



Christmas News



Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy

13th December 2019

Message from Mrs Manning, Acting Headteacher

Dear all,

Christmas has officially begun at Pen Mill this week, the children performed well in their nativity performances and it was lovely to see them singing with such confidence.

The children were thrilled to see a helicopter land on our field and the excitement of the elves jumping out to see them was a real treat. They delivered their letters to the Elves and were literally blown away when the helicopter took off.

We had our whole school Christmas lunch which is always an exciting event for the children and staff. The children enjoyed singing carols, eating a traditional Christmas dinner and wearing their Santa hats and Christmas jumpers.

As the Christmas holidays approach I would like to thank you all for your support throughout our Autumn term and a special thanks to all the Governors and our fundraising team who work so hard and give up their own time, we are truly grateful.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Church service and hope that you can join us a little earlier on the playground next week to listen to the children singing their carols.

I hope that you are all able to have a restful Christmas and enjoy spending time with your family and friends.

Best wishes from

Mrs Manning and the staff at Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy School.



Football club

Football After-School Club starts on 24th January 2020, from 3.30-4.30pm. The cost of the 10-week programme will be £36.00 and payments are to be made online at: -

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/>.

If you require a letter please come to the school office.

Golden Book Pupils

Awards were presented this week to the following children:

Cygnets	Charlotte & Arya
Wren	Eyran & Lilliana
Robin	Luciana & Jessica
Kingfisher	Eli & Caspian
Woodpecker	Ceejay & Jude
Owl	Lucy & Julian & Inina

Attendance

Pen Mill Academy attendance - 94%

Our Attendance Bear was awarded to Woodpecker class who attained the highest class attendance this week with 97%.

Team Points

Well done to Sycamore Team who achieved the most points this term with 490 points

Robin & Wren class

Robin and Wren class have been busy writing their letters to Santa. They have been looking through the Argos book for ideas and using their sounds to write what they would like. They thought we were just posting them in the post box but they were in for a big surprise! We had a helicopter bring Santa's elves to collect their letters. An experience they will never forget. After their visit we then spent a day making helicopters from junk modelling, dressing up as pilots and deciding where we would fly.

They have also been working extremely hard practising their songs and lines for their Christmas play. Pictures of the children in their outfits will be on tapestry for you to see. We hope you enjoyed it!

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year. Please join us for carols on the playground at 3pm on Monday. Hope to see you there, over and out!



The children in Key Stage 1 have had an exciting half term. They have been enthusiastic and motivated whilst continuing their learning journey into our topic 'What lights up our World?' Firstly, they further developed their knowledge of the Gun Powder Plot and created shape poems using onomatopoeia and adjectives. This was followed by innovating the text 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. The children either produced their own version of the story or wrote a new chapter. In mathematics the children have been further developing their knowledge and skills with the area of addition and subtraction.

Our children have become little scientists this half term and conducted several experiments demonstrating a progression of skills whilst working scientifically. These experiments included discussions and experiments linked to our 'Big Questions': Why do leaves change colour in Autumn? How does a bulb light up? and 'What would happen if a snowman wore a coat? The children found it fascinating testing their predictions and recording their results.

Jorgie said ' I thought the snowman would melt faster wearing a coat but the coat was an insulator and stopped the warm air getting to it, so it melted slower!'

The children have been looking at ways to help our school become more Eco-Friendly and they were all inspired during our Geography Week when Gary from Carymoor delivered workshops on the 3R's, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.



We were also extremely lucky to have staff from Carymoor return to Pen Mill to run our Christmas Craft workshops. Children either made stunning Christmas trees from reused paper or made their own Christmas paper from recycling old paper. The children especially enjoyed learning that you can make paper from recycled Elephants Pool!



Our Key Stage 1 team would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continuing support with their children's learning and we would like to wish you all a have Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Dinner



Message from our Finance team

Statements have gone home for any monies outstanding this half term. Please ensure this is paid by the 19th December. If you are unable to pay the outstanding amount then please contact the finance office at penmillfinance@educ.somerset.gov.uk or phone through on the school number.

Next half term starts on Tuesday 7th January – 14th February (29 days). The costs are as follows:

Breakfast Club - £2 per day - £10 per week - £58 for **everyday**

Nursery Lunches - £2.50 per day - £12.50 per week - £72.50 for everyday

Please can all payments from the New Year be in advance. Ideally we would like the full payment for the half term within the first week back, however if this isn't feasible than weekly is acceptable as long as it's paid at the beginning of each week.

Any payments made cannot be refunded. All payments will be allocated to the correct area and used to cover the costs.

Upcoming Dates - all dates can be found on our website

Nursery Christmas concert - <i>parents invited</i>	Monday 16th December at 10:30am
Reception carols for parents on the playground	Monday 16th December at 3pm
Church service <i>Parents welcome</i>	Tuesday 17th December at 2pm
Christmas Party for all classes <i>Party clothes can be worn but please dress appropriately for the weather.</i>	Wednesday 18th December
Key stage 1 carols for parents on the playground	Wednesday 18th December at 3pm
Non uniform day for Sycamore team <i>Please wear an item of yellow clothing</i>	Thursday 19th December
Christmas craft morning	Thursday 19th December
Last day of term	Thursday 19th December
Inset Day <i>No children at school</i>	Friday 20th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December - Friday 5th January
Inset Day	Monday 6th January
Children back to school	Tuesday 7th January

