



WESTWOOD NEWSLETTER

December
2022

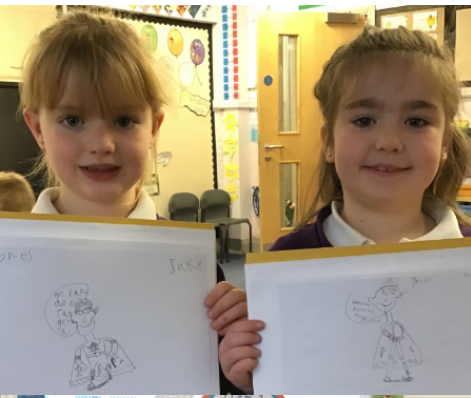
Year 2 took part in a live session with Nick Sharratt to work on illustrating a superhero character for a story book. The children enjoyed the session and were very proud of the finished drawings.



Nursery have had a festive few weeks. The children have enjoyed a range of Christmas themed activities.

They have been....

- *Santa's little elves, wrapping presents in Santa's workshop.
- *Making Christmas videos for our families using the Chatterpix app.
- *Following a recipe to make salt dough decorations for our school Christmas tree and decorating it with paint and sparkles.
- *Making Christmas cards, putting them in envelopes with stamps and posting them in the big, red post box.



Cooking club-
The children have made cakes, pizza and cheese scones with Mrs Ducker and Mrs Thomas.



Violet Class created their own passports in order to board the plane which took them to different rainforests around the World! After discovering lots about the climate, animals and habitats they conducted an experiment to find a waterproof material to use for a shelter. They then used recycled materials to build a model of their shelter that they designed.



Elder class have been so busy learning all about Christmas traditions in Germany as part of the Christmas concert.



Thank you to all of you who have attended the Christmas Fayre, Christmas Bingo and Children's Xmas performances. The support for all events has been brilliant. All staff have worked very hard and the children have been amazing. Well done all.



FREE Being a Parent Group

Do you have a child between the ages of 2-7 years and live in Flintshire?

Would you like ideas on how to support your children?

Would you like help understanding your child's behaviour?

We may have the group for you....

Join our free groups run by fully trained local parents

An opportunity to meet other parents going through similar experiences

Practical support for the day to day challenges of being a parent

Share ideas with other parents



Some of the topics we cover over 8 sessions

- Play
- Feelings
- Being a parent
- Understanding children's behaviour

WESTWOOD FAMILY CENTRE
STARTING ON 22TH JANUARY
9:15 TILL 11:15
8 WEEKS
CRECHE AVAILABLE

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Stay safe and we will see you all in January!



Thank you to Hawarden Farm Shop for donating our real Christmas tree this year and to the PTFA for organising pick up!



SCAN THE QR CODE

We would like your feedback and views. Please scan the QR code on the left to complete a short questionnaire.

Don't forget to add to our Happy News Padlet!



Year 5/6 attended Buckley Cross church to help with packing of shoe boxes and some children attended the Sunday morning service to load them in the van in coordination with Buckley Cross and Teams 4u.



In other news...
We had a successful fire drill this term! The children were extremely sensible.
Year 5 Mini Police continue to be active in the community, making parents aware of the restrictions around parking in Tabernacle Street.
Cook helped children in Year 5/6 to cook pastries and stew apples from the orchard.

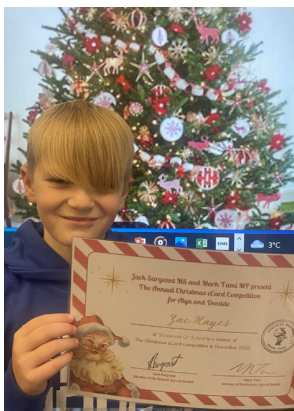


A team from Year 5 & 6 represented Westwood at the Aura World Cup Football Festival at Deeside Leisure Centre. Before the tournament took place, the children had to create a banner linked to Wales and the World Cup. The banner has been entered into a competition and can be seen on display in Deeside Leisure Centre until the World Cup finishes. A fantastic effort from the children in very challenging weather conditions- they made everyone really proud! Also, a special thank you to Mr. Tompkin for helping us throughout the day.



Shout outs in the Juniors!

Congratulations to Zac who was the winner of the Jack Sargeant and Mark Tammi Xmas card comp.



Congratulations to Mia who won a bronze medal in Glasgow for UKTC (United Kingdom Taekwondo Council) 2022 World Championships for Sparring in age category 10-13.



The whole school enjoyed going over to the Methodist Church for our Carol Service this year.



Birch visited the Hawkesbury cenotaph to remember the fallen and to think about those who continue to make sacrifices for others. Charlie and Ffion placed the school wreath on the cenotaph as a mark of respect for the whole school.



During December, our Year 3 class has been really busy finding out all about the author Julia Donaldson. They have been reading the story of Stickman, which they have all very much enjoyed. The children made their own Stickmen out of Elder wood and pipe cleaners, which was a lot of fun and they will now use their stickmen to recreate the story using stop-motion animation.



Message from governors:
On behalf of the governors at Westwood I would like to wish you and your families all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.
As governors, we are looking forward to continuing to support Mrs Sarah Jones and team Westwood during 2023. Best wishes to you all for Christmas and the new year.
Kind Regards, Gill Jones, Chair of Governors.

Dates for your diary...

- *Mon 9th Jan - School opens
- *Thurs 12th January - Individual photos and siblings
- *Tues 24th - 25th January : Years 3/4 Glan Llyn
- *Mon 30th Jan - Young Voices (Y4,5 & 6)