



Mawsley C.P School
Autumn 2 End of term Newsletter

A message from Miss Harris...

What a busy term! Thank you to the wonderful members of our school community: our pupils, parents, staff, and governors. Your support has been integral in the successes of the Autumn Term.

Whatever your Christmas looks like, I hope you find time to relax, see friends and enjoy family time.

See you all in 2023!

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 is a training day for staff.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

January Curriculum Focus Days

When the children return in January, they will undertake three curriculum days focussed on personal development.

Wednesday 4th January

Growth Mindset Day

Thursday 5th January

Personal Finance Day

Friday 6th January

Keep Me Happy Day

Christmas Acts of Kindness

From donating to your local food bank and passing on a 'Christmas Sack of Kindness', to helping elderly neighbours and showing children acts of gratitude, there are plenty of ways you can give back to those around you this Christmas.

Christmas is a time of good cheer and gladness, but, for many, it can be a time of great difficulty. Some may be mourning the loss of a loved one, while others may struggle to provide for their family.

Maybe this year, you and your family could spread some festive cheer by being inspired through these acts of kindness:

- Donate to a food bank
- Pass on gifts for others to enjoy
- Donate pet supplies to your local shelter
- Look out for your elderly neighbours
- Gift toys to a children's hospital
- Donate to a charity – time or money
- Write a thank you note
- Buy socks to help the homeless
- Put together a Christmas shoebox
- Smile and compliment someone
- Let someone move ahead of you in a line

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Today, we said goodbye to Mrs DeLaSalle, who moves on to new challenges.

Mrs DeLaSalle has been a member of our team for 17 years. We will miss her greatly and thank her for the care and support she has shown staff and children through her time at Mawsley.

Through her role as PSHE Lead and Anti-bullying Lead, she has personalised our curriculum to ensure it meets the needs of our children and has supported many children through difficult aspects of school. These big shoes will be filled by Mrs Walker, assuming the responsibility for PSHE, and Mr Weston as our new Anti-bullying Lead.

Mrs De La Salle is remaining a member of our Governing Board, but our loss from our teaching team is certainly Mrs De La Salle's new school's gain. They are gaining an enthusiastic, energetic, caring person, who will be an asset to their team. Good luck!

Phase 1 - Reception

What a busy term it has been for the youngest members of Mawsley school! Throughout the term, we have been learning about all kinds of celebrations, from Bonfire night and Remembrance day, to Divali and Christmas. We even had our own wedding ceremony! The children have also been working incredibly hard during their phonics and maths lessons, and the adults working with our youngest learners have been blown away by their enthusiasm towards their own learning. We have a group of children who already understand the importance of saying, 'I can try' when attempting something new, which we value as a very important learning behaviour.

On top of all of this, the children have truly risen to the challenge of putting on their first Christmas show. Members of staff hearing our rehearsals commented on the children's' beautiful singing voices and we have all loved watching their confident performances. We hope that if you were lucky enough to enjoy the show, that you will agree what a fantastic job all the children did.

This week the children have experienced their first 'Child led learning' week, where they tell US what they want to learn about and what activities they would like to have on offer. This included an outdoor learning day, filled with open ended activities, where the children could really immerse themselves in nature and the outdoors, including collecting interesting natural objects from around the grounds and using them to build hedgehog houses.

Well done Reception for such a positive start to your journey at Mawsley school. We are all very proud of you and think you all deserve a well-earned rest over Christmas!

Friends of Mawsley School (FOMS)

This term we have seen the return of the Christmas Fayre and Christmas disco. Both events were organised and run by our fabulous FOMS. We are incredibly grateful and appreciative to this wonderful group of volunteers and grateful for the difference they make to our school. Thank you!

Questions for the Christmas table...

Would you rather eat Christmas cookies for 6 months or candy canes for 6 months?

Would you rather be Mrs. Claus or the Head Elf in Santa's workshop?

Would you rather live at the North Pole or the South Pole?

Would you rather eat Christmas dinner at home or help serve Christmas dinner to those who are less fortunate?

Would you rather work in Santa's workshop or work in a giant toy store?

Would you rather lose your voice for the holidays or only be able to speak in Christmas carols?

Phase 2 - Year 1 and 2

What a smashing term we have had in Phase 2, which ended with a BANG last week, when we performed our Christmas Play! We are incredibly proud of ALL the children for the part they played in putting on a truly magical Nativity! Going up on stage in front of a big audience can be a frightening and nerve-wracking experience. The children displayed huge amounts of courage! They memorized lines, learnt songs and we thought that all their hard work paid off! Well done Phase 2!

We are incredibly proud of our Year Two children, who have taken the younger children under their wing this year. They have been brilliant role models for behaviour and have done a fantastic job of welcoming the little ones into their classrooms. Our Year One children have blown us away with their ability to adapt to a busy, fast paced Key Stage One curriculum. All children have been excitable about their learning! We hope that you have enjoyed finding out facts about Mary Seacole, as the children have shared their learning at home.

Parents' Evening

On Tuesday 17th January and Thursday 19th January our Spring Parents' Evenings will take place.

On Tuesday, appointments will be available for Class 1, years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. On Thursday, appointments will be available for Class 2, years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

These appointments will be held face to face. Bookings for these will open early next term.

Phase 3 - Year 3 and 4

All the staff in Phase 3 are so proud of how hard the children have worked this term and how much progress they have made. Any visitors that we have had in school or other professionals, such as swimming coaches and Pacesetters coaches, have commented on just how eager, well behaved, and polite the children have been.

We have been wowed by the quality of writing the children produced in their hot-writes. Newspaper reports are a tricky genre but every child showed they could use at least one of the tools from their writing toolkits (we had to order more green highlighters!) The children really enjoyed the driver text, 'Heidi', which linked beautifully with their learning about the Alpine region. Mountain formation, house design, tourism and avalanches are just a few of the areas that the children are now experts in.

Learning their times tables has been a focus in Phase 3 this term and it has been lovely to see the pride that the children show when awarded their certificates, with 8 children already being awarded the badge to show that they have learnt all of their times tables. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported their children in this process at home. Being fluent in their times tables will have a huge impact in the children's ability to access other areas in mathematics.

We are finishing the term with our usual WOW week and the children have already demonstrated their improved paper working skills. We can't wait to see the finished Alpine houses.

All the staff in phase 3 wish you a very merry Christmas, full of laughter, fun, good food and the most precious gift of all: time with your loved ones.

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child during the Christmas closure period, please contact the MASH team on 0300 126 1000 (option 1) or e-mail them at MASH@nctrust.co.uk

If you think a child is in immediate danger or missing, please contact the police and/or an ambulance directly by phoning 999

Phase 4 – Year 5 and 6

The Phase 4 children have had another jam-packed term, which started with Simon, our rainforest explorer. Simon has spent a lot of his life exploring different parts of our planet and was able to give the children SO much information about the Amazon Rainforest and his time there. The children (and staff) were glued to Simon's every word and the children asked so many brilliant questions about life, and especially the animals in the Amazon to build on their knowledge. This start to our topic unit about the Amazon Rainforest and River has led to even greater knowledge and interest in our Topic lessons throughout this term.

In our English lessons, the children have worked diligently on their persuasive writing (just in time for Christmas) in order to persuade in all kinds of different ways. As well as this, they have produced mini-writes based on The Christmas Truce and The Hobbit.

The children have been learning all about the human body in science and learning some detailed biology. Within RE, they have been learning about Sikhism and the beliefs of the Sikh community and in PSHE they have been learning about happiness in our 'Keep Me Happy' unit.

Our phase has also been lucky enough to have Summer, from Northants County Cricket Club, to come and coach some of our PE sessions, which was a great opportunity.

As well as this great work in lessons, yet again it has been brilliant to see so many of our Phase 4 children taking extra responsibilities around school, from becoming lunchtime buddies for our youngest children, to being Learning Point Captains with numerous responsibilities, becoming Young Librarians, working as part of Pupils' Parliament, helping with the FS and KS1 Christmas Play, helping at the Christmas Fayre, being Young Leaders at extracurricular clubs and many more additional responsibilities that help to make our school community a better place. What an excellent set of children we have in our phase, they make us proud every day at school!

Christmas decoration competition

For the past two weeks the Christmas tree in our entrance area has been adorned with fabulous homemade tree decorations. Well done to all the children who entered, your creativity has shone bright and brought a smile to the face of all visitors entering our school.