

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thankyou for your understanding on Friday in collecting your children and welcoming them home. Closing the school early on Friday was not the way any of us wanted to see the end of this term. There were so many things that were still left to do in school. Christmas Parties, Christmas dinner and the all-important visit by Santa. As you know each year the PFSA provide funds to buy each pupil a gift from Santa. These will be given to pupils on our return in January.

Another highlight of this term is always our Christmas Performance, where each class do their own individual performance. As this couldn't take place with a live audience, Michael had already been into each class to record it. The video is available [here to watch](#). It is also on our Website in the Videos page.

We had a lovely card from The Royal British Legion to tell us we raised the grand total of £295.23, which is amazing, especially as we didn't have the Coffee Morning this year. Thankyou to everyone who donated.

**Dates for your diary****Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January-INSET DAY Teacher Only Day****Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January-First Day of Spring Term for pupils**

Have a lovely Christmas Holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

*Lorraine*

**Our Kingfisher View**

Kingfisher-a place where everyone is valued to develop independence through an enriching curriculum which is worthwhile



# News from Summer Cluster

## Blue Class



Hi everyone, I trust you've all had a good week.

We've had a very positive time in Blue Class with lots of hard work taking place right up to the end.

In literacy we have continued working on our class book 'Charlie's Christmas' and have settled into some focused sentence construction sessions now that the Christmas play is recorded.

Maths has seen us working on time. All pupils practiced sequencing the days of the week and months of the year. Pupils that were confident with

this moved onto sequencing events and routines within the day.

Pupils have very much enjoyed attention bucket sessions this week. Each session starts with a song and then progresses on with three separate stages – the 'attention grabber', 'attention builder' and 'turn taking'. Our attention-grabbing items this week included an 'ACME siren', springing frog and gloop-squirting animal! The attention builder involved printing paint onto paper to decorate a Christmas tree and pupils sieved flour over card hoof-prints in the turn taking activity.



Following baking ginger-bread men in cooking, we used the left-over ingredients in our messy play activity along with some oats and raisins. Pupils were expected to identify requested coins to pay with when selecting the ingredients, they wanted for their mess!

All pupils have taken turns reading with staff at least twice this week and good progress has been observed across the board in communication sessions.

Not long left now until the Christmas holidays, so brace yourself for a festive final week. Have a good weekend.

*From Richard, Sarah, Teresa, Lynette, Ellie and Helen,*

*~ The Blue Class Team*



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## Purple Class

Oh my goodness', what a week this has been! We are *all* very tired and so we have needed to wind down a little with all that is going on, but we have still managed to fit loads in!

Firstly, apart from our usual weekly routine of swimming, targets and so on, we have had a pre watch of our video for the Christmas performance and we are all quite proud of what we have achieved, as this term has been very different for us all and quite hard work at times. Everyone has played their part to put something together which we hope you will all enjoy. We have continued with trying to fit in all the different Christmas activities like making cards and small gifts including doing some sewing for our Christmas tree hangings which are looking great! Harry said once again, '*I feel proud of myself Mary*'.

The Enterprise Group decorated the Gingerbread biscuits and completed the last of the chutney jars. The products are delightful.

We had a little look this week at the Hannukah festival which started on the 10<sup>th</sup> (and lasts for 8 days), as our topic has been about 'light and celebration'. I think we all like and appreciate the idea of 'light' being something to celebrate. We all did our own version of a Menorah (Candle set) to display on the Student Centre corridor in light of the upcoming celebration.

We visited OXSRAD and all had a great time. Such a lovely change to get out of school for a short while. This week we all went together on the same bus and listened to some tunes for the journey there and on the way back.

Happy weekend everyone!

*Purple Class - Leah, Mary, Dawn, Gill, Sian, & Julie*







# News from Autumn Cluster

## Orange Class

We have been enjoying lots of different Christmassy activities! Here is a bit of a sneak preview of some of the extraordinary creations that will be coming home with your child next week – although I think the marshmallow snowmen are long gone!



Although enormous fun in their own right, our activities also help to develop fine motor skills through tasks such as cutting, sticking and placing small objects. Communication boards support children in their language, helping them to express their choice of materials or colours. Some activities require children to follow instructions and complete tasks in a certain order. All tasks are building stamina for the amount of time we can focus and concentrate. So actually, we have been working very hard!



Enjoy the weekend!

*Rachael, Tracy, Niki, Gill and Vikki.*



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Red Class

This week the children have practised and filmed their Christmas play. They have all practised their words and read very clearly. The acting was great and they all remembered when it was their turn to speak. Richard wrote all the credits for our part of the film and also got the honour of designing the front cover for the DVD which he did brilliantly. We also performed the play for Leythan over Zoom. He watched his friends really carefully and seemed to enjoy it. We enjoyed our Zoom chat with Leythan and he looked very festive in his Christmas jumper. He gave us a tour round his house to show us all of his Christmas decorations and we returned the favour by showing him our beautiful tree.

The children made some delicious Christmas biscuits on Monday morning, working together to weigh and mix the ingredients before rolling and cutting the biscuit shapes. Even more fun than cooking was the decorating and tasting of the biscuits on Monday afternoon.

We have been very lucky this week and as well as having a swimming lesson on Tuesday the children were able to have an extra swim on Wednesday. They loved the opportunity to use the floats and practise their jumping and diving at the deep end.

With all the excitement we have managed to squeeze in some maths lessons to finish our topic of 3D shapes and also had time to make some more Christmas decorations and surprises too.



Have a great weekend.

*Lorna, Nicola, Laura, Pauline, Jo and Esther.*



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Gold Class

We successfully managed to video our Christmas Comedy performance on Monday and they were amazing, which is great. Hopefully, the whole Kingfisher show will be put together and made available for you to watch and enjoy. We have continued to have some normal lessons this week with a sprinkling of Christmas themed activities too. We are working hard at telling the time on analogue clocks this week. Some pupils are feeling more confident while others are still struggling a bit. Time is an important activity and the best way to learn this is to keep practising at school and at home using every opportunity.

Pupils have also really enjoyed making Christmas baubles, which they spent most of Tuesday afternoon making. These were quite tricky, but good practise for developing fine motor skills. I think that they have already taken these home and so hopefully are looking great on your Christmas tree. We have read the Christmas Nativity story and are busy making a model Nativity scene. The clay models are really impressive. Well done Gold Class!

On Thursday, we did some more baking and this time had fun making Orange Shortbread biscuits.



**Homework:** Continue to try to read as often as possible. This can be a reading book, magazine, cereal packets and anything that engages them. Practise telling the time on analogue clocks.

Have a lovely weekend.

*From Maria, Marie, Tess, Julie, Esther and Sarah*





# News from Winter Cluster

## White Class

Happy Friday everyone!

During literacy this week we have been focusing on Christmas. We have continued reading the story Charlie's Christmas. The children have become familiar with the story and the props. They have been describing toys that they might receive at Christmas, for example a soft teddy, a fast scooter or a loud guitar. During mark making, we have been colouring in Christmas themed drawings such as stockings, the children are working hard trying to remember the correct grip.

Within art we have been making Christmas cards for all of the other classes at Kingfisher, were getting really good at it! During cooking, the children were following instructions on how to decorate a Christmas tree cookie, with silver ball lights, sprinkles for the baubles and green food colouring for the green tree, the children loved eating them after. Within numeracy we have been working on our counting skills, using different items to count, for example, chairs, blocks and ducks. Within Phonics' and mark making we have been revisiting the letter A and continued to work on the letter T.

**Homework:** Please can you upload evidence of your child being safe in the community, listening to stop and go. At school, we are reading them books about road safety and using the playground zebra crossing, however it would be great if they can experience real life situations. Videos would be great.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, stay safe and merry!

*Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki, Sarah and Lynette*





# News from Winter Cluster

## Black Class

Black Class have had lots of fun this week doing a number of Christmas activities! We even managed to get an extra swim in this week so everyone has had two swimming sessions which was a bonus! We decided to have some fun this week and got floats, beach balls, buckets etc and played in the pool. Some children wanted to practice their usual swimming routine but most children decided to go straight for the toys!

This week we have been getting into the Christmas spirit by exploring the Gingerbread Man. We even decorated our own gingerbread men by following simple visual instructions. The best part was definitely eating them up afterwards! We also decorated a big gingerbread house by colouring and decorating using different art tools. We all enjoyed getting it back out during choosing time and playing inside the gingerbread house.



This week we also made letters to Santa which was a real eye opener! It seems like most of the children will be happy with chocolate and socks! We had done lots of additional arts and crafts this week including making cards for the other classes and making decorations for our school christmas tree.

We continued with our story of Charlies Christmas and the children enjoyed exploring the props. We have also had lots of fun on the playground playing chase games, cycling and playing on the swings.

Our last christmas performance clue is here for you; we have taken our inspiration from the elf on the shelf. For those of you that aren't familiar with elf on the shelf, the little elf gets up to lots of mischief!

Have a lovely weekend

*Katie, Amelia, Olivia and Jasmine*