



## Superb Artwork YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a very productive term. The children have worked extremely hard in all of their lessons. The teachers have been particularly pleased with the work the children have produced in their topic lessons on Ancient Greece.

Here are a sample of some of the charcoal and chalk drawings the children drew of Bucephalus, the horse of Alexander the Great.



Well done Jonny, Caitlin and Carla.

### Fund Raising



We organised a MacMillan coffee morning for parents and sold cakes raising £237.80.

We had a 'Mufti Day' and raised £162.00 for Black Country Women's Aid.

The children and staff dressed in yellow and/or spots and we raised £391.23 for Children in Need.



We are still awaiting the amount raised for selling poppies for Remembrance Day.

We are paying £1.00 to wear our Christmas jumpers on Friday 10th December to raise money for 'Save the Children' fund.



Well done Hamza, Fatimah, Andrei, Patryk and Ibrahim.



# Budding Athletes

## WE ARE SO PROUD



*We took part in an athletics competition at St-James academy a couple of weeks ago. Our school finished 3rd out of 10 schools and very nearly won the whole competition.*

*We're so proud of the pupils that competed. The bravery, attitude and desire to do well in this competition is something that they can be really happy with.*

*It shows how far our school has come that we are able to take part in these events and demonstrate our qualities.*

*We hope for more of the same at the upcoming events!*

*Mr Joshua*

Attendance  
So Far  
91.97%  
Target 96%



**Wishing Everyone  
A Merry Christmas  
&  
A Happy New Year**



*Well done guys*

Reception children have had a wonderful time making...



### Junk Modelling

After reading our story 'On the way Home'. The children in Reception were asked to design a new playground for Claire to play in. They were asked to think of how they could make the playground safe, they came up with ideas such as having soft floors so that Claire would not hurt her knee next time.

Children then had to make models to represent the ideas they came up with in their groups. During this activity the children developed their fine motor skills and by working in groups the children built relationships with peers.

*The children enjoyed working together to create their wonderful artwork.*

# Fabulous Reading

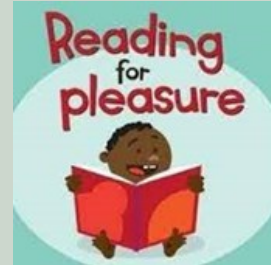
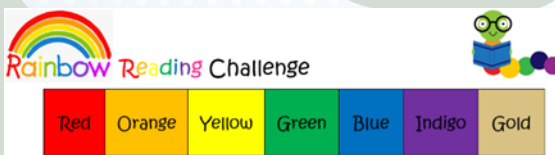
## AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT

### Poetry Challenge

Well done to all pupils who have learned their first and second poem this term. Many children have been learning them off by heart and sharing them with their teachers and SLT. A big well done to **Aryan in 4D**, **Muneeb in 6S** and **Hajra in 5M** for learning all six of their school poems and receiving their 'poetry challenge badge.' An amazing achievement!

### Rainbow Readers

Our Rainbow Readers Challenge is an excellent way to ensure that your children are reading regularly and being rewarded for this. All they need to do is read either at home or in school and get their diary signed off by an adult five times each week. Every 25 reads, they achieve the next coloured badge in the rainbow. Pupils who reach gold, get their very own gold bookworm badge a very special party at the end of the year.



### Reading for Pleasure

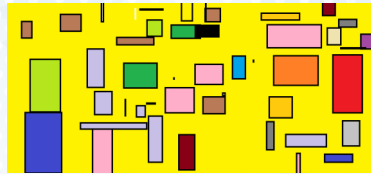
Don't forget that as well as their school reading book, which is pitched at your child's reading level, pupils are encouraged to spend time reading for pleasure. This can be a newspaper, comic, Kindle, picture book, fact file, encyclopaedia or anything that interests them. This book does not have to be at their reading level which means that they might need to discuss new words or vocabulary with you at home or need some adult support reading the book alongside them.



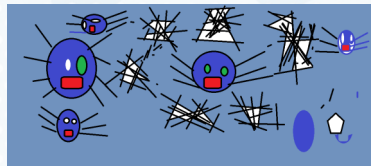
'Poetry Challenge Badges

### Christmas Carols

The children in Nursery have been working very hard learning some Christmas songs to share with you. These videos are available to watch on the school website.



Well done Nursery for working so hard to learn and perform these fantastic songs! I'm sure you will all agree they have done a wonderful job.



### Computing

The children in Years 1 and 2 have been learning how to use 'paint'; a program on the laptops. They have had a wonderful time using different shapes and tools to make their pictures. We saved them and used the pictures to make their calendars. We are sure you will like them. Shown here is artwork created by Kacie, Xheardo, R'Zhari and Zain. Well done



### Anti Bullying Week

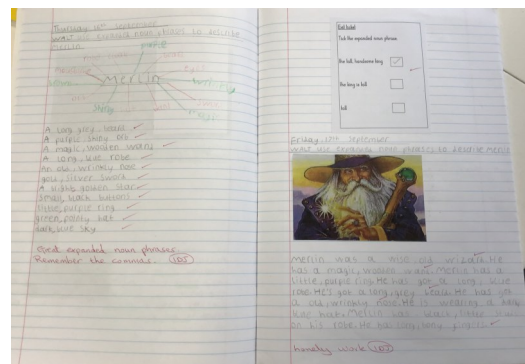
This year we celebrated anti-bullying week covid-friendly style.

We had an assembly with singing and dancing performances to understand the importance of using kind words. We wore odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all unique.

We also had a compliments day, in a different style to what we usually do. We wrote compliments to each other and put them on a poster to display in our classrooms.

### Best Books

As part of our work with Dudley Academy Trust, have been looking for the 'Best Book' for each class and an overall 'Best Book' for the whole school. Please see our winners below who all won a £10 Amazon voucher and our overall winner; Adam who won a £25 Amazon voucher. This term we focussed on presentation but next term we will be focusing on progress in books. Well done to all of the pupils.



Fabulous work.

10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Hope this letter greets you all safe and well at yet another challenging time with news of more COVID restrictions coming into force.

#### How does that affect school?

- Parents will be expected to wear face masks on the premises inside and outside unless exempt.
- Parents will unfortunately not be able to come into school for praise assemblies after Christmas whilst we find out more regarding the spread of the new variant.
- All times, entrances and exits will be the same for the start of term.
- If there are any school closures, we will let you know via ParentHub, Facebook and the website.
- If anybody has the omicron variant, all contacts regardless of vaccination status have to isolate immediately for 10 days.

It is clear that although we have had small numbers of Covid outbreaks in the school compared to others, we are still having asymptomatic people in the building spreading the virus. We must help each other by not sending any child in with any symptoms and do twice weekly lateral flow tests available at most chemists free of charge.

I really thought 18 months on I would not have to write about Covid anymore, but it appears to be never ending in all of our lives. Despite this, the attendance at Kates Hill has been good and parents have been supportive. We have continued to invite you into praise assemblies, workshops and I thank all of you for coming. Your children continue to be our greatest asset and do us proud working hard to narrow the gaps of not being in school whilst taking on more phonics, Kinetic letters and a brand new curriculum. I would also like to thank all the parents who have allowed their child to attend additional lessons or stay for clubs – it really does make a difference.

Kates Hill continues to thrive by having excellent teachers who want the best for your children, I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the community to say thanks to them.

As we approach the last week of term, some key dates:-

#### Christmas Plans / Performances

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Reception

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Year 1

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Year 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Praise 9.15am

KS2 Praise 9.45am

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Carol Concert at 1.45pm

End of school day for children will be 2.15pm

ALL OF THE ABOVE APART FROM PRAISE WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE PLAYGROUND

As a thank you from myself and all the staff, we will be serving mince pies and hot chocolate throughout the carol concert and as we leave from school on Friday.

Have a fabulous Christmas break, stay safe, happy and well.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Kind regards



**Kathryn Harvey**  
Headteacher

# Manufacturing

## AT WORK DAY

Year 6 children were lucky enough to visit the Black Country Museum to take part in a manufacturing at work day. They took part in a metal casting practical, learned about how a racing car works and had a tour of the museum where they found out about manufacturing in the Black Country over the last two hundred years. A great day was had by all.



*Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year!  
from year 6*



*Be careful Mr. Orchard it is very hot*

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Plans for the New Year

We are going to be building one of these kit cars next year.

