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Pool Hayes Primary Express

Welcome to the very merry winter edition of our fabulous school newspaper. Our young journalists have been working hard to update you with all the exciting news and developments that have happened in the autumn term at our fantastic school. Firstly I'd like to introduce you to our super talented writing team who all contributed articles and features found in this sparkling festive edition:

From upper KS2 – Jessica, Callum, Lexi, Jude, Aiva and Brodie.

I hope you enjoy reading the newspaper, have fun completing the activities and have a safe and happy winter break with your loved ones – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you!

Mr Carter—Deputy Headteacher



The complete team of reporters!

Christmas is here!

Look for these Christmas characters as you're reading the newspaper. How many can you find of each one? Once you've counted all of them write the total in the boxes below:

Snowman Tree Santa Elf



In the news



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Current events and developments:

Welcome—we welcome Mrs Hussain to Year 2 next year; we are delighted you have joined us! We also welcome Miss Kaur to Year 4 next term.

Congratulations—to Mrs Mellor and Mrs Raybould, we hope you enjoy maternity leave and your lovely new additions to your families!

Christmas parties - all the children had a wonderful festive time with their class. Thanks to parents for sending in donations for Christmas party grub!

Action for Children - well done to the Newton family who have raised money for children at Christmas time, great effort.

Little Princess Trust - a massive well done to Jessica who donated her hair to the trust for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment.

Foodbank donations - a HUGE thank you to all parents who kindly donated food for those who needed it this term. It was appreciated and put to very good use.

Safer Streets Road Closure - this term we have had much safer streets because Bridgnorth Grove has been closed to cars at the beginning and the end of the day. We all feel much safer because of this!

The Poppy Appeal - was an amazing success again this year with £452.69 raised for the British Legion. Well done to Heidi and her team who managed the sale.

Smethwick Food Bank - well done to Ria's family for making masks for the staff to buy - all proceeds have gone to the food bank for Christmas.

Christmas Card Project

This month, in year 6, we made some Christmas messages and cards for our parents. We felt like we wanted to make Christmas special even though we couldn't do the normal things we enjoy like Christingle, carols and performances. On Class Dojo we posted two Christmas messages each day for our parents to watch. We liked doing this and thought about what we were going to say so that we explained how we felt about Christmas this year and what being with our family meant to us. We also got to design our own cards, this was great fun as we investigated lots of designs, templates and resources to complete them.



And here is why we did it:



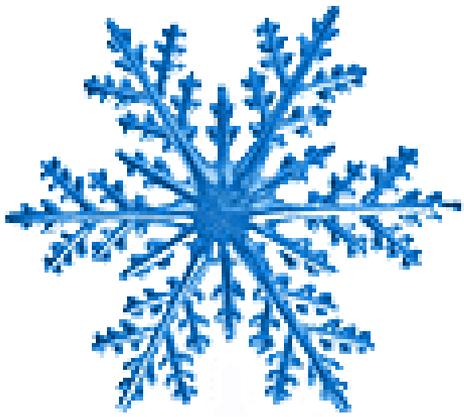
"We did this because we wanted to wish the parents a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, fill them with a jolly holiday spirit" (Niamh).

If you wanted to know how we did it then if I were you I would look at the following instructions:

First we got an A4-A5 piece of paper, then we folded it in half twice, then we cut it diagonally (while it was landscape). Then we cut trees from two different shades of green (lime and dark). After we stuck them to our cut paper (that was soon going to be a card that stands). Lastly we decorated our card and trees with felt tips, we wrote on the middle piece what we were going to write (e.g. Merry Christmas from...). The project was fantastic as you'll agree, we're very proud of the end result.

In Year 6 we made Christmas cards for our family and will take them home this week. Here is a gallery of our designs:



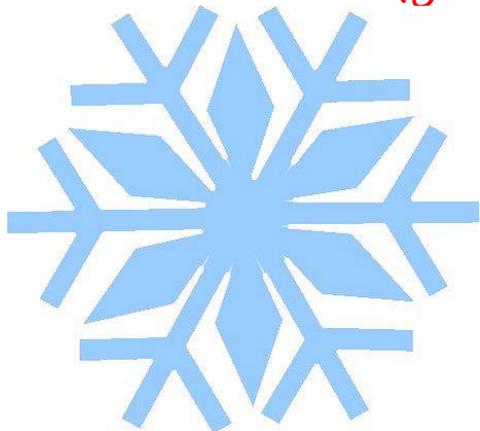


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It's Christmas Festive Fun and Games Time

Enjoy these Christmas games
(you may want to print them out to
complete them)



Have a go at making your own Christmas message below:



WHAT'S YOUR ELF NAME?

The first letter of your name.

- | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| A - Adventurous | H - Humble | O - Outgoing | V - Very Nice |
| B - Bouncy | I - Innocent | P - Playful | W - Wiggly |
| C - Cuddly | J - Jumpy | Q - Quick | X - Xtra Special |
| D - Dainty | K - Kindhearted | R - Rosy | Y - Youthful |
| E - Energetic | L - Lively | S - Sweet | Z - Zesty |
| F - Fearless | M - Mighty | T - Thoughtful | |
| G - Graceful | N - Nimble | U - Unique | |

The month you were born.

- Jan. - Sugar Plum
- Feb. - Jingle Bells
- March - Giggle Pants
- April - Candy Cane
- May - Sparkle Pants
- June - Merry Dancer
- July - Twinkle Toes
- Aug. - Happy Feet
- Sept. - Peppermint Patty
- Oct. - Gingerbread Breath
- Nov. - Silly Giggles
- Dec. - Jolly Jingles



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Christmas fun

Match the words to the correct pictures to complete the crossword. Then find a secret message.

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Words to match:

- bells
- Candle
- Candy cane
- Card
- chimney
- Christmas tree
- elf
- gingerbread
- holly
- letter
- lights
- Ornaments
- presents
- reindeer
- Santa Claus
- steigh
- snowman
- stocking
- wreath

Numbered crossword grid:

15 to Santa from Lucy

15 Merry Christmas

The secret message is _____ 155.com lead home



Can you complete the Christmas Word Search?

MERRY CHRISTMAS

K	F	A	M	I	L	Y	T	R	N	K	B	J	L	H
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X	N	L	R	J	F	Z	C	D	N	D	E	X	X	V
H	S	T	A	R	W	S	A	N	T	A	T	L	V	M

BOW	FAMILY	NORTH POLE	SNOW
CANDY CANE	GIVING	PRESENTS	STAR
CAROLS	JINGLE	REINDEER	STOCKINGS
CHRISTMAS	JOY	SANTA	TREES
ELF	LIGHTS	SLEIGH	





Wonder By RJ Palacio



Front cover of the book and a picture of Auggie from the movie.

In class we've been reading a book called Wonder. Wonder is about a boy called August (Auggie) who has Treacher Collins Syndrome (TCS). Even our Elf on the Shelf was reading it! TCS is a syndrome which affects the ears, jaw and cheekbones. We started reading Wonder on Tuesday 29th September 2020.

This book has taught me and the rest of Y5 to be kinder to people who are different to us because you can't judge a person before you get to know them. For example Jack Will from Wonder was a bit shocked about how Auggie looked but when he got to know him they became best mates.

Here is a gallery of Year 5's TCS work:

Treacher collins Syndrome



The symptoms for Treacher collins Syndrome or Frances chettie Syndrome are hearing loss because your ears are lower down which cause bones to block the sound going to the

ear down so you could get hearing aids to help. Your jaw bone is affected by Treacher collins Syndrome which can mess up your speech but next all the time it's to run with some problems because your eye sockets are lower down. You can help it by wearing head masks or getting surgery. You can only get it if your parents have it but like a cold or a funny bug you can. In 1 in 50,000 babies get it which means in 50,000 babies where born only 1 gets it. There was a report on the news which which Gordon Brown told us more about. It's not how it affected his leg as a children doctor would without let him treat there baby because of his appearance and his speech which would affect his career which is really sad. There is also a book called wonder where he goes to school with Treacher collins Syndrome. There are a lot of documentaries on Treacher collins Syndrome. ✓✓

By: poppy ✨ (page 2)

What is Treacher Collins Syndrome?



As you can see this man and child have TCS. Even tho they have TCS they still want to be respectful and loved like any other ordinary child/person. They are no different to us only their face is different. ✓

What are the symbols of TCS?
The symbols of TCS are your ears, the cheek, eyes and jaws. This will affect sight loss and hearing loss & also might in part that it will also affect your breathing. ✓

This little boy has TCS as you can see his ears are lower down which will make it harder for him to hear.



What was TCS named after?
TCS was named after Edward Treacher Collins since he was the first to describe Treacher Collins Syndrome. ✓

Many people now know about since the film/book was released to watch and buy. The main character in the story called Auggie/August ^{WHO} has TCS. ✓✓

★ Fact! ★
People with TCS can have mild cases and stronger cases than others.

Wonder - film

In class on Tuesday 15th December 2020 we watched Wonder. Some of us were tearing up, for example Aiva was, especially at the bit where Auggie said sorry to his mom for being ugly (which isn't true). Our favourite scene was when the class went on the trip. Jack and Auggie were in the forest when three 7th graders came out of the bushes and pushed Auggie and Jack over in the mud, but some of Julian's friends came and helped them.

Interview (Cade)



Do you like Wonder? Why?

Yes, because Auggie has TCS and proves Julian wrong.

Do you think Julian started bullying people because of his parents? Why?

Yes, because his parents set him a bad example.

Interviews (Ruby)

Do you like Wonder? Why?

Yes, because it's inspired people to be kinder to each other.

Would you recommend this book? Why?

Yes, because it's very inspiring.

Interview (Jayden S)

Do you like Wonder? Why?

Yes, because in my last school before PHP I used to get bullied because the colour of my skin.

If you had to describe Wonder in one word what word would it be? 'Wonderful, because I really enjoyed watching it.



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Interview (Vinnie)

Do you like Wonder? Why?

Yes, because you get to see other peoples point view.

If you had a line of people to choose from to play with from Wonder who would you pick? Why?

Jack and Auggie, because they seem really nice and we'd have lots of fun.

Interview (Poppy G)

Do you like Wonder? Why?

Yes, because it's really interesting and there's a lot of cliff hangers to keep you interested.

Do you think Via is a caring sister? Why?

Yes, because she lets her parents spend time with Auggie even if she needs them.



Christmas Quiz



- 1) How many Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus?
- 2) In what town was Jesus born?
- 3) How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?
- 4) What country did the family escape to?
- 5) How many of Rudolph's eight companions names start with D?
- 6) What country did Christmas Trees originate from?
- 7) What's the second line of "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas"?
- 8) What was Joseph's job?
- 9) Who were first people to visit the baby Jesus?
- 10) What's lucky to find in your Christmas Pudding?
- 11) What Angel visited Mary?
- 12) Where did the baby Jesus sleep?

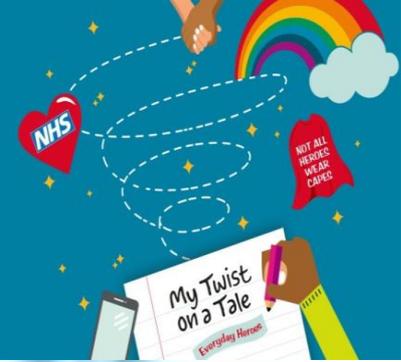
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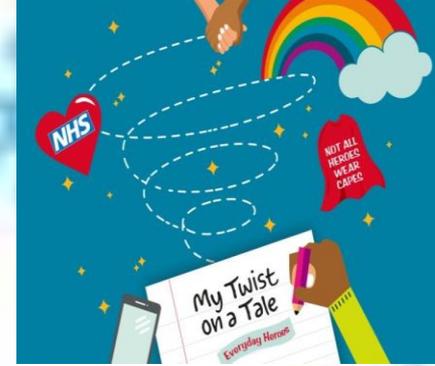
Answers to the Christmas quiz

- 1) 3
- 2) Bethlehem
- 3) 364
- 4) Egypt
- 5) Three - Dasher, Dancer and Donner
- 6) Germany - it was Latvia but it was part of German then!
- 7) Just like the ones I used to know
- 8) Carpenter
- 9) Shepherds
- 10) A six pence
- 11) Gabriel
- 12) In a manger





YR5 and YR6's My Twist on a Tale



In both classes we have been doing the 'My Twist on a Tale' competition which is where you write a story in a competition against other children in England. You then get judged on your piece of writing. It can be funny, motivational, or actually you can write about anything you want it to be about.

But this year it was about heroic people, here are a couple of examples:

Daniel wrote a story about a 81 year old grandma called Edna who is a fire fighter! Bizarre right?

Saffron's story was about a NHS Demon dog called Jeff and who was homeless but was then adopted by a girl named Sally.

Writing is a great way of being creative and expressing yourself. Here are some tips if you want to get writing at home:

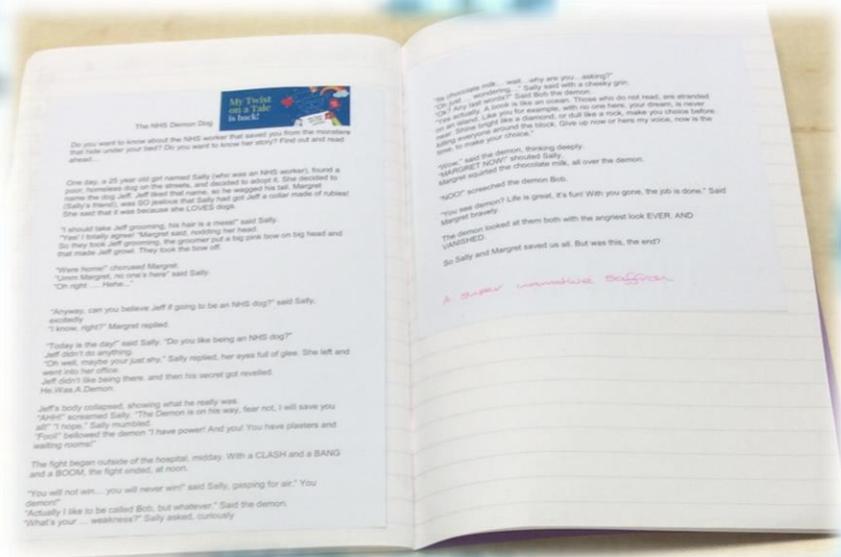
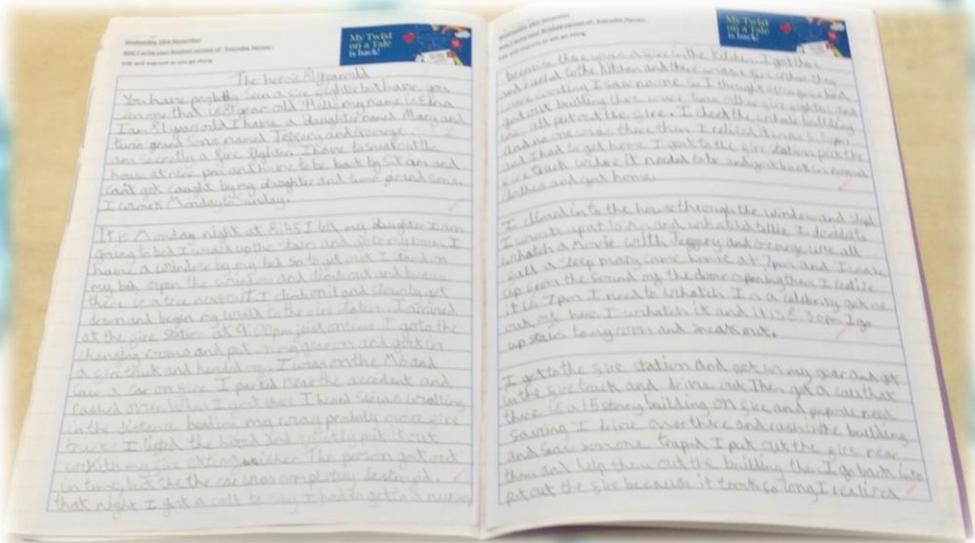
Find your spark with a 'Spark Line'



Finding a spark line is a great way of generating ideas for writing. While you're all reading, write out any lines you really like (they can be from a book, poem, or anything else you're reading about actually). When you think you've got enough, pick your favourite line and turn it into something new. I will often 'watch my thoughts' as I read for this reason because anything can be a spark to set you off on a writing adventure!

Do some 'dabbling'

Watch. Doodle. Write. This is a great writing technique for those who aren't big on reading. While you're watching the tele, you can be doodling anything that comes to mind.



Here's a picture of Daniel and Saffron's work

What do you both think about your finished work?

"I like that it is really funny and I like it because it makes people laugh." (Daniel)

If you could change anything about your work what would it be?

"Probably make it a bit longer and make it a bit more detailed in places." (Saffron)

"We both want to win..!"



Super Sweet Fundraising

Thank you to Niamh and Chloe for finishing the term with their fundraising event for Cancer Research.

Niamh and Chloe completed a fundraiser event where they filled a jar with sweets and wanted people to guess the amount of sweets. Whoever guessed the amount or got the closest would win all of the sweets. They did it by the school gates from December 2nd to December 9th. They did a great job and were totally Covid -19 safe too! Well done girls

we are all very proud of you. You raised a fantastic £50 for Cancer Research. This is outstanding work!



Wear Pink Day at PHP



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We wore pink for Cancer awareness on the 27th of November and we raised a huge total of £320.26. That is amazing!



Interviews:

Summer: I think that wear pink day was fun because I got to wear my own clothes and I wore joggers - they were so, so comfy. I was really happy to donate to a great charity too.

Scarlett: I like how we wore pink to show awareness and I liked the fact that we supported a good cause. We also got to wear comfy clothing too.

Jessica, Lola, Jaziah and Ekamjot also held a pink sale in school to help donate more money to charity!



Y5 Christmas Cards



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In Year 5 we have been making Christmas cards for our friends and family. We did this on the 10th December 2020 just in time for Christmas!

How did we make the wonderful cards?

First of all we folded a lime green piece of paper in half, then cut out a Christmas pudding then they stuck it right into the centre of the card. After that we then cut out custard the size we wanted and stuck it on top of the Christmas pudding.

What was inside? So obviously there was still the green but inside there was a Christmas themed piece of paper. Some cards had greetings like "have the best Christmas ever and a Happy New Year." These cards looked amazing we were all really happy with our efforts.



What did we do for Children in Need at Pool Hayes Primary?

Children in Need was on the 13th November. In our school we had a non-uniform day but instead of a £1 donation, this year we donated non-perishable food items for Children in Need. This was to provide food parcels for those who need them.



Competitions

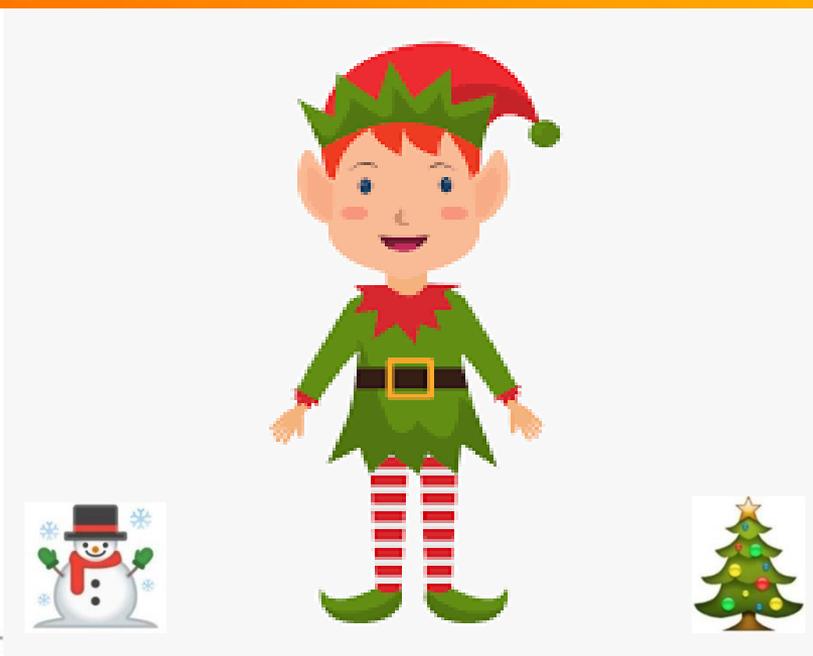
- In EYFS and KS1 we had a Pudsey colouring competition.
- In KS2 we had a Pudsey drawing competition.
- We also had a Pudsey poetry competition (any year group).



The winners were...



EYFS- Finn
KSI- Darcie and Ida
Lower KS2- Alfie and Daniel
Upper KS2- Chloe and Saffron



Interviews!

Chloe - YR6

"I drew a Pudsey and Blush picture for the KS2 drawing competition. I was happy about winning the competition. I was also very excited to wear my own clothes to school instead of uniform."

Mollie - YR6

"I drew a picture of Pudsey and I also made a Children in Need poem about how Pudsey helps children the UK. I sadly didn't win but I was happy to help spread awareness for Children in Need."



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