

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the term draws to a close, I wanted to share some of our achievements so far.

### **Showcase assemblies.**

Class 5VSS/HA, Class 4KT/RW and 6SB led their showcase assemblies this half-term. These assemblies are an opportunity for children to share their fabulous learning with Parents/Carers. Families appreciated the opportunity to discover more about their children's learning. The sheer amount and variety of learning that takes place is impressive! Well done everyone, it was a joy to see and hear our children speak with such confidence.

Parent/Carers receive a School Ping notifying them when it is their class's turn for showcasing their learning.

### **Opera Performance**

Last Wednesday, Year 3 went to Huddersfield Town Hall to showcase all the hard work they have been putting into practising songs from Mozart's *The Magic Flute* opera. They joined Scottish soprano Rachel Speirs and Indian-Scottish baritone Neil Balfour from the Royal Opera House to perform the songs alongside other school from the Kirklees district. They were accompanied by a full 60-piece symphony orchestra made up of Musica Kirklees pupils and staff. The event was an incredible success and as usual, the Bywell children were stunning and did us proud! Having the opportunity to perform with quality musicians in this setting is an experience that will stay with them for years to come.

### **Sporting Successes**

Once again, we have had some incredible sporting successes this half term. Our Year 5 and 6 Boys' Tag Rugby team won the North Kirklees Competition with the Girls' team also performing to a high standard. The Year 5 and 6 Boys' Football team also won their round of the North Kirklees Competition finishing top of their group and progressing through to the finals, due to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> December: good luck to you all!

A new sport for Bywell - Ten Pin Bowling - saw a team from Blossom Class compete against other schools at Super Bowl, Huddersfield. Despite, some of the children never having played, they tried hard and were overall winners, which is a fantastic achievement.

Year 3 have had multi-skills sessions and some children had the opportunity to try different sports, such as Boccia, led by Mr Holroyd, through our Sports Partnership links.

Through this partnership, we were fortunate to loan a set of mini-gym equipment, which has been popular. Each class has had the opportunity to use the equipment during their PE lessons, with Year 3 and 4 also being offered an early morning additional session. This was well attended and a great way to start the day!

Our final competition of the year is this week with a team of Year 5 and 6 children participating in the Sportshall Athletics Competition. Good luck!

Our Sports' Leaders, following their training, have started to lead activities at lunchtimes and will be involved in supporting the teachers running sports' clubs when they recommence in January.

## **Looking ahead!**

### **Christmas Parties**

These are scheduled to take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. If children wish to wear party clothes, these must be brought to school to change in too. All children are expected to arrive at school wearing their school uniform (or PE kit if it their PE day). School will send home a plate with each child. We are asking for these to be returned on the Friday with party food for your child-please include a label with your child's name on. School will provide drinks, party prizes and a Christmas gift.

### **Christmas Pantomime**

We are looking forward to a Christmas Pantomime this Wednesday afternoon. This is an event paid for by school for all children to enjoy. Due to its running time, children may finish school a little bit later than normal. We appreciate this may impact some families that need to collect siblings from other schools. Class teachers will look after all children until they are collected - even if this is later than usual. Children who have permission to walk home independently will do so after the performance has finished. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Kind Regards

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