



May Park Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Fair on Friday and especially our wonderful PTA who organised such a wonderful event. This week we have been watching the Reception classes do Wiggly nativity which was very beautiful- Thank you to all who helped. Next week we will be celebrating Hannukah and you are warmly welcomed to come in at the end of the afternoon to be with your children.

Next week we will also sadly be saying goodbye to Ms. Herbert, Mr. Irwin and Miss. Douglas who are all moving on. We would like to thank them for all their love and kindness for our children and wish them all the best for the future.

Message from Miss. Douglas:

Miss. Douglas is leaving at the end of this term. She is thankful for her time here working alongside the amazing pupils and families at May Park.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Burch, Miss. Distefano and Mrs. Iosue to the May Park staff team.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emma Tovey".

Mrs. Emma Tovey
Principal

Forest School

We have been celebrating tree dressing week as a community by decorating ribbons and tying them to a tree in the centre of our woods. We have been discussing the importance of trees on a wider, local and personal level and have been showing our thanks to all the amazing trees we have access to at May Park!

Take a look at this website <https://www.commonground.org.uk/tree-dressing-day> to find out more about the custom of dressing trees all over the world.



Nursery

Our children are really enjoying learning nursery rhymes. They have some props and enjoy colouring in the characters. The children love to go to the reading area to sing the rhymes with their friends.

Please continue to learn the nursery rhymes at home with your child.



Year 1

Year 1 have worked really hard all term on their Christmas performance 'Angel Express' and finally had the opportunity to perform it for our grown-ups today! It was a great show and we are all feeling very proud of how hard they have worked and how amazing it was! Well done Year 1 - you are a bunch of stars!

In Mastering Number, we have been looking at the composition of number 6. We have looked at what the number 6 is made of, different ways to represent the number 6 and how to show different patterns of 6. It has given us lots of practise using the commutative law (4 and 2 make 6 / 6 is made of 2 and 4) when talking about the combinations we have made.

In Authors, we are using all of the skills we have learnt this term (using capital letters for proper nouns, punctuating sentences, adding the suffixes 's' and 'es') and creating our own letters about Bristol. We have been writing to Katie from the book 'Katie in London' to tell her all about our amazing city and all of the exciting things you can do in Bristol.

We attended 'The Great Big Live Nativity' in our classrooms. This meant we joined lots of other schools around the country to listen to the story of Christmas but also think about how important it is to help those who need it. We listened to lots of different people talk about how to share care and love during the Festive period through sharing and doing good

deeds. It was lovely to hear how reflective the children were about it. There was also a quiz about the animation and London Class beat all of the other schools in the assembly!

A quick note to say thank you so much for all of the extra hands that helped the Year 1 stall during the Winter Fayre - it was really appreciated! Another thank you to everyone who donated a teddy, they have all been happily rehomed!

Year 3

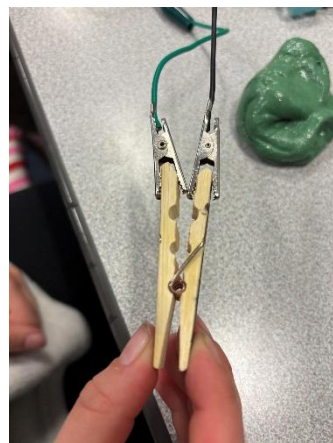
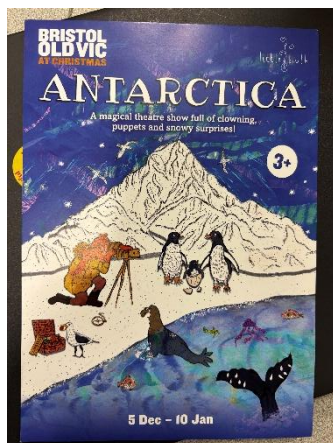
This week in English, we worked on writing setting descriptions using similes and prepositions. The children created imaginative scenes and used descriptive language confidently. In Maths, we focused on subtraction and explored different strategies such as exchanging, rounding up and compensating. The class worked hard to choose strategies that suited them best.

In our Art lesson, the children enjoyed drawing winter scenes, experimenting with shading and cool colours to create frosty landscapes. In Geography, we learned about how farming has changed over the centuries and compared traditional and modern methods.

We have also been practising our singing for the Winter Concert, which will take place next Monday for Year 3. The children are sounding wonderful, and we look forward to sharing their hard work with you!

Year 4

Year 4 have been making switches in science and exploring if more than one switch can be used in a circuit. We also met Emile Clarke who will be leading a drama project in the new year. He is currently starring in Antarctica at the Old Vic theatre



Year 5

This week, year 5 have been writing their own myths based on Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. They have created their own monsters and heroes and have enjoyed creating their stories. We have also been working hard to get ready for our winter concert next Wednesday.

Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard in maths and writing; we have looked at the order of operations and fictional writing. We were very fortunate to go on a walking tour of Easton with the famous Ms Brow as our tour guide. We learnt about how the land use has changed over time; the area IKEA and Tesco are in used to be a football stadium, gas works and dog racing track. We enjoyed seeing how churches and mosques have changed over time and what has become of the Packers factory.

Please note: payments on MCAS have gone out for the Steam Museum trip in February.

Revision books have also been given out.





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Resource Base

Lilliput Class:

This week we have been immersing ourselves even further into the Christmas spirit! The children have taken part in a range of fine motor activities, including making prints in the (fake) snow, creating artwork using water pistols, and using pliers to pick up small objects and sort them into different containers.

We have also continued to read and explore our sensory story *The Gingerbread Man*, and we are very excited for next week when we will be making our own gingerbread figures.

A reminder that our Christmas assembly will take place on **Thursday at 2:00 pm**, and we cannot wait to share with you all the songs we have been practising. We hope to see you there!

Narnia Class:

This week we have been learning about 3D shapes. We explored what 3D shapes can roll and some children have been naming the 3D shapes too.

Narnia class went to watch Reception's Wiggly Nativity. They sat so

Narnia class have been busy this week, performing their play of Little Robin Red Vest.

We can not wait to show you at our Christmas Assembly and we hope you enjoy it as much as we did filming it!

Next Thursday 18th, Narnia will be having a Christmas party. I would love to invite all children to wear non-school uniform and bring in any snacks they would like to share. Please remember nuts are not allowed in school.

Atlantis Class:

This week we have described the ghosts in the Christmas Carol. We have also written invitations for you to attend our **Christmas assembly this Thursday at 2pm**.

We have been practising our songs and getting into the Christmas spirit by decorating our classroom and designing our own Christmas jumpers.

Next **Thursday 18th December**, Atlantis will have a Christmas party. Childre are invited to wear their own clothes and bring any snacks they would like to enjoy and share. **Please remember that nuts are not allowed in school.**

Additional Information

PTA

The PTA would like to say a HUGE Thank you to everyone who helped, or attended the Winter Fair last week. It was a lovely event with lots of Christmassy May Park creativity. The Grotto, food, crafts, Snow Queen and wonderful live music were just some of the fantastic things that made it such a great evening. A special thanks goes out to all the children and teachers who made treats and gifts to sell. They were amazing and really made the fair feel like a communal event.

Have a lovely Christmas break everyone!



Attendance

Just to remind all parents we have a new attendance email address for all enquiries any proof of appointments, absence requests and to let us know of any absences -

mppattendance@maypark.excalibur.org.uk

Our absence request procedure is to collect a form from the school office at least 4 weeks before the absence and then email it to the above email address or hand it back into the office with any proof of the absence and any flight tickets.

Admissions -

Our school is currently quite full which is fantastic news but if you know anyone who has children looking for a nursery or interested in an open day please get them to email our new admissions email address -

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School Office

School Office Opening Time are:

8am – 12pm

12pm – 12.30pm CLOSED

12.30pm - 4pm

Can we please remind all parents that the office is closed from 12.00pm - 12.30pm. So, if your child has an appointment and you need to collect could you please collect before 12.00pm and after 12.30pm.