



DAYS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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What a busy and exciting term it has been at Days Lane! As we come to the end of the year, we are delighted to share some of the highlights of the term.

The children had the pleasure of watching a Christmas panto performed by Cats Grin Theatre Company, as well as CRiBS retelling of the Christmas story.

Our choir have also been busy spreading christmas cheer, performing at various venues including the Blackfen Christmas Market, Holy Redeemer Church, and the DLPA Christmas Fair. Their voices brought much happiness to all who cheered them on and made us all feel very proud.

Last week we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day, with children and staff supporting the charity Save the Children and enjoying our traditional Christmas Lunch Day with music, food and crackers for all! Thank you to all staff for making this such a special event.

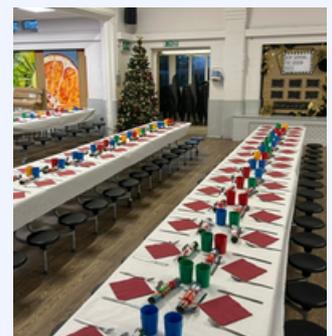
The much loved Days Lanes Got Talent returned once again, showcasing the incredible skills, creativity, and confidence of our children. It was wonderful to see so many children stepping into the limelight to share their talents.

The Christmas celebrations have continued with each class enjoying their own party today, filled with games, laughter, and treats. Santa stopped by to deliver gifts for every class, which brought huge smiles to the children's faces. Thank you to the DLPA for providing these for each class.

We look forward to seeing all children back in school for the spring term on Tuesday 6th January.

We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this term and all the staff at Days Lane would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas



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BOOK FAIR



Our annual Scholastic Book Fair, provided an opportunity for children across all year groups to purchase new books. Just in time for Christmas! Children found books that matched with their interests, which encouraged lots of discussions about literature and authors. The event not only encouraged a love of reading, but also helped raise valuable funds to support the purchase of new books to replenish class book corners and our school book vending machine. A huge thank-you to everyone who helped make the book fair such an enjoyable experience.

"I enjoyed looking at all of the books and it was interesting to see which books everyone bought." Rory, 2S

"I really liked the different books. They were displayed really well and I could find the book I wanted easily. I got a book about Pokémon and I have read it every day since I got it." Bobby M, 4R

"I always look forward to the book fair. There's always something exciting to find, like a funny story or a book about adventures. They also have fun notebooks and stationery, which makes it even better!" Nyah, 5R

"I really enjoy that there is such a wide variety of books to choose from. I could hardly make up my mind. I chose Diary of a Roblox Pro, which is very creative, witty and serious." Matviy, 6V

THE ARK CHRISTMAS MARKET



The children in the Ark held their annual Christmas market after school, where they eagerly sold the items they had prepared. This included delicious Santa hot chocolate, magical Santa keys, reindeer food, scrumptious sweets and not forgetting our four legged friends, the dog treat stocking fillers. The children were delighted with the support they received from parents, raising an amazing £280! Merry Christmas!

"It was exciting to see so many parents and children buy the things we made. People were very kind!" Patsy

"It was fun working out how much change we had to give people when they paid with money." Luca



DLPA CHRISTMAS FAIR



A huge well done to the DLPA for delivering another fantastic Christmas Fair! Their exceptional organisation created a lively, festive atmosphere that brought our whole school community together.

The event opened with a wonderful performance from our wonderful choir, setting a festive tone for the event. Families and guests enjoyed browsing a variety of stalls, sampling mulled wine and delicious food. Children also had the opportunity to take part in craft activities including making Christmas cards, Christmas decorations and reindeer food, as well as a visit to see Santa in his grotto!

We are grateful to the DLPA for their hard work and dedication which raised a total of £993 towards school funds.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE



The school has been full with festive cheer as the children in Nursery, Reception and Year 2 have busily practised Christmas songs and rehearsed their lines for a performance to their parents.

It was wonderful to see how confidently they sang, danced and performed their lines. There were even some fantastic dance moves thrown in for good measure! Well done to all the children for their effort and teamwork in producing these wonderful Christmas performances.

YEAR 1 FRESHWATER THEATRE



Year 1 had a great visit from the Freshwater Theatre, to enhance their learning about Guy Fawkes and the history behind Bonfire Night. The children took part in exciting role-play activities, helping them to bring the story to life. They thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and were enthusiastic throughout.

'Guy Fawkes was angry because he didn't like how King James I treated Catholics' - Malachi 1S

'I got to be Guy Fawkes!' Iris 1R

'I liked acting with my friends.' Ruby 1V

YEAR 2- SOUP MAKING



Year 2 have been busy exploring where our food comes from by identifying the origin on fruit and vegetable packaging. They learnt about Bexley Foodbank, what they do, who they help and why their work is so important. This helped the children to understand how small acts of kindness can make a big difference, which links to our school value of Connie Community.

To build on this learning, the children rolled up their sleeves for a hands-on cooking experience. They carefully chopped and peeled a colourful selection of vegetables to create a delicious homemade soup. They showed fantastic teamwork, an awareness of food safety and truly enjoyed the process. Once the soup was ready, it was sold to parents for a small donation. They managed to raise £135.67! Every penny of which will be donated to Bexley Foodbank. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, generosity and community spirit!

"I enjoyed peeling and cutting all of the different vegetables!"- Charlotte 2S

"I used a knife to chop onions, carrots and potatoes."- Roxy 2R

"I enjoyed learning how to peel and cut vegetables and trying the different kinds of soup in our lesson." - George G 2V

YEAR 3 APRON MAKING



Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic DT morning as they brought together all the skills they have been developing throughout the term. After carefully creating their apron templates and designs, the children spent the lesson using the stitching techniques they have been practising to attach the ties for the back and neck, completing the main structure of their aprons. They showed the core value of resilience throughout, by persevering with their stitch work which could be difficult! The children were able to experiment with patterns, discussing their ideas, and see their designs come to life. They will iron their chosen designs onto the front to complete their project. Well done Year 3!

"I learnt that when you thread a needle and tie the knot not to pull it too tight as you sew because the material will scrunch up. I enjoyed creating my design for the apron." - 3V Elif K

"I used the running stitch to sew the straps on. I also drew a template to make a pocket that I then sewed on to the front of the apron." - Zac 3R

"I enjoyed challenging myself by having a go at the back stitch. I really enjoyed sewing my apron together and seeing my final work." Evie R 3S

YEAR 4 - WORLD OF SOUND



Year 4 have been diving into the fascinating world of sound, carrying out a range of practical investigations to develop their scientific understanding. They explored how sound travels using ear gongs, which allowed them to experience vibrations first-hand and tested how well sound moved through different materials - such as wood, metal and plastic - and compared the clarity and volume they heard through each. Building on this, the children investigated pitch by making their own kazoos using straws. They experimented with changing the length of the tube and discovered that the pitch changed depending on the speed of the vibrations. To complete their learning, the children investigated how distance affects sound, measuring how the volume changed as they moved further away from a sound source in the school corridors. Through careful observation and teamwork, the children have developed a strong understanding of how sound becomes less intense the further it travels, and that both distance and materials can affect what we hear.

"The sounds were much louder, when they travelled through a solid. My friend knocked on the table and it was much louder when I put my ear to the table than when I heard it whilst sitting up". Joel - 4S.

"We did a great investigation where we found out that if you move further away from a sound source the noise gets lower because the sound waves get smaller. I really enjoyed it a lot." Ishani - 4V

"I have learnt that when you speak louder, the sound waves travel further and when you speak quieter, the sound waves travel shorter. If you are far away, the person cannot hear you because the sounds waves don't travel that far. We did a experiment, where we used a straw to demonstrate how the pitch changed!" - Euan 4R

YEAR 5 VIKING DAY



Year 5 travelled back over a thousand years for an exciting Viking Day! The children arrived dressed as fearsome warriors, explorers and villagers, all proudly taking on their own Viking names for the day. They began by learning about the importance of shields in battle before designing and decorating their own using traditional Viking patterns and symbols. Everyone crafted a beautiful Viking brooch, inspired by real artefacts, learning how these were used to fasten clothing in Viking times.

Outside, the children took part in energetic Viking games that tested their strength, speed and teamwork, just like real Viking training. Inside, they challenged each other with Viking God Top Trumps, comparing the powers of Norse gods such as Odin, Thor and Loki while developing our knowledge of Viking beliefs. The day was filled with creativity, history and excitement!

"I really enjoyed dressing up as Vikings for Viking day. We got to pretend we were Viking raiders and invaders. I really enjoyed all of the activities, including board game making." Adem 5S

"I really enjoyed Viking Day—it was a lot of fun pretending to be Vikings. We created our own board games and brooches, both of which were significant in Viking culture."- Sude 5R

"I enjoyed making Top Trumps of the Viking Gods as it was fun to play against our friends and learn about the Gods at the same time. Making the brooches was fun because we got to decorate them in interesting ways." - Marcus 5V

NURSERY - FOREST SCHOOL



Nursery have enjoyed their Forest School sessions and were especially excited to discover snow on their first day! Even though it was cold and wet, they made the most of the wintry weather and set off on lots of adventures, including bug hunts, digging, and creating masterpieces in the mud kitchen.

They were delighted to welcome a visit from the Forest School robin (who they shared their biscuits with). To help look after the birds during the colder days, the children made Cheerio bird feeders to hang in the forest school. The children also had magical visits from Snowflake the Elf, who cheekily hid among the trees in Forest School, as well as enjoying a warm hot chocolate.

"I dipped the biscuits in the hot chocolate and ate it".- Kaia

"On the log, mushroom is growing. We don't eat them."- Teddy

"I got dirty in muddy puddles. I played with Freya. I was splashing the trees."-Freddie P

"I made a bird feeder for the birds, I put it on the branch."- Poppy