

Here comes Christmas!

Autumn Term 2023 no 2



Message from Mrs Wilkinson, Head of School

Dear All,

What a very busy and exciting term. We love the Christmas term and we have been so lucky to have so many amazing Christmas events. Thank you so much to everyone that attended and supported our events this half term. As always, I feel an incredible sense of pride when leading this school and this community is so very special. Next term we will be looking at our behaviour policy in school and there will be opportunities to give the school feedback. I hope you all have a great Christmas and new year. I look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on the 2nd of January.

Many thanks for all of your support during our recent Ofsted inspection. We were overwhelmed by the kind comments and messages received. We are incredibly proud of the feedback we received which we will share with you in due course.

Best wishes,

Hannah Wilkinson

Sports Colour Award winners

Sports Colours

Sports colours are given to those children who demonstrate outstanding skill and talent in one or more sports. Children are expected to show leadership skills when representing Curledge Street Academy. Sports colours are also given to those children who represent the School in a number of sports and show dedication to clubs.

Daisy Samuel 3ED - Daisy has worked outstandingly this term in PE and has shown a brilliant desire to learn new games and skills. As well as learning new skills, Daisy is always listening and answering questions to show her fantastic knowledge. Where she impresses most however, is her confidence and willingness to ask questions- this inquisition allows Daisy to continue building on what she already knows. Daisy also participates in two after school clubs, football skills and multi skills, where she always gives 100% and always wants to help where she can. Well done Daisy, a brilliant role model for Curledge Street !!



Charlie Baker 3SW - Charlie has worked extremely hard in PE this term: learning new skills in football, dribbling and passing, or creating a dance around the theme of wild animals. As well as Charlie's brilliant attitude to PE, Charlie is also in the school football team where he shows a brilliant commitment. He hasn't missed a single session! Finally, Charlie epitomises our school values as he is always wanting to learn new skills and help others. Well done Charlie on a fantastic term!!



Logan Helliwell 4LD - This term Logan has excelled within PE lessons where he has shown brilliant qualities including: great listening skills, leadership and collaboration. As well as showing these brilliant qualities, Logan is always offering to help teachers and his classmates by packing away equipment safely or demonstrating his vast knowledge to support his peers. In addition to his excellence in PE, Logan is also in the school football team where he shows a brilliant attitude to improving his skills whilst using his knowledge of the game to apply into game scenarios. Well done on a Brilliant term Logan!



Leah Marks 4GE - This term Leah has shown outstanding work in PE where she has been learning hockey. Leah has showcased her hockey skills through: passing, dribbling and shooting. Leah is a role model for our school value (independence) as she is always trying her very best and giving 100% effort in every PE lesson. As well as Leah's hockey skills, she has shown a brilliant approach to PE: always listening intently; asking questions to improve her knowledge; collaboratively helping others to succeed. Well done on the Fantastic work this term Leah!



Spencer Vinnicombe 6JA - Spencer has shown remarkable work this term in PE with his hunger to learn and achieve to his highest ability. Spencer is always looking to challenge himself as much as he can in PE, which shows outstanding confidence as well as brilliant ability. As well as his excellent confidence in PE, this term, Spencer has shown great leadership skills and collaboration; he helps his classmates wherever he can. Spencer has continued his development as a superb role model for Curledge Street.



To add to Spencer's amazing contribution to PE within School, he has also taken part in a Junior World Cup in Italy -WOW! During the summer months, Spencer represented Devon by playing for Juventus. His team came second in the tournament: he has done himself, his family and his school proud!

Well done Spencer on the exceptional work this term!

Star gazing



On Thursday 30th November, year 5 children at Curledge Street Academy were welcomed back into school at night for an evening of star-gazing. This event was run in conjunction with Torbay Astronomical Society and was a huge success. 55 children and their parents and carers attended three workshops, each of which enabled children to learn new interesting space facts or add to their existing knowledge. The volunteers from TAS and school staff were very impressed with the level of knowledge the children demonstrated on the night.



Parents Guide to WhatsApp:

As one of the most popular messaging apps used by all age ranges and around 2.7 billion monthly users, WhatsApp has been adding new features over the last year or so which some parents may not be aware of. Internet Matters have put together a really good 'how-to' guide for parents which you can access [HERE](#).



RE: Judaism

Over the last few weeks, years 1,4 and 5 have welcomed Ami into school to run RE workshops based on her faith, Judaism. The children enjoyed learning about shabbat and seeing artefacts that Ami brought in. It was a great opportunity for the older children to ask Ami about what her faith means to her and how it influences her life. The children thought that it was an exciting and interesting workshop and really brought their learning in lessons to life.



ATTENDANCE


WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 90%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
 Drastic effect on academic achievement



95%-90%
 Cause for concern

100%-96%
 Excellent

Arts award winners

Harry 2HS - Harry is a pleasure to have in music lessons. He always listens well and tries his best in all areas of music, from singing to performing. He has been attending Year 1 & 2 Music Club since the start of year 1, and has taken part in our One Night Only concert. His confidence and enthusiasm are a delight, and I'm sure he will continue to shine in the arts at Curledge Street Academy. Well done, Harry!

Astrid 3SW - Astrid is a bundle of artistic energy. She exudes confidence and has a flair for performing. A keen member of choir, musical theatre and line dance clubs, she always goes the extra mile, whether it is learning lines for plays, or turning up to line dance in the most fabulous pink cowboy hat! I'm sure Astrid will continue to be an asset to the arts and a great future role model for others to follow. Well done, Astrid!

Leo Langley 5EH - Leo has steadily become a solid member of the Arts community at Curledge Street. From a shy start in choir in year 4, his confidence has grown over time. He is now a reliable member of just about all our performing arts clubs, and has taken part in performances including Musical Theatre shows, Christmas shows and our One Night Only concert. I'm sure there will be more opportunities for him to shine in the future! Well done, Leo!

Keanu Belcher 6RU - Keanu is such a great example of leadership in our community. He is reliable and polite, and demonstrates our school values in everything he does. He is a member of the choir, boy's choir, and musical theatre club. As an Arts Leader, he is always ready to help and be a role model for others. As a performer, his confidence is growing all the time, and I look forward to seeing his solo performance in our Christmas production this year. He really is an asset to the Performing Arts at Curledge Street. Well done, Keanu!

Books donation

Paignton Grotties donated new books for our Early Years department. As they hadn't been able to obtain premises to build a Santa's grotto they decided to donate some funds to local schools. Our early years children were very excited opening the boxes!



Fundraising



We raised £220.30 for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal, £438.30 for Children in Need and £205.70 for last Thursday's Save the Children Christmas jumper day and £153.79 at the phase 3 Christmas performance towards the Opportunities Fund. Well done Curledge Street!



- Reminders!

- On behalf of our neighbours at Jasmine House on Midvale Road, please can we ask our school community to refrain from parking in their car park or blocking their parking spaces. Thank you.
- Children are actively encouraged to bring water bottles to school to use throughout the school day. Juice / squash may be provided as a lunchtime drink only.
- Please check your child's hair regularly for nits. They are an ongoing problem and need treating as soon as they are spotted.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are named as often jumpers end up apart from their owners and it's much easier to get them back to the right person if they are labelled clearly.



Key Dates For Your Diary!

2 January	School reopens
8 January	After school activity/sports clubs commence
12-16 February	Half term
4-8 March	Book Fair
5&6 March	Parents' evenings (tbc)
7 March	World book day
27 March	One Night Only! production (tbc)
28 March	School closes @ 2pm for Easter

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