



Paganel Newsletter

Issue 6

Friday 11th December 2020

I can't believe how fast this half term has gone, this will be the final newsletter of the half term!

I want to say an enormous well done to our children who have worked so hard throughout the Autumn term, they should be so proud of the progress they have made in this time during very challenging circumstances.

I wish to extend a huge thank you to all of the families who have supported us with purchasing Christmas presents and food for our food bank, this will make an enormous difference at Paganel and I can not thank you enough for your generosity.

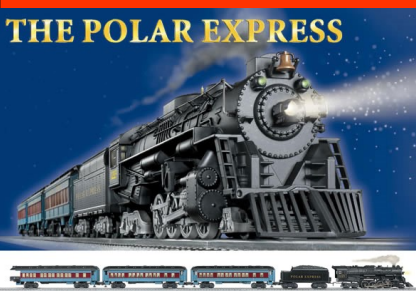
All the staff at Paganel would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - I hope you have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming the children back in January.



Mrs Shuter

Christmas Theme Week - The Polar Express!

This year, our whole school focus will be on the Polar Express Book by Chris Van Allsberg. Every class will be sharing the story and exploring elements of the text through our reading lessons, using the Polar Express as a stimulus for our writing and it will even influence our Geography and Science lessons as each class explores the polar regions and looks at frozen science! We are finishing on Friday the 18th, with a film afternoon watching the Polar Express! Don't forget the children can come to school that day in their pyjamas - just make sure they are warm enough for a day at school (including break and lunchtime!). There will be lots of pictures on our school twitter page (@paganelschool) of all of the children's work - we hope you love seeing what Paganel have been up to!



Snowman for Asda

5B spent a week creating this amazing snowman for our local Asda. After paper-macheing several paper lanterns we covered each layer in snowflakes or cotton wool. As he was 'still standing' at the end of the week we decided to name him Elton and gave him glittery buttons, a hat and a jazzy tinsel scarf. We were a little sad to see him go but loved that everyone will be able to see his smiling face as they walk in the door of Asda.



UNICEF Rights Respecting School

2021 will see the anticipated launch of our journey towards achieving the Bronze award as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. This exciting prospect compliments our school ethos and key values given that the award is based on principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination, and participation. By becoming a Rights Respecting School children will be able to: learn, practice, teach, respect, protect and promote children's rights.

PE Kit

Following recommendations, we have adapted our PE kit in order for children to participate in PE more easily during this current time. The recommended PE kit



consists of:
 *White plain T shirt (no logos)
 *Plain black or navy blue track-suit bottoms.
 *Trainers.
 Please see adjacent photograph.

Attendance Figures

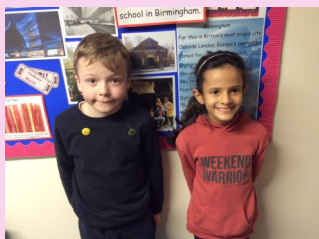
REG	This fortnight	Year to date	REG	This fortnight	Year to date
Nur	90.7%	85.6%	3B	98.9%	97.4%
Rec	94.5%	94.4%	4A	97.6%	94.5%
1A	91.2%	92.1%	4B	96.3%	93.4%
1B	94.1%	92.8%	5A	94.3%	92.6%
2A	98.4%	95.2%	5B	97.1%	93.8%
2B	95.0%	96.3%	6A	95.4%	95.3%
3A	97.8%	96.7%	6B	98.5%	96.7%

Badges for Reading

Did you know you can get badges for reading? All you have to do is read twice a week and get your grown up to sign in your reading diary. Then, bring it back on a Tuesday so your teacher can stamp it on a Thursday. 8 stamps gets your first badge!

Congratulations to those children who have already got their badges we are really proud of you and all the amazing reading you have been doing:

Yas	Maryam
Aseel	Ibrahim
Zachary	Heba
Grace	Saori
Ayat	Dunya
Shamir	Darian



Just 5-10 minutes of reading will make a huge difference to your child's learning so pick up and share a book this weekend! Mrs Bashall and Miss Goldhawk can't wait to hand out more badges in January.

Christmas Appeal

Following our request for donations of new or unopened toys and games this Christmas, we have been thrilled by your response. Thank you to everyone that has kindly donated to our appeal.

We would like to say a special big 'thank you' to Miss Yarna Wenlock and Miss Sarah Brueton for promoting the appeal and organising the collection of donations... as you will see from the photograph, the result was absolutely overwhelming!

2020 has undoubtedly been a difficult year for us all, however, many less fortunate children will have a brighter Christmas this year as a result of your generosity.



Peacemakers – Outdoor Learning

4B were incredibly lucky to have the chance to try out a new style of learning: outdoor learning! Peacemakers were with us the past two Mondays to showcase their next big project. The children spent the days between the field, the forest area and classroom to experience this new style of teaching which is widely used in Scandinavian schools. Just some of our exciting learning: we searched for worms and considered their feelings, enhancing our empathy and understanding; made worry potions in the forest to build strategies for when we're worried and explored a huge map and people who make a difference around our world to inspire us. We look forward to seeing more of this at Paganell!

Christmas and Key Dates

Christmas Dinner	Wednesday, 16th December 2020
Christmas Parties	Thursday, 17th December 2020
Polar Express Pyjamas Day	Friday, 18th December 2020
Break up for Christmas	Friday, 18th December 2020
Training Day	Monday, 4th January 2021
Children return to school	Tuesday, 5th January 2021