



Clarendon School
Primary Centre

Primary News



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It has been a busy term and there have been many achievements across all areas of school life. Pupils all settled well into their new classes, embracing the new challenges that come with this.

Pupils have enjoyed many activities around our half term topic and Christmas. At Clarendon Primary Centre, where the daily structure and routine is so important for our pupils' learning, we carefully introduce and start to celebrate Christmas at the beginning of December. It is important to prepare pupils for this time of year, understanding the Christian meaning of Christmas, whilst ensuring that the learning environment is not too overwhelming for learning.



Thank you to our wider community partners who worked with us to schedule in educational visits this term. Key Stage 2 pupils engaged throughout the 'Christmas Journey' at **St Michael's Church**. St Michael's team followed up by saying how



wonderful our pupils were and they are keen to continue to learn Makaton signs for future opportunities.



Comets and Galaxy pupils enjoyed the recent **Sensory Christmas Workshop at Holly Lodge**, which included making a sensory wreath, Christmas tree

decorations and Christmas ginger bread biscuits.



This week everyone was thrilled when Father Christmas and his elf helper came to visit. We hope you enjoy reading their present with them.





This year the staff at Clarendon Primary Centre are all completing Nurturing Environments Specialist Training (NEST). Having completed the first term of training staff have been considering how the school environment can be modified to best meet

the sensory and communication needs of pupils. Training has also focused on developing sensory strategies to support pupils to be regulated ready for learning.

As a school we have been really impressed with the training and the work of Vicky and Joanne at NEST and the changes that this is bringing to the school. If you would like to find out more about NEST please look at...

<https://nest-consultancy.newzenler.com>

Life Skills

At Clarendon, Life Skills form part of the core curriculum. In the build up to Christmas, each pupil has selected and wrapped a present for someone special at home. OT run a programme of functional self-care groups and it would be great if you could reinforce and encourage your children to dress themselves independently, doing up their buttons and zips. Please only send your child into school with lace up shoes if they can tie their own laces. If you need any support with this, please call the office to arrange for our OT Therapist to call you at a convenient time.



Christmas Carol Concert



All pupils shone out during our Christmas concert. We hope you enjoy sharing the highlights with your children, who should be very proud of what they have accomplished.



It has been another busy term for **Family Group**. We have welcomed new families and said goodbye to others who have graduated from the programme. We would like to wish you all the very best for the holiday period.

If you would like to find out more about Family Group please speak with your child's teacher.

We wish you and your family a **happy and healthy Christmas**. We look forward to seeing your children back at **Clarendon Primary on Monday 8th January 2024**.