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Malvern Way News

From Mrs Cole

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It would seem that Malvern Way certainly does have talent! All of our children took part in Christmas productions last week and I am sure you will agree, performed to the very best of their ability. The singing, dancing and acting were all of extremely high quality and the children made their transitions between scenes seamlessly. It is hard to believe that at times, 180 children were manoeuvring around the stage. For some of our youngest children, this was the first time they had performed in front of a large audience but they rose spectacularly to the challenge.

These productions really are a team effort and I need to say a huge thank you to all the staff who have worked hard to put these productions together. As well as the team of teachers and teaching assistants, I would also like to thank our office and site team for the role they play in ensuring these shows are an enormous success.



Diabetes Award

As a school we were very proud to receive the Good Diabetes Care in School award. This was in recognition of the care received by Jack, who is now a pupil at Little Green, during his time with us. It was particularly special as Jack's parents nominated us as a result of the professionalism shown by those caring for Jack's specific medical needs. While all of our staff played a part in this, I would especially like to mention Mrs Samuels, Ms Keuser, Mrs Harrington and Mrs Wilson.

Today we said a fond farewell to Mrs Palmer from our office team. Mrs Palmer has had a long association with the school (25 years or more) as a parent, Governor and most recently member of staff. She has been a hugely important member of our team, often going out of her way to meet the needs of our families. While we wish her good luck for her move to Chessbrook ESC, we are pleased she will be continuing on our Governing Body.

Christingle Service

On Friday we visited St Oswald's church to take part in a Christingle service in aid of The Children's Society. This was the first time we had taken part in this event and the children were able to discover the origins of the Christingle and the meaning of each part of it. Back at school, all children created their own Christingle.

Thank you for your generosity; we raised **£269.94** for The Children's Society.

A visit from the council

We welcomed Councillor Andrew Scarth to our school a few weeks ago in his role as Chairman of the local Council. Councillor Scarth spent quite a while with us, finding out about our school and what makes us special. He was very impressed by the learning taking place and enjoyed talking with children and staff. Following his visit, Councillor Scarth asked if we would be able to produce his annual Christmas card and following a democratic process in which a vote took place, *Skye Akers* had her card chosen. This card has now been professionally reproduced and sent around Hertfordshire. *Congratulations Skye!*



Out and about

Since my last newsletter, there have been a number of trips and events in school and further afield. Our **Reception** children visited The Living Nativity as part of their learning, this included an audience with Santa and seeing the camels which they are all now experts on! **Year 1** were excited to meet a range of woodland creatures with a workshop from Raptorxotics. The Friends of Malvern Way funded this workshop and the children met a range of animals including an owl, hedgehog, toad and snake. **Year 1** also took part in and attended the Christmas tree festival at the Methodist church. Our **Year 2** children visited Little Green to watch the Key Stage 2 Christmas production. I understand that the singing was absolutely amazing! A group of **Year 2** children accompanied myself and Mrs Stephen to Shaftesbury Court to sing to the residents. We also took along the gifts you have donated which were very well received. We enjoyed our annual trip to the panto to watch Jack and the Beanstalk. Watching 270 children and 40 adults perform the steps to Tragedy was certainly a sight I won't be forgetting soon.

Our **Nursery** children had their own panto fun with a visit from Theatrebugs, which was funded by the Friends of Malvern Way. Our 2 classes joined together for a lunch and activities with the Playrangers.



Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy term at the school. There have already been so many learning opportunities provided to our children that I must say a huge thank you to our teaching, site and office teams for their hard work in providing an outstanding education to our children. I would also like to thank our Governors for the time they have given to the school. Our Friends of Malvern Way should feel very proud of their fundraising efforts this term and I am thankful for their ongoing contribution to us. I am also grateful to the army of volunteers who play a huge role in our school, helping with all manner of tasks. Whether your help has been for a single event or you have provided weekly support to us, we are very grateful.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all – staff, children, parents – a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Head Teacher Awards

Dragonfly: Benjamin, Larry

Shield Bug: Martha, Tilly

Bumble Bee: Hugo

Ladybird: Isla, Tudor, Ollie

Hedgehog: Reino, Callum, Nya, Ellie

Squirrel: Toby

Robin: Enya

Owl: Charlotte, Abi, Olivia, Bailey

Badge Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who have received a badge since our last newsletter:

Being Independent Learners ~ Lily, Ellie, Ellie M, Ollie, Callum, Jakob, Emaan, Skye, Ruby, Amelie, Louise, Thomsa, Elisa, Lily, Lauren

Good Listeners ~ Larry, Arthur, Maan, Amelia, Louis, Charlie, Jess

Being a Good Friend ~ George, Amy, Rory, George

Kind & Thoughtful ~ Isaac, Joshua, Isabella, Nia, Kara

Polite ~ Jessica, Armaan, Jack, Adrian

Care Of The Environment ~ Ted, Jessica, Evan, James, Melody