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Class of the Week: RH

Pupil of the Week: Alice RH

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an absolutely fabulous week we've had at Moorfield. Reception and KS1 have shared their wonderful nativity and carols and it was wonderful to be able to invite parents and carers into school for the first time in a very long time. We will send links to the performances we filmed as soon as we can so those who couldn't attend have they opportunity to see their child's performance. These links will take you to our secure YouTube channel so please don't share these links with others outside of your family and please don't post any of the performances on social media. We look forward to seeing the KS2 children perform their carols next week.

Our Year 5 and 6 children visited Hazel Grove Baptist Church on Tuesday to experience the Christmas Trail. What a magnificent event. The children were completely engaged in the whole experience and even got juice and a biscuit at the end! The most difficult part of the visit was dodging Storm Barra there and back!!!! Year 6 are visiting Norbury Church next week to perform the carol 'n a Bleak Midwinter'.

Our Year 2 children experienced a visit from some furry friends this week. Some meerkats, snakes and other exotic creatures made an appearance as part of their topic on 'Safari'. The children had a great time holding and experiencing these animals but unfortunately the Year 2 classrooms did smell like a hamsters cage for the duration of the day!



All of these events have been planned with the need to mitigate the risk of Covid-19. Thank you to all parents and carers for following our request to socially distance and wear a mask unless exempt when attending our events.

As we go into the last 8 school days of the autumn term you will be aware of the governments Plan B restrictions to slow the spread of the new Covid variant. Therefore, can I politely request that anyone over the age of 12 who comes onto our school premises wear a face covering (unless exempt). That includes drop off and pick up. We cannot enforce this but we are asking for your help in keeping the school community as safe as possible.

I understand there has been some frustration from parents and carers when we have sent pupils home with a cough with the advice to book a PCR test. As a parent myself, I can fully understand the inconvenience, particularly if you are being called out of work. However, we don't make these decisions lightly and are making these decisions when children are coughing continuously or over a prolonged period of time. It is still a key indicator of Covid-19 and must be confirmed negative to ensure the safety of the class and it's staff. A reminder that a lateral flow test is for the purposes of testing when a person doesn't have symptoms. If any of us have either of the three symptoms—temperature, cough or loss of taste/smell then a PCR test is necessary.

And finally, Monday was a very special day for us as BBC North West News visited Moorfield to present one of our pupils with a special 'Christmas Star' award. Darcie received the award for the fundraising she has done for St Ann's Hospice and she appeared on the news programme on Thursday this week. We are all very proud of you Darcie. The award is much deserved.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson Headteacher







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What's going on this week?



School nativity plays and musical concerts have taken place in various formats this year, with some schools hosting events entirely online, others taking a hybrid approach and some even opting for performances outdoors.

Health minister, Edward Argar, has said festive plays in school are "important to young people who've had a rough time" during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Things to talk about at home...

- Did you take part in a school play or concert this year? Was it online or in person? If you have experiences of both, which do you prefer?
- Do you enjoy performing in front of others in general?
- Do the adults you live with enjoy watching you perform?