



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The festive season is here! We have a real buzz of excitement following the performances by each school phase, carols at Bounds Green, the Christmas Fair as well as the Orchestra and Choir concerts.

It is a magical time for children, with so many different celebrations taking place. It is wonderful celebrating the magic of Christmas, with your children, as well as exploring a deeper understanding of kindness and goodwill.

December is a time to reflect. The children this term have been discussing our whole school values of 'helping others' and 'friendship' - being kind and considerate to others, doing those little things for each other and having exemplary manners all make the world a much nicer place to be.

Thank you to all who have donated groceries to our local foodbank and to our carol singers who helped raise a whopping £1507.07; this is the most we have ever raised at Bounds Green.

I would like to take this time to thank parents and carers for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful holiday and enjoy spending quality time with friends and family. I look forward to seeing you all back for the start of the spring term on Monday 7th January.

The Great Fire of London

Finishing our Great Fire of London topic with a bang! Year 2 explored what houses would have looked like during the 1660's, looking closely at their design and the materials that they were made of. We then made our own versions thinking carefully about the detail we needed to add to make them look like houses of the time.

After creating our designs we then took our models to the playground and recreated the Great Fire!

The children were able to see how fast the fire spread due to it being a slightly windy day and the houses being so close together. A great way to finish the topic and see the impact the fire had.



Santa's on Strike



RAPSA News

It has been an extremely busy start to the year, with four events squeezed into 7 weeks, but we hope that you have enjoyed the variety of all things on offer, and three of the events alone have raised a whopping £7,710 (the figures for the Christmas Fair are not yet available).

The figures break down as follows, with special thanks to the different teams responsible for each event -

Autumn Jumble Sale (the Jumblers): £2,720

Quiz Night (Year 4): £1,950

Off The Rail Sale (OTRS team): £3,040

Xmas Fair (whole school event): final figures not yet available

Thank you to all your contributions, whether you have sorted jumble, bought a Quiz Night ticket, donated clothing for the Off The Rail Sale or donned an Elf's hat, manning Santa's Grotto. In particular, a huge thank you for coming together to help make this Christmas Fair great - it really has been a team effort this year from all the school community. All your help is hugely appreciated while raising funds for the school. We are currently reimbursing the school for the two new pods you will have spotted near the Spinney, bringing the total number of pods we've been able to buy for the school to three.

Thank you also to our lovely Lucy at Pepperpots as well as The Christmas Tree Forest for their donations of a Christmas tree each. The Christmas Tree Forest opened their pop-up shop in Finsbury Park on 24th November. For every tree sold, they donate to plant a tree in the African drylands through TreeAid, treeaid.org.uk. 251,000 trees have been planted to date, changing lives for thousands of some of the poorest families in the world. <https://www.christmasforest.co.uk/pages/finsbury-park>

All that there remains for us to say is to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that we look forward to a successful 2019 with you.

Best wishes,

The RAPSA team



Helping Others

Florence and Lucas were absolutely thrilled to deliver 3SP's gifts to Tottenham Police Station. They had the chance to meet several police officers and even tried on their hats.

The Year 3 Sycamore class donated 27 new toys that will be given to local, Haringey children in need. They also presented a Christmas card signed by the whole class and a chocolate cake to the officers for all their hard work. Florence and Lucas enjoyed meeting the officers and seeing the station; the Sergeant said to thank Rhodes Avenue Primary School for their participation and generosity.



A 'note' about music

We have enjoyed a wonderful term on singing and instrument playing. Our choir have performed at a range of venues including their most recent at Ally Pally.



Thank you to all who supported our carol singing at Bounds Green, this year we raised a staggering £1507.07 for the Shelter Charity.



Life as a Woodpecker

In Woodpecker the children have a rich varied play environment, both inside and outside. We have a broad curriculum and try to incorporate the children's own interests in play activities. We have based our learning this term around a core text, this term being 'We're going on a bear hunt'. The children have loved exploring the different environments within the story, through practical activities from the nursery to the forest.

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful outdoor space. We have lots of activities in the forest, where we have our muddy kitchen. We've made nature ice hangers, bird feeders and many other learning activities. The children also have an opportunity to use bikes and cars on our play road. Also included in our outdoor area we have opportunities for sand, climbing, water play and role play in the house. There are opportunities for large construction, mark marking, small world and gardening.

We enjoy sharing lots of stories and songs with the children daily. Don't forget to activate your Tapestry account to have a look at some of the things your child has been busy doing since the beginning of the school year. You'll be amazed! Best wishes, the Woodpecker team

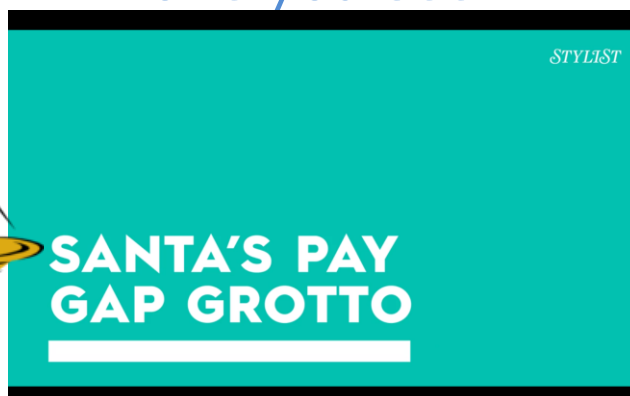




Mary Poppins



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Term Dates

The term dates for the next two years are available on the School website including INSET days

<https://rhodesavenue.school/news-events/term-dates/>

Please remember the school will close for the Autumn Term on Friday 21st December at 1.30pm and for the After School Clubs at 3.30pm.

As I finish putting together the final Newsletter of 2018, listening to the sounds of Christmas carols from the classrooms, I reflect on the importance of time. Time is something you are unable to get back and it is amazing how quickly it seems to fly. Enjoy every second of time this holiday with your family; play games, go on adventures and visit loved ones.

I would like to wish you a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

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