



Hopelands Preparatory School

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Newsletter 15th December

Dates for your Diary

January 10th Back to School!

January 12th Beaudesert Football Match (Football Team)

January 17th Head's Tea Party

January 25th Young Voices

In this week:

- Key Stage 2 Christmas Show
- The Jolly Postman Day
- Father Christmas
- Flash Mob
- Year 1
- Book Club
- Christmas Lunch
- Yoga
- Rocket Competition
- Toy Sale

Clubs

Please note that lunchtime and after school clubs will start from the first week of term.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the generous Christmas gifts. The staff room suddenly seems very popular – especially when the Krispy Kreme doughnuts arrived! It is very lovely of you all and massively appreciated.

Lost Property

Please look out for the following lost property items, thank you.

Pink/purple glasses – Florence Hasinski

PE Polo Top & School Tie – Anthony Tiptaft

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Coat – Juniper Cook

Navy cardigan (from disco) – Megan How

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Key Stage 2 Christmas Show

Thank you to everyone who came to watch the Christmas show this week, the children were amazing!

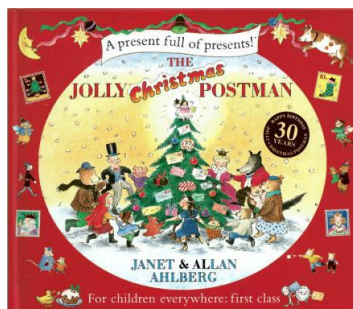


Key Stage 2 Christmas Show



The Jolly Postman Day

On Tuesday the whole school held a Jolly Postman Day. This was an enrichment day, full of learning activities inspired on Jane & Allan Ahlberg's Christmas classic story.



Year 2 – by Miss Cook

In Year 2, the children looked at different maps and created their own maps based on the route that the Jolly Christmas Postman took, followed by writing a letter to a member of Hopelands Staff. They then had a Christmassy maths lesson before creating their own Christmas cards to give out to loved ones. The children were really proud of their unique creations. Well done guys!

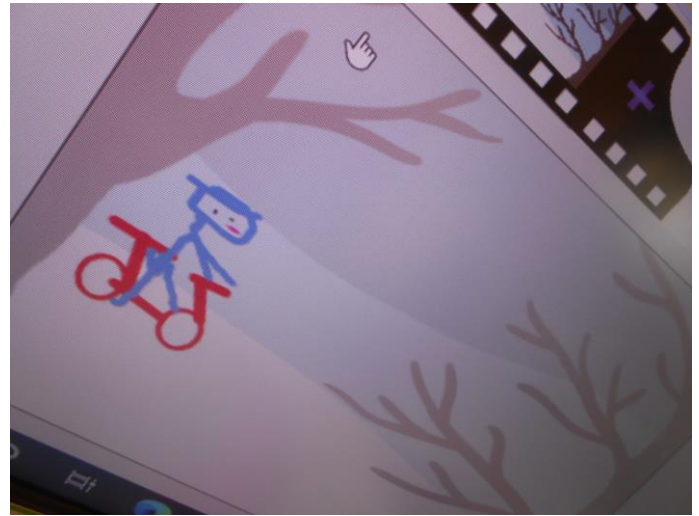


The Jolly Postman Day

Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

In Year 1 the children did lots of drama and used a story map to retell the story to their friends. We then wrote a postcard to our favourite fairy-tale character asking them to come and spend Christmas with us.

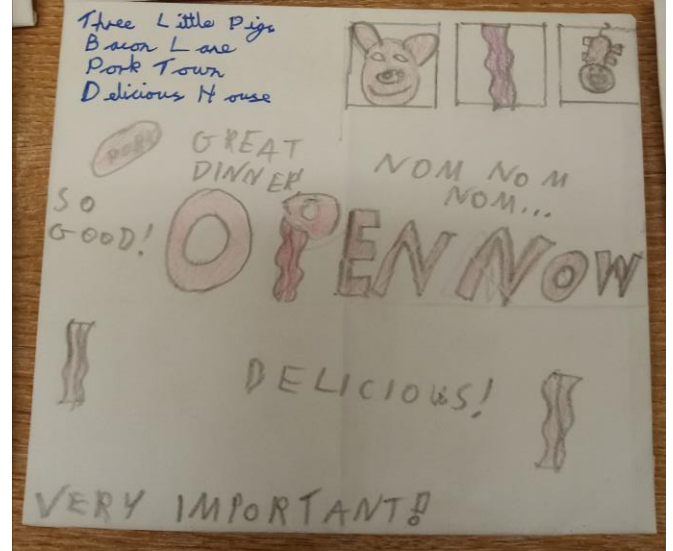
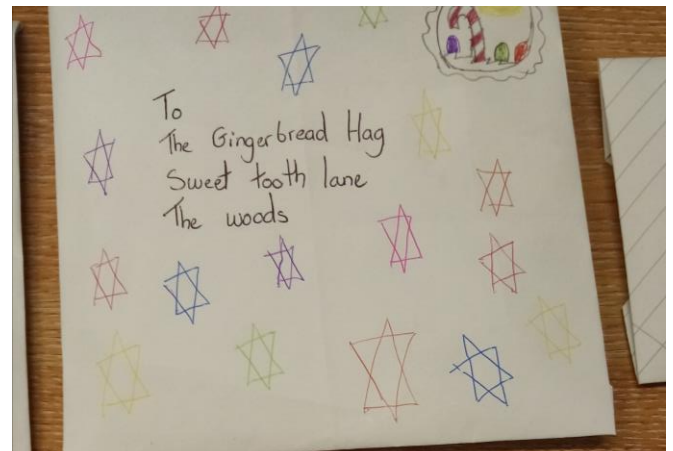
We also used an application to create an animation film of our favourite part of the story. We have also learnt how to add sound effects to our animation films!



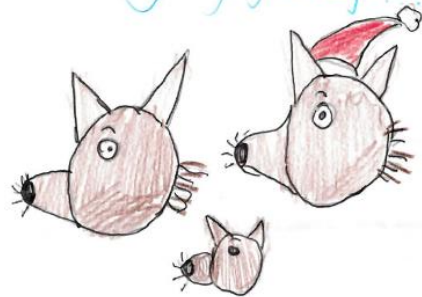
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Year 5 by Miss Porter

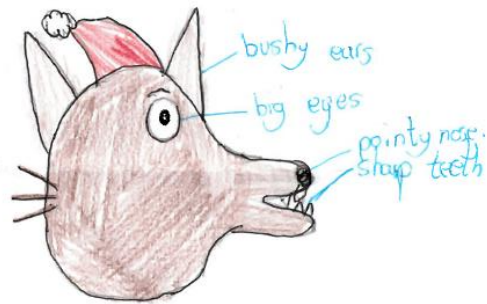
Year 5 wrote letters and drew pictures to the fairy tale characters in the book.



How to stay away from wolfs!!!!



- Look for big teeth
- long tails
- bushy ears
- Big eyes



The Jolly Postman Day

Year 6 by Miss Porter

Year 6 created a humorous Hopelands Jolly Postman poem of their own, which they read out to the year groups.



Father Christmas

A special visitor arrived earlier today. After parking his sleigh at the Community Centre, he handed out presents to very excited children. Thank you, Father Christmas!



Father Christmas



Flash Mob!

Last Friday there was great excitement during lunchtime as we were treated to a flash mob by Years 3 and 4. To everyone's surprise (including the staff!), music suddenly filled the playground, and the children performed a street dance routine. We thought it was all over but were treated to a second flash mob by Year 5 during afternoon break. Well done Mrs Holloway and the children for keeping it such a surprise.

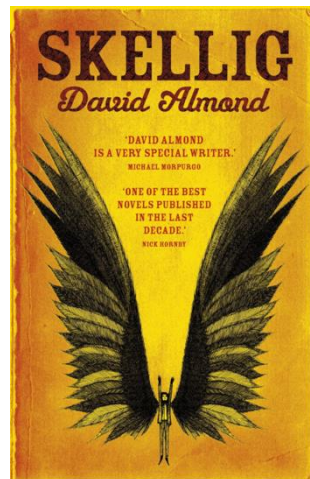


Year 1

Earlier this term Year 1 wrote thank you letters to Marcus Rashford for all the support he provided during Covid and for being an amazing role-model. This week they were super excited to receive his reply! A signed photograph and a note thanking them and telling them to keep up the good work.



Book CluB by Mrs Boix



Just ahead of the holidays, we would like to propose the next book for our BookCLuB...and we hope everyone enjoys. Our next meeting would be on Wednesday 12th January 2022.

Happy reading!

Ps. A reminder that on 12th January we will also be discussing our last book "When life gives you mangos" by Keren Getten, which we have thoroughly enjoyed reading and we do recommend to all pupils in years 5 and 6.

Christmas Lunch

Yesterday the school hall was filled with Christmas music, party crackers, roast turkey, and most importantly happy children! A huge thank you to our lunchtime supervisors, Miss Roberts, Mrs Coles and Mrs Hunt who made it such a brilliantly festive lunch.




Mrs J's Yoga challenge for all!

The children can learn a range of yoga poses in Mrs J's Yoga club, every Tuesday afterschool.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the office.

Elephant Pose



Benefits
Stretches legs and back, relieves stress and calms the mind.

- 1 Bend at the hips.
- 2 Let arms hang low then clasp fingers together.
- 3 Swing arms from side to side like a trunk. Swing whole body from side to side to walk like an elephant.

A Reminder of the Rocket Competition by Mrs Stevenson

After Christmas, we will be hoping to get the children involved in a national competition to design a logo for rockets launching from UK spaceports next year. The competition is called **LogoLiftOff** and the entry date is early March.

We would like to create a school version of the competition at the same time and have winners in each year group.

All the information that you need for your child to enter the national competition is on the website: <https://www.logoliftoff.org.uk/>

For the school competition please make sure that you email your child's entry to me (either a scan or a good photo) at jstevenson@hopelands.org.uk Thank you.



Toy Sale by Holly Smart

My idea

Toy Sale: where you can sell toys that you don't use anymore to others that do want them.

Why do this?

1. To make sure the toys you have don't end up in landfill which causes more environmental problems
2. To clear space in your house
3. To give your toys to somebody that would like them as much as you did, for less money as they are not being bought as new
4. To make money!

What kind of toys are suitable?

1. Nothing that is broken
2. Nothing that has missing pieces i.e., jigsaws that you can't complete, games that don't have all the bits to it, etc.
3. Things that you think other children would enjoy playing with, for example: Scooters, Roller-skates, Lego sets, Dolls & Doll Houses...

How does it work?

1. Find a toy that you don't use, and you think is suitable to sell
2. Take as many pictures as you think are needed to show everyone the toy
3. Email Mrs Boix with the following information:
 - a. Picture/s
 - b. Contact name (only) of person who is selling the item (guardian/parent of child, no other personal information)
 - c. Description of the item/s (including any marks/defects)
 - d. Price you want to sell it for
4. When Mrs Boix has received this information, she will forward this on to Holly Smart who will format all the emails into a Toy-Newsletter.

How will it be communicated?

The Toy-Newsletter will be sent out every 3 weeks as part of the school newsletter. A print-out will be up on the notice board in the school playground, and outside the staff room at the back of the Sophie Hall.

What happens if I want to buy a toy?

You need to contact the person who is selling the item direct. The school will not be involved in selling or buying the toys. When the item has been sold, please inform Mrs Boix so the item can be removed from the Toy-Newsletter.

Thank you!

From Holly Smart