

22 December 2023

Dear families,

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the support this term, and thank you also for the cards and gifts that you have so generously given to staff at Little London, you really didn't need to do this, it was so kind. We wish you all a relaxing holiday and will miss you!

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

Our assembly this morning was amazing! We held our attendance raffle and gave two BMX bikes, and a very expensive Micro Scooter to three lucky winners who have attended school every day and on time for '100% December'. We also gave away an Amazon Fire HD8 tablet as an amazing extra prize to one lucky winner as part of our special 100% attendance week this week. Folofoluwa, Ayman and Sulaiman were our lucky winners of the bikes and scooter...Imani takes home the Amazon tablet and a cuddly toy!

100% week winners this week who claimed our other prizes of board games, jigsaws and art equipment, as well as 5 x £10 book vouchers are:

Mia H, Massih, Amaal, Solyana, Nehemia, Arime, Rawaa, Amna, Yazan, Aiden, Mylo and Nali. Well done everyone!

STAFFING UPDATE

We wrote to families of children in Year 3, 4 and 5 this week to update them about a staffing change and a new Year 3 and 4 Phase Leader. My Mayfield will begin teaching in Year 4 after the holidays and Miss Williams/Ms Rabbitt will move up to Year 5.

Mr Mayfield will take over the leadership of Year 3 and 4 Phase from Miss Birch and Mr Gibbons in January.

Last Friday was Mrs Akhtar's last day in school as she leaves for maternity leave. We wish her well for her birth, and look forward to meeting her new arrival in the new year!

CLUBS WILL RESUME IN JANUARY

ALL after school clubs will start again in January and your child's places will remain. We will send out letters early in the new year to invite you to sign up for new clubs starting after February Half Term.

BALLET, WE'RE FAMOUS!

This week My Mayfield and our ballet troop were famous! He was interviewed and was on Capital news for our amazing ballet connections. We hope that in January the film of the rehearsal will be on Look North; we are waiting to hear if they made it to the television!

END OF TERM PERFORMANCES

This week we held two performances with reception children, performing Whoops-a-Daisy Angel. We must mention Purity as our angel, she was amazing, and all of the children managed to remember their songs and actions, it was brilliant. Thank you to the families who came along to watch, the children (and staff) really appreciated you being there, and I know you were all very proud!

We also held a festive sing-a-long yesterday in place of our singing assembly. Well done to all classes who practised their songs in advance and did a great job of singing and dancing!

FOOD AND GIFTS

We held our festive food bank and present sharing today. We will always try to help families who need a little extra support, especially at this time of year. If you have any challenges financially, with housing, benefits or medical and from time to time would welcome some support, please call in to school and let us know. Whenever we can support you, we will! We must say a HUGE thank you to the Leeds Irish Centre who shared food vouchers with a GORSE Trust school and they sent us some over to help us to buy extra food for families, and to Leeds Children's Charities for their support with presents this year (see the photos below!)

END OF TERM INFORMATION

We finished today for the winter holidays. The children now have two weeks off and return as normal on Monday 8th January. Please make sure you return on time for the first day of the Spring Term!

Have a lovely holiday, enjoy the time with friends and family!

Sam Done
Interim Headteacher

Kelsey Thackray
Deputy Headteacher

Year group	Class name	Star Award	Achievement Award
Reception	Curious Caterpillars	Aws A	Ellia A
	Hardworking Hippos	Nikolas H	Maha A
1	Millie Bright	Ridvika V	Esrom G
	Julia Donaldson	Munir	Elias
	Malala Yousafzai	Aiden L	Rawaa A
2	Rosa Parks	Shaden A-E	Omar A
	Sir David Attenborough	Levi E	Aydin S
3	Kevin Sinfield	Mylo P	Herma T
	Martin Luther King	Khadija R	Zaid I
4	Michael Jordan	Nathaniel DS	Rose S
	Nelson Mandela	Sara R	Finyfoluwa O
5	Sir Mo Farah	Imran R	Maisie J
	Marcus Rashford	Milka G	Abdirahman A
6	Katherine Johnson	Olivia P	Osman h
	Tim Peake	Elijah I	Nmaa A

ATTENDANCE

Here are this week's attendance figures. The attendance prizes for next week with extra break time go to Martin Luther King class in Key Stage 2 and Curious Caterpillars class in EY and KS1!

Year group	Class name	Attendance
Reception	Curious Caterpillars	98.6%
	Hardworking Hippos	97.1%
1	Millie Bright	97.1%
	Julia Donaldson	93%
	Malala Yousafzai	95.7%
2	Rosa Parks	95%
	Sir David Attenborough	93.3%
3	Kevin Sinfield	96.7%
	Martin Luther King	98.3%
4	Michael Jordan	98.1%
	Nelson Mandela	96%
5	Sir Mo Farah	94.9%
	Marcus Rashford	93.8%
6	Katherine Johnson	94.3%
	Tim Peake	96.3%