will be closed over the Christmas Holidays but will be open on the staff training day, Monday 7th January, from 8am to 6pm. We are still having some problems with children coming to Buzz Club when they are not booked in and children not turning up when places have been booked. This causes problems with amount of food needed for snacks and can mean we do not have an appropriate staff to children ratio. Please ensure you book a place either by leaving a message on the Buzz answer machine (school number then option 3) or by informing the office, please do not leave messages with breakfast club. Please also use these channels to inform us if your child is not going to be attending.

Many thanks for helping us keep the children safe.

Christingle



Thank you so much to the parents who were able to join us for the Christingle services this year. We are sure you will agree it was a wonderful way for Wold Academy to begin our Christmas celebrations. We would like to thank Reverend Whaley for inviting so many of our pupils to his church, allowing us to experience Christmas in a community setting and helping us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Reading Books



Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day and that you are hearing your child read at least 3 times a week.

Some of you may also have seen on Facebook/Twitter the Icelandic tradition of everyone receiving a new book on Christmas Eve, which they then snuggle up with and read. This would be a lovely tradition to start with your families to encourage reading for pleasure.

We have included some statistics about reading on the back page to remind you how important reading is and what a difference it can make.

Important Dates for Spring 1.

Tuesday 8th January 2018—return to school for F2—Y6
 Wednesday 9th January 2018—return to school for F1 and Beehive.
 Thursday 10th January—Year3/4 Greek Day (information sent via MyEd)
 Friday 1st February—3/4CA class assembly, 3pm start
 Friday 8th February—3/4R class assembly, 3pm start
 Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February 2018—Year 2 play (details to follow)
 Friday 15th February—3/4S class assembly, 3pm start
 Friday 15th February 2018—Break for February Half Term
 Monday 25th February 2018—return to school for Spring 2 term
 Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th February—parent open nights
 Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (details to follow)
 Friday 8th March—3/4CO class assembly, 3pm start
 Friday 15th March 3/4MG class assembly, 3pm start
 Friday 5th April—Break for Easter holidays
 Tuesday 23rd April—return to school for Summer 1 Term

Wold Choir



On Thursday 13th December, children in the Year 3 and 4 choir had the opportunity to sing in the annual DRET Christmas Service at Hull Minster. The children sang 'Away in a Manger', 'Silent Night', 'O Come All Ye Faithful', 'Hark the Herald', 'Calypso Carol' and 'A Winter Carol' alongside other children from Endike Academy and Ainthorpe Academy. They also sang a solo song of 'O Christmas Tree', which they did in English and Spanish. Thank you to all the parents and children who attended.

Year 6 Cookery Club



Year 6 cookery club have been in the festive spirits and all the children have made their own Christmas cake, chocolate reindeer, chocolate Christmas pudding, mince pies and chocolate log. They were all brilliant and have had lots of fun learning different skills and technics. The whole school has smelt of 'Christmas' for the last few weeks!

Year 6 News—'The First'

Year 6 were lucky enough to attend Hull Truck Theatre to see a performance called 'The First'. This was a live performance, based on the time and events of World War One, told from the perspective of two boys from a small town. At the end of the show, the children took part in a question and answer session with the actor, musician and playwright. The children behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school – well done Year 6.

Year 5 News—Beowulf

This half term, year 5 had an unexpected intruder in the classroom. The trail of devastation left behind suggested it was the work of a hideous monster. Luckily, the hero Beowulf came to save the day! As a result, we decided to base our next writing task around this shocking event and the children have created some amazing defeat the monster stories.

Year 3/4 News—Simple Machines

Year 3 /4 have had an exciting end to their Science topic, 'Simple Machines'. They have made a working toy using split pins as levers. The children made either a snowman, reindeer or Santa Claus and are very excited to bring these home.



Year 2 News— Helping Out Santa

In Year 2 we received a surprise letter from Santa asking us for help. One of his elves, Eladrin, hadn't listened to his warning about holding on tightly to the sleigh and he had fallen off when they were testing the new warp speed button before Christmas Eve. Santa couldn't work out where he might be so we brainstormed all the places he could be. Santa saw all the places we had thought of where Eladrin could have gone and he searched all of them and luckily found him. In China, he even wrote us a letter for helping him save his elf. We had such fun imagining where he could be and what he could be up to that we decided to write our final stories of this term about a missing elf. Our teachers were very proud of our stories.

Year 1 News - Cosy Christmas Stories

Year 1 held a cosy story session last week, after school, building on the seasonal excitement by telling Christmas stories! Many thanks to all the parents who came to support this event. We hope to do other such sessions in the near future as we continue to promote a love for reading.

EYFS News— Walk to Bethlehem

Foundation 1 and 2 enjoyed a wonderful walk to The Church of the Ascension on 6th December. It was a cold and rainy day but everyone seemed to enjoy the walk and chatted all the way there. Reverend Whaley told us all about the first Christmas in Bethlehem and we sang lots of Christmas songs. The team would like to say a special thank you to all the parents that were able to support us on the visit and we hope to plan more local visits in the future.

F1 News— The Nativity

Foundation 1 have also created our own little stable in the nursery, complete with manger, Baby Jesus and the animals. The children have enjoyed exploring the resources and retelling the story of the nativity.

Whole School—Christmas Fun Time

All the year groups have had a lovely time celebrating Christmas in their own style. Some classes have had parties and some have had relaxing movie sessions—all the children have enjoyed the chance to relax and socialise with their friends.

Sport Highlights

This month has been an amazing month for sport. The Girls' football team won the Hull schools' girls football qualifying tournament out of 10 schools and are in the Finals night in the New Year. Also, the Year 5 boys football team won their Hull schools' football qualifying tournament out of 12 schools and are in the Finals night in the New Year. The girls' football team came 2nd in the DRET schools competition, narrowly losing in the final. The hockey team went to Hymers for a quicksticks festival and won every game that they played. Well done to all the children who were part of the teams.

Please keep an eye out for our dedicated sports newsletter.

Exciting Christmas Maths Competition

Mrs Buyukyilmaz has put together a fantastic Christmas maths competition which should have winged its way to you via MyEd. This is a fun way to prompt some maths work over the Christmas holidays and help the children hone their skills without realising it.

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and scores in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: King, Anderson and Hennessy, 1997