



Nettlebed Community School

High Street, Nettlebed, Oxon, RG9 5DA

Tel: 01491 641328

Fax: 01491 641899

Email: office.2504@nettlebed.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Bethany Greenwood

Dear all,

19th December 2017

Christmas at Nettlebed has been an absolute pleasure and the variety of activities has been quite inspiring to a new comer! Inside this edition of the newsletter, you should find a taste of all things 'Christmassy' in which the children have been involved.

I have really enjoyed my first two terms at Nettlebed and it has been a pleasure getting to know everybody and the children here are simply fantastic. I am excited to see what Nettlebed traditions I am going to discover in the new year as well as start some new ones.

We have some exciting additions to Nettlebed life coming after the new year so please read inside to hear more. We continue to keep Reaching Up and Reaching Out.

From all of us at Nettlebed, I hope you have an amazing Christmas time with your families and wish you a restful and peaceful new year,
Warm Christmassy wishes
Mrs Bethany Greenwood



A winter scene in our school

The Christmas tree complete with class presents from FONS

Singing at the Sue Ryder Hospice



Reach up



Christmas wreaths drying in Adventure class before they had their candles added.

Endeavour class wanted to give everyone a wave.



Christmas Productions from
EYFS and Key Stage 1

Christmas Lunch for all—thank
you for all of the helpers and
Kelly and Carol in the kitchen.



Reach Out

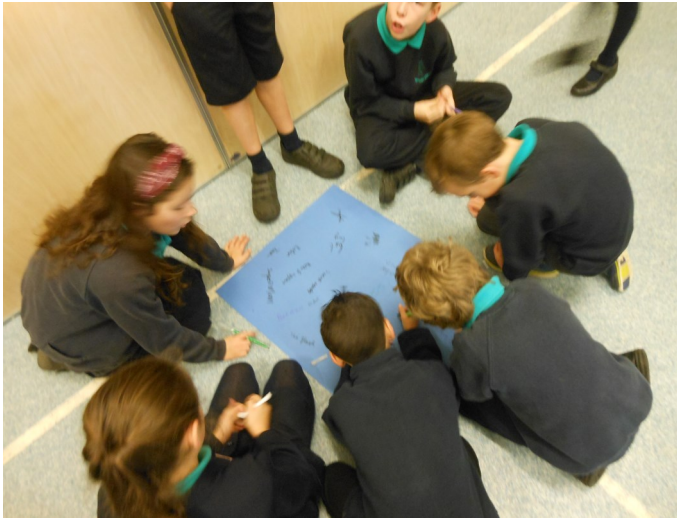


Christmas poetry morning was run by the year 6's in each house. They organised their house and taught them three poems complete with sound effects and musical instruments to perform to the rest of the school. It was fabulous to see all year groups working together and year 6's developing their leadership skills.



Adventure Class party below and there are some Challenger Class children somewhere in the other photo!





Key Stage 2 writing morning

During term 2, we took the opportunity to try an alternative approach to our writing in order for the children to work alongside different pupils and teachers.

All of Key Stage 2 were adventure story writers and developed their own ideas after watching a clip from an adventure film.

They had an opportunity to share their ideas first and act them. We then shared the finished products with each other.



It was midnight. All through the house
nothing is heard. Everything was silent. Until now.
Suddenly, a door squealed next a rustle of a
cup ~~was~~ scraped across the table. Still nothing
was heard by the ~~a~~ teenager. He was in
deep sleep. Now foot tappings up the stairs leaving
a trail for the moody teenager next he knocked
a vase. It smashed. The teenager woke up
tiptoed cautiously to the cricket but he
held it near his face. He open the
door trembling like jelly. The boy tiptoed
onto the corridor. Now blood dripping on
the floor. Is he dead or not?...

Evie Livesey
Discovery Class

Reach Out

Adventure Surprises ^{high scary}

It was midnight. I woke up with a jolt. I ^{glad} ~~glad~~ ^{out} ~~glad~~ ^{I'm} ~~glad~~ ^{where} out of bed ran outside. I found myself running through the forest in fear and terror. I ran for miles and miles. Eyes were watching me in the sooky moonlight seeing where I was going. They were following me everywhere. It was freaky. So I kept on running. I stopped. I didn't know why then I suddenly saw what it was. The path had run out all there was was a rope attached to a tree and the same on the other side. I grabbed my ruck sack, put it on the rope and slid across. I was worried I might drop and fall forever. ~~I'm~~

Madeleine Smith—Discovery Class (above)

Jack Szymanis-Alder (below)

Suddenly, a branch snapped. Zak realized that if it wasn't on the ground with him, could it be above him. Without warning, a beast leaped out from the trees. It had gleaming red eyes, talons the size of knives, huge scales, and worst of all it was crackling with electricity. The beast released a white beam. Zak leaped to one side, the beam whizzed passed him.

chapter one-orphanage

I knew I wasn't normal, as I took after my mother and father being... different. I was left by the door of the orphanage at birth. I hated my life. Every time a newcomer was welcomed, they would tell wonderful stories of their life before their terrible days at the orphanage. Although I had no stories to tell, I still tried to make up stories in my life. I hated life at the orphanage, though I tried to make it exciting. The food. Yuck! It was too gruesome for words. It wasn't food, it was green, sloppy, slimy stuff with chunks of brown, hard bits in it. The staff were horrible. They never smiled. Never laughed. Never cried. Never even changed clothes. The dorms though, they had creaky floorboards, rock hard mattresses. No pillows and no carpet, just a stoney grey floor. Now you can see why I wanted to escape. I hated it. One night, I felt sudden pain, an urge to visit the cemetery. I know why. Mother. Father. They wanted me. So that night I escaped...



Reach Out

COMING UP NEXT TERM.....

More cross Key Stage Writing Mornings - a chance to work with different children and teachers

Different approaches to writing in class and cross curricular links

Pupil and teacher conferencing - target setting

A new All Weather Pitch surface - should be finished by the end of January and has been jointly funded so far by the Community Joint Use Committee, FONS and School

Parents' forum - an invitation from Mrs Greenwood for parents to discuss school matters

Opportunities for the more able children to work together

More opportunities to share with parents

I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED THROUGHOUT THE TERM AS TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS

Hamper Raffle Winners

Thank you for all the donations and congratulations to the winners.

A special thank you to the family who won 2 hampers but kindly put one back for another family to win.

NettleTed

The winning house this term won by 57 points and had a grand total of 228 points.....

HESTIA!

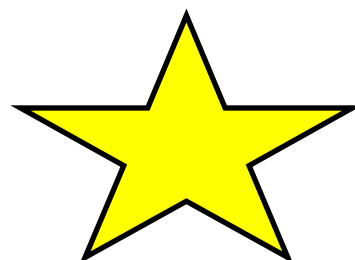
NettleTed shall be wearing a red ribbon for the next term.

The Nettlebed Christmas Star Competition

The winning house this year is.....

Poseidon and Hestia

I apologise but I simply could not choose the best star as so many of them had such effort and looked amazing.



Awards for Reach Up, Reach Out

27th November 2017 I can show kindness

Jaxson MacKinnon, Leo McKenna-Mayes, Chloe Cornfield, Jill Monterola, Aaron Buckett

4th December 2017 I can 'go the extra mile'

Chelsey-Eva Clogg, Bridget Ashby, Madeleine Smith, Millie Le-Beigge, Henry Robertson

Reach up Reach out

Freddie Woodfin, Kaiden Lynch, Freya Herbert, Mickael Guzman, Emma Powell, Monty King, Lewis Stafford



STARS OF THE TERM



Adventure Class - Jaxson MacKinnon, Logan Herbert, Zahra Sheehan, Arthur Stephens

Challenger Class - Ollie Muskett, Oscar Tarling, Sophia Cunliffe

Discovery Class - Olivia Tucker, Anna Quinton, Alexa De Guzman

Investigator Class - Sean De Guzman, Alfie Mason, Jack Szymanis-Alder, Evie Morley

Endeavour Class - Zaira Koo, Raffaele Hardwick, Bryony King



PLEASE REMEMBER....

4th and 5th of January are teacher Inset days.

We will see all of you on the 8th of January 2018.

Have a lovely holiday!