

WESSEX WEEKLY

Friday 7th December 2018

ASSEMBLY THEME – Christmas!

Important Dates

- 🎄 KS1 Nativity Christmas Production (Y1 & Y2): 9.30am, Monday 10th December and Tuesday 11th December
- 🎄 Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 12th December
- 🎄 Christmas Production Nursery and Reception: 9.30am, Thursday 13th December and Friday 14th December
- 🎄 Visiting Pantomime "Pinocchio" Thursday 13th December
- 🎄 Key Stage 2 Carols: Monday 17th December at 2.15pm (Y3 to Y6): Cox Green School Theatre

Wednesday 19th December 2pm finish:
END OF TERM

The Head's Column

Not long to go now! Finishing touches are being put to all the Christmas activities and productions which we hope the children will find enjoyable. I was treated to a very special sneaky look at the KS 1 production today with some other guests and was very impressed with the children, I hope all the mums and dads will enjoy it next week! The children also have a Christmas meal day, a visiting pantomime to look forward to and lots of other fun parties and celebrations.

The Other Head's Column

Reception have enjoyed sending letters to Santa by post and

making stickmen based on the stickman book.

Year 1 have been learning their Christmas carols and have loved decorating their classrooms with glitter.

Year 2 have been making Christmas art and have highly enjoyed it.

Year 3 have been learning about India's culture and landmarks including the Taj Mahal.

Year 4 have been learning their times tables 1 to 12 and have written a Christmas story.

Year 5 have had a fabulous time at the planetarium learning about the solar system.

Year 6 have been learning about factors and multiples and how they work.

By Zach and Siddhant.

Year 5 Indoor Planetarium

On Monday, Year 5 were lucky to experience an indoor planetarium. As they stepped inside the mini celestial theatre, they experienced a trip to the stars by watching a 360-degree immersive planetarium film about the possibility of life on other planets.

They then learnt about other planets in our solar system by looking at them in real-time. The

experience which helped to further their knowledge on our topic of space.

Emily B and Callum K have described the experience below:

We had visitors who told us all about space. We went in a mobile planetarium (an inflatable dome). We watched a film called "I'm an alien!" It told us about planets that could have forms of life living on it such as Mars, Europa (one of Jupiter's moons) and an exoplanet (a planet orbiting another star) called KP 23009.

We then looked in detail at all the planets in our solar system and found out lots of interesting facts. Jupiter rains diamonds due to carbon passing through clouds and Mercury is 30% rock and 70% metal!

"The best bits were watching the movie. The facts were incredible" (Callum)

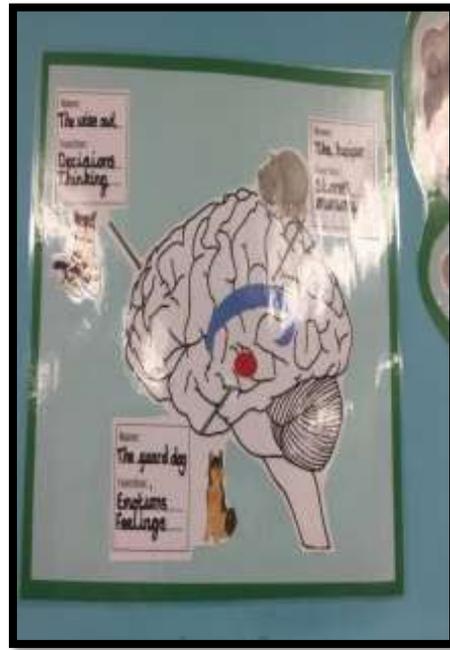
"My favourite part was when one of the ladies talked through in detail about all the planets, telling us interesting facts about each one". (Emily)

Here are some photos from inside the planetarium. The first picture shows a close-up view of the sun. The second picture shows Jupiter with one its moon (Europa) and the third shows the Earth.



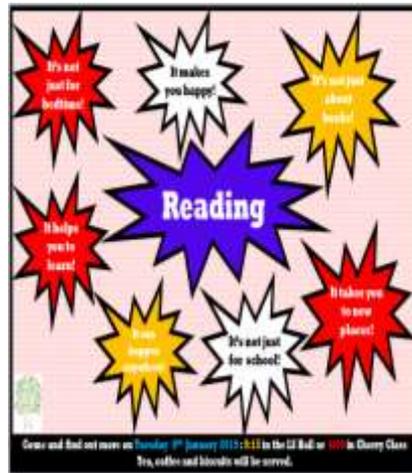
Growth Mindset Lessons

The children across the school have been continuing to learn about their amazing brains in their growth mindset lessons this week. The children in Year 1 can tell you about the 3 main parts to the brain and what it is for. They are the Guard Dog (keeps us safe), the Owl (helps us to behave) and the Hippopotamus (Keeps our memories). The children in Year 3 told me that if the guard dog gets angry, the wise owl flies away and the hippopotamus follows the wise owl because they are friends and then you make the wrong choices. Here is a picture of the brain and its various parts!



Reading Information Session

Don't forget the Reading Information Session on the first Tuesday back after the Christmas holidays (8th January). This is an opportunity to think about different ways of reading with your child and developing a love of reading. We hope to see you there.



Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear Christmas jumpers over their uniforms or Christmassy decorative accessories such as a bit of tinsel on Wednesday 12th December on the day of the Christmas lunch and on Friday 14th December on Christmas Jumper Day!

No jewellery allowed though please!

Braywick Heath Nurseries Christmas Fair Saturday 8th December, 10am-4pm



- Meet Father Christmas
- Free gift for every child
- Mince Pies
- Table Decorations to Order

After School Club

Some places have become available at the After School Club. In case you would like your child to join please call Linda on 07592 677 373 or come to the office and Wessex and we will take you through to the club.

