



# The Windmills News

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The run up to Christmas has been absolutely fantastic—with the Christmas Fayre, productions and carol concerts—there is just so much to share. It's going to be a bumper newsletter!



Over the past few weeks, Year 4 have put an exceptional amount of effort

into their Christmas production, titled "Bah Humbug!" Bah Humbug tells the famous story of the miserable, old miser, Ebenezer Scrooge and his journey from nasty to nice.

From the earliest auditions, to the final, stunning performance, we have been incredibly proud of the hard work, courage and commitment that the children have shown. It has been lovely to see all the children getting involved, whether taking on a speaking role with lots of Dickensian lines to learn or a skilful technician, coping with the demands of lights, music and sound effects.



We would like to take the opportunity to thank the TAs for supporting the children throughout rehearsals and performances. We would also like to thank the PPA teachers for helping the children practise the singing. A big thank you to Kim (J K Theatre Arts) for her help with our amazing dancers. Finally, we would like to thank you, the parents, for your support in helping the children to learn their lines, song lyrics and providing some fabulous costumes.





# Cross Country— TRIUMPH



On Saturday the 7th of December, 20 children from year 5 and 6 woke up incredibly early and braved the freezing cold weather to attend the local cross country event at Warden Park Academy. The children represented the school and raced against 15 other schools in the hope of improving on their own personal bests and improving the school's standing from the previous year. We had three go through to the next round last year and the children had been working hard to see if they could improve on this. There were a number of children for who this was their second year at the event and so they knew what to expect.



The commitment and dedication the children showed was truly inspiring not only on the day but through the whole training period. The children went out to train day after day after day in the bleak wet cold and miserable November. They were never despondent as they truly had the running bug and they put all their optimism into the race.



The pitch was covered in thick mud that their feet sank into, it was bitterly cold and the competition was tough. Not only did they face all this with no complaints, they ran the best race they could possibly race.



Despite the hideous conditions, the boys and girls teams performed incredibly. The boys team came 2nd out of 16 schools and the girls team came 1st out of 16 schools. Several of the children managed to run so well that they finished in the top 25 and have gone through to the next round too— fantastic result!





# Year 6 Christmas Fayre Games

## THE RAT

In year 6, we were asked to create an amazing Christmas game for the rest of the school to play at the Christmas Fayre. Our game was called Splat the Rat. Our price was 20p for one go and for 3 goes it was 50p. In our game, the main thing you had to do was hit the rat as soon as it came out of a long cardboard tube. Everyone enjoyed it!

*Paddy Sleet and Isaac Cotterell Snow*

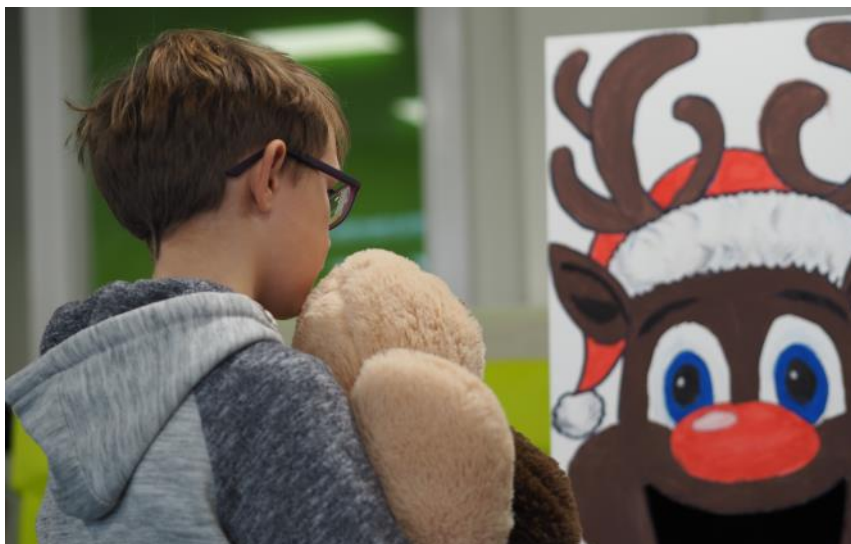
## CHRISTMAS BOWLING

For our Christmas game, we did Christmas bowling. The game was really successful but at the start we didn't have many customers. However, when we started advertising it, people started rolling in. At one point we even had a queue! It was very hard to get a strike but we made it that way on purpose. At the end of the fayre we made lots of money from our game.

*Cerys Wallek and Amelie Sarmiento-Carr*

## SWEET PONG

Sweet pong has 18 cups to bounce a ping pong ball into. We charged 50p for 30 seconds but if you wanted a lucky dip, it was 25p. You always got a sweet for playing. Also, there were vegetarian sweets so anybody could have one. We made roughly £30 or £40 for the school.







Congratulations to year 6 who managed to raise a staggering £662 pounds for the school.



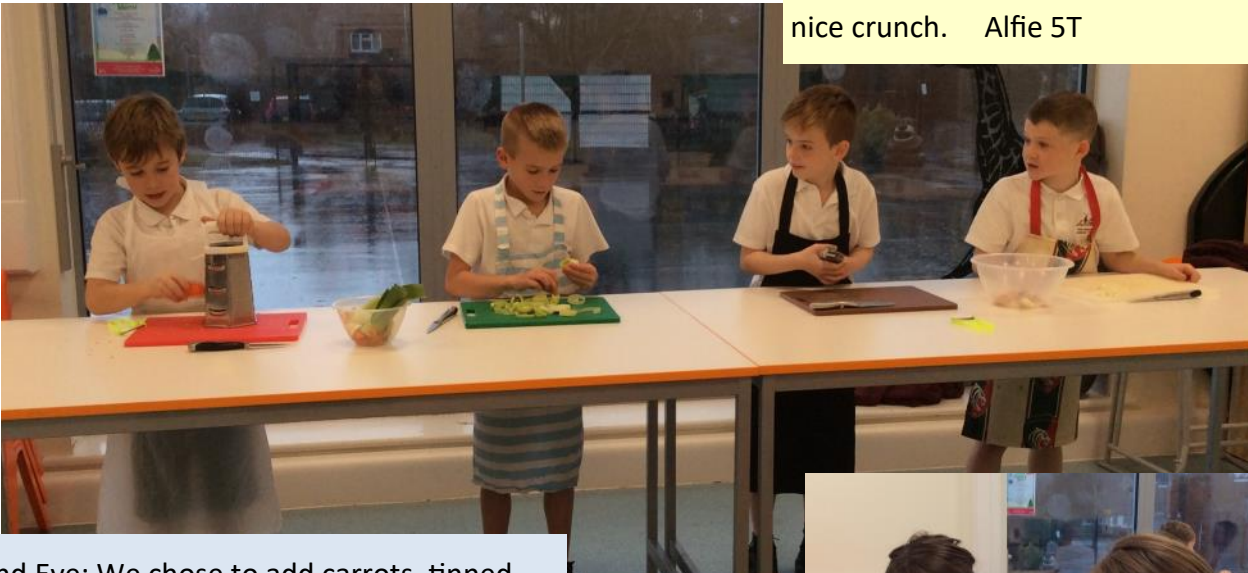


In DT this term , Year 5 have been researching seasonal produce to make a tasty savoury sauce. We investigated where the ingredients in some pre-prepared sauces had come from and were surprised to find out how far our food had travelled and what processes it had been through to get to our supermarket shelves. Some of our fruits and vegetables had travelled half way across the globe where as others could be grown all year round right here in the UK.

The children then began by sampling some tomato based pasta sauces to decide which added ingredient they preferred. Working collaboratively the children then embarked on creating their own sauce which included one or more seasonal locally sourced vegetable or herb. They did an amazing job of working hygienically and safely in the kitchen with Mrs Willson, Ms Marshall and Ms Sheldon who encouraged them to improve their processing skills such as peeling, chopping , cutting, grating and cooking. The tantalising smells from the Learning Café permeated the rest of the school making many of the other children's tummies rumble.

Well done Year 5 chefs—how did it taste?

Our sauce looks nicer than the shop bought one. It smells delicious and has a nice crunch. Alfie 5T



Piper and Eve: We chose to add carrots, tinned sweetcorn and fresh thyme because they are either seasonal or ready processed to save air miles. To process the carrots we peeled and grated them. Next time I would choose a bigger carrot because they are easier to grate.

Squeezing and peeling the garlic was my favourite part. Emily 5T



Which sauce do you prefer? Homemade! It's delectable and amazing. Shop bought sauce is nothing compared to this. I wouldn't change a single thing. Scarlett 5F

Overall, I preferred the fact that my homemade sauce was designed by me so I knew exactly what was in it. Charlotte.



I enjoyed squishing the garlic. It was fun because it was satisfying to see it get crushed. Tyler 5F

I like the homemade sauce best because you know what it is and how it is made. Betty 5F



I added tomatoes, carrots, onion, basil and leeks. I chose the leeks for an exotic taste.

I enjoyed chopping the onion and tearing the basil to add to my sauce. George 5T



I prefer my sauce to the shop bought because you can taste the whole flavour sensation. Jessica 5F





**Year 3** have delved into their science topic this term with great enthusiasm and curiosity. We have been exploring rocks, soils and fossils and they have continued to impress the year 3 teachers with their insightful questions and ability to investigate and come to clear conclusions.

We have explored how different types of rock are made using bread and chocolate, learning new vocabulary such as igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary! This then fed perfectly into our PE this term where the children created a dance to show how the different rocks are made to the well known song 'We Will Rock You' by Queen. Following this, we explored fossils, how they are made and what they are which led to a great activity where the children made their own fossils in the classroom. The children have learned some interesting new information and have asked some brilliant questions to help develop and deepen their understanding.



If you get hard things rubbing against rock and they don't break, they are very hard (Glen)



There are 3 different types of rocks—igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary (Flo)



I wanted to know if any rocks break (Alfred)

I've enjoyed doing the streak test the best (Miya)



Rocks don't have to be the same. They are all unique (Lily)



The streak test is rubbing a rock to see if it makes a mark. For example, chalk leaves a white mark (Penelope and Nathan)



The children in Year 3 got to experience a fantastic, African drumming workshop funded by the FOWS. It was a wonderful day filled with fun, laughter and music. Their instructor Kwame travelled all the way from Guyana, Africa to run this remarkable workshop. He shared his music, dance and experiences of living in Africa and in Guyana with the children. All of the children were absolutely captivated by his stories, music and culture and it really helped the children become greater global citizens. The day continued with as much enthusiasm and curiosity



as the children took part in workshops learning how to play the djembe drum, sing African inspired songs and perform Africa styled dancing. The children asked great questions, showed amazing perseverance when learning to play the new instrument and perform the new dance. It was wonderful to watch the children play music to the entire year group and the children showed fantastic courage when they danced too! It truly was a fun filled and action packed day that all of the children will not forget! We would also like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Windmills for funding this workshop.



On Friday the 29th of November the girls' football team set off for a historic event to play in the 2nd round of the football competition. This was the first time that a girls' team from The Windmills had ever progressed this far. These girls are setting the standard for future years.

It was a bright sunny morning and our spirits were high. The girls played well, holding their own against the other teams and the matches could have gone either way. The defence was strong and we made lots of opportunities—we played really well. The results of draws or losing 1:0 didn't do credit to how the girls played. We came 4th overall which the girls should be really proud of and I know that they learnt a great deal from the experience.

The thing that I was most proud of was the determination of the girls to do well—stepping up and attending lots of additional practices and really working hard. It just goes to show what can be achieved if you put in the hours. It has been a real pleasure working with them and a huge thank you to their coaches, Christian and Dave, who have given them such a great opportunity to play regularly and be serious contenders.

## BOYS FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Since the last Newsletter, the A and B team footballers have been in action at their respective tournaments. These are always exciting occasions as the teams have been training over the course of the term for several weeks in preparation although, this year, the weather has certainly not helped!

Both tournaments took place at The Burgess Hill Academy on the 3G pitches. The A team tournament was first up and we arrived with high hopes. The first match proved a very tough challenge and, although our boys probably played the better football, they slipped to a narrow defeat. In the next two games, the boys played with plenty of passion and determination but they were sadly unable to secure the two victories needed to progress to the next round. They put in their best performance of the afternoon in the 5th and 6th place decider, scoring some excellent team goals. The team never gave up, chased every ball and worked tirelessly to try and get the right results.

There's no doubt that the team deserved a better outcome based on the quality of the football that they played and they all should be congratulated for showing a superb attitude throughout the afternoon. A big well done to: Archie Sherwood Keevins, Charlie Barber, Henry Anderson, Eddie Brown, Liam Standen, Jack Harste, Oakley Andrews, Mitch Wakelin and Isaac Hilton.

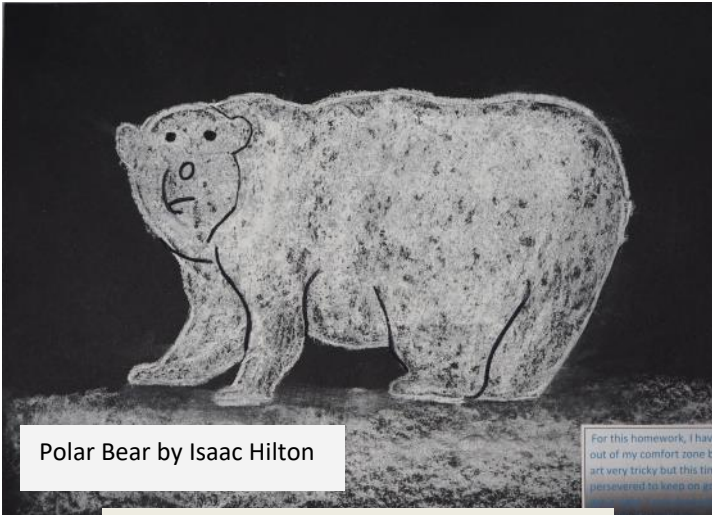
The B Team Tournament followed just a couple of days later.... as did the rain! The team battled the incredibly difficult conditions for the first two games and secured two well-earned goalless draws. They then went on to win their next three games with one further draw, and one narrow defeat. During this run of games, all of the team showed a great determination to compete and win as well as excellent sportsmanship. By the end of the afternoon, they had bonded as a group and were beginning to play some excellent football.

Overall, the team secured 4th place and they were only two goals away from finishing second as this was decided by goal difference. We are all very proud of them and they were an absolute pleasure to take, showing a fantastic team spirit and really enjoying their chance to play some competitive school football. A big well done to: Herbie Cohen Hamilton, William De Laine, Alex Torney, Beau Handley, Leon Daw, Ewan Roy-Macleod, John Lean, Albert Eldridge, George Rouse Mighall and James Doyle.

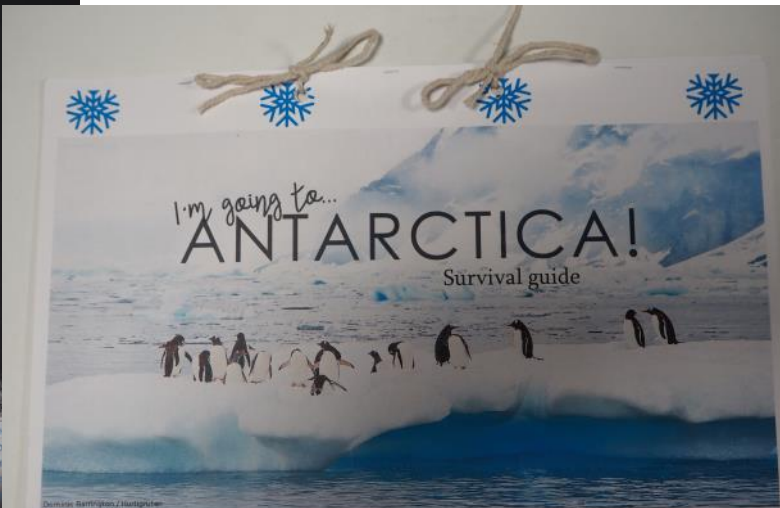
Many thanks to all of the parents that helped out with transport over the two days; as always, it is greatly appreciated.



Fabulous homework from around the school—what creativity!

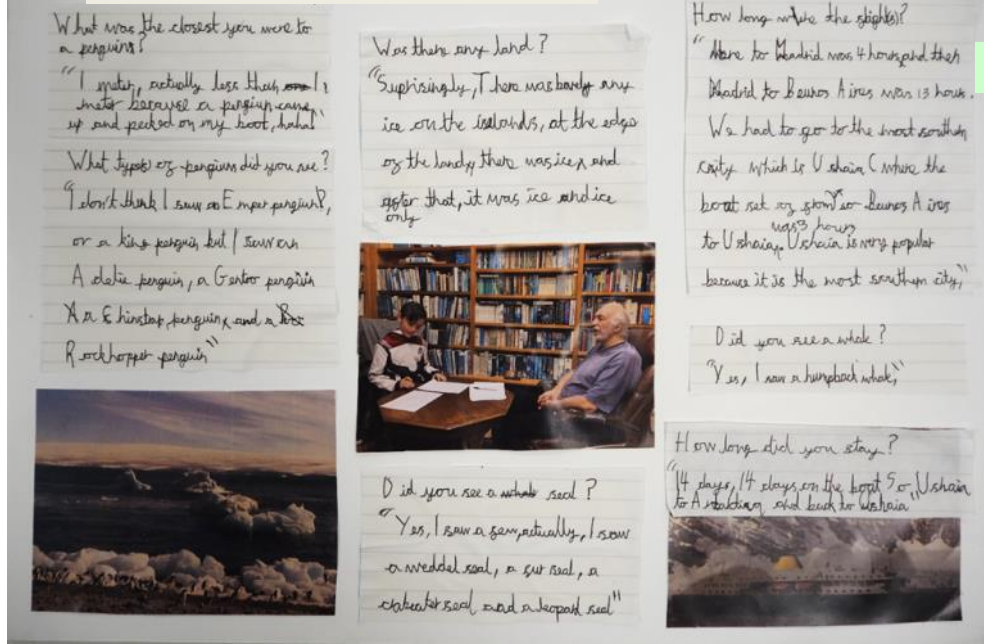


Polar Bear by Isaac Hilton



Erin Poat

Interview with grandfather by Albert Eldridge



Early film documentary: Charlotte Simmons

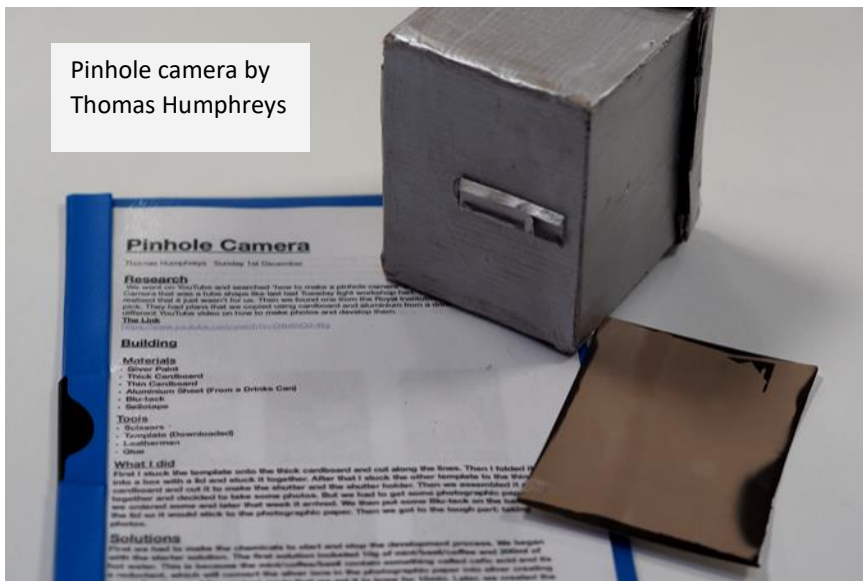


FILM STRIP



FOREIGN CINEMATIC TICKET

Pinhole camera by Thomas Humphreys



ONE OF THE FIRST CAMERAS



FIRST EVER MOVIE

For this term's homework, year 6 have continued their study of the entertainment and inventions of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, while also embarking on a mission to Antarctica with Ernest Shackleton. Children have chosen their own areas of interest to explore and produced results of a terrific standard, including intricate cameras and zoetropes, dramatic Antarctic scenes (some edible), entertaining mini-movies and thoughtful environmental research.

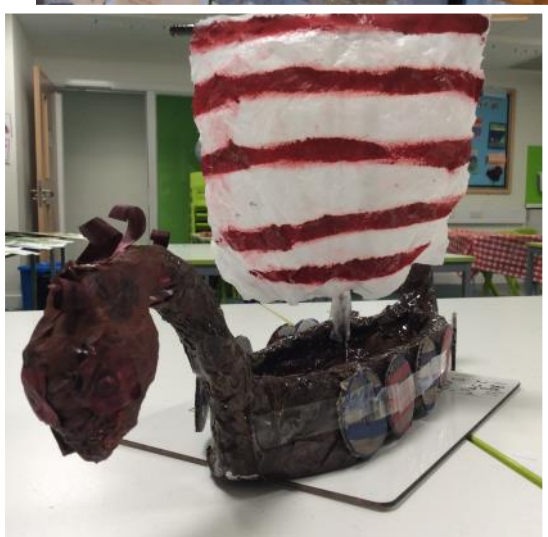


# Y5's Historically inspired homework



Charlotte Failes:  
An edible Viking  
ship!

Frank Jones' fantastic timeline



George Gray

Georgie Di Clemente— sea scape mixed media



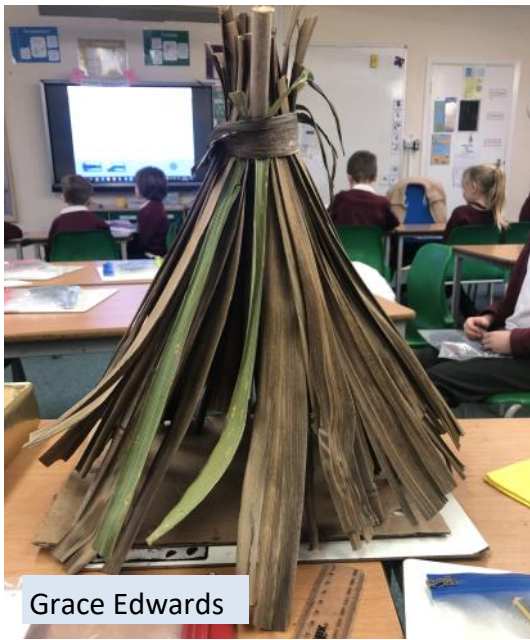




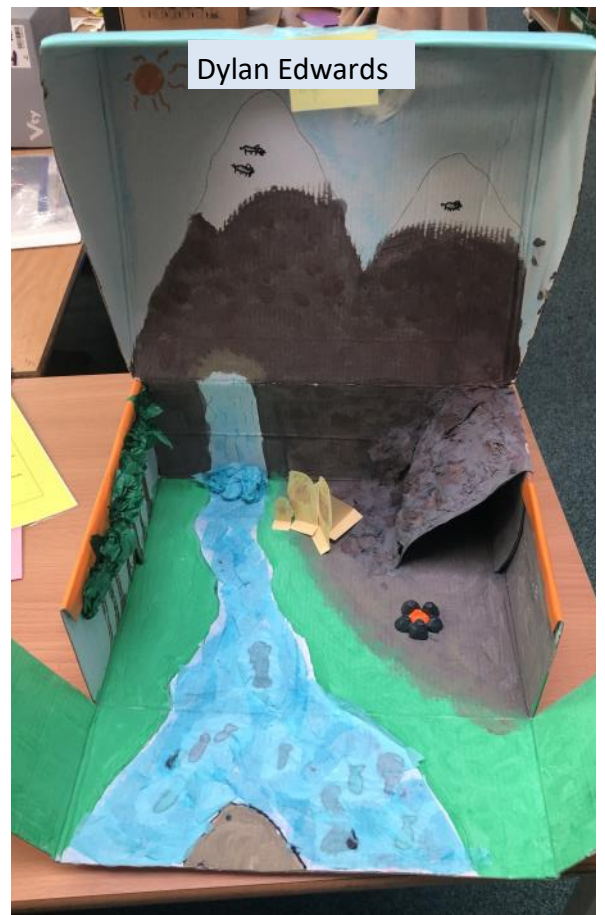
YR 4 Ancient Egyptian inspired games and tombs, jewellery and biscuits



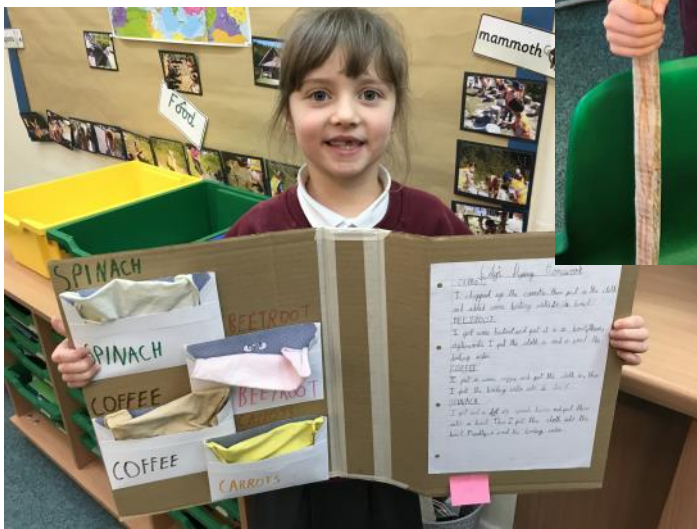




Grace Edwards



Dylan Edwards



Lauren Leff



Ilia Loftus—Printzipa





### Community events—

The school councillors worked with children from Downlands to design a 'Windmills' Christmas tree to be displayed at their Christmas fair. Our children were asked for suggestions and the Downlands children took these on board and designed a tree around this. The star on the top was shining brightly and was a tribute to Pearl—showing that she is still very much in our thoughts and hearts.



Well done to all the children who took part in Light up Hassocks—both the parade and singing—and the year 3&4 children who sung at the Garden Centre. It was wonderful to see you all at these events.



What a fantastic day we had on Pudsey day. The children absolutely loved coming into school wearing their p-jays and we raised a huge amount of money for those who need our help and support. Thank you to all who contributed.



**GOVERNANCE** — Following the recent ballot for Parent Governor I am pleased to announce that Lizzie Izzard was elected and will be joining the Governing Board in the new year.

Governors do an incredibly important role and dedicate many hours to support the school and fulfil their statutory functions of ensuring that the school is compliant and follows its strategic plan. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our governors for their commitment and support to the school. We are currently working on updating the vision of the school to ensure that it meets the needs of our children and prepares them to be global citizens for life.

