



SCHOOL

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EDITION



Don't forget that Monday 8th January is a PD Day. The first day back at school for the children is Tuesday 9th January

Nativity

The annual Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity was a huge success this month. The children demonstrated incredible bravery to stand up in front of a packed school hall and deliver their lines with clarity and conviction. The way that they sung meant that there wasn't a dry eye in the house, and the entire audience was moved by their dance moves!

Cheered on by proud parents and carers, the children performed brilliantly and wouldn't have looked out of place on the West End! A special mention should also go to all of the members of staff who guided, directed and supported the children in their rehearsals. A real team effort across the Key Stage 1 & Reception from both children and adults resulted in a memorable performance.



Happy
Hanukkah

As well as learning about Christmas this month, the children also learned about Hanukkah in assembly. Hanukkah lasted from 7th – 15th December. The word means 'dedication' and celebrates one of the greatest miracles in Jewish history.



Gymnastics

Children from across the school went to Middlesbrough to represent the school at gymnastics and were wildly successful. Firstly, our Upper Key Stage 2 gymnasts were fantastic role models for the younger children and demonstrated not just excellent sportsmanship but also a fantastic competitive spirit. Sadly they missed out on a medal by one place, finishing a very respectable fourth. Our Lower Key Stage 2 gymnasts were equally marvellous, and demonstrating the kind of skills that resulted in one being named the 3rd best individual gymnast in her age range at the whole tournament! They finished 2nd! Finally, our Key Stage 1 gymnasts won the whole thing! Magnificent displays of poise, control and power saw them finish the day as champions and bring home the coveted plaque.



Football

Our successful Y5/6 Girls' Football Teams played their second tournament of the year (having finished first and second in the previous round) in Thirsk. Despite putting in some excellent performances, they were pipped to the post in the group stage, missing out on the final by a point or two despite winning the majority of their matches. Football is a cruel game, but the girls played it passionately and demonstrated more fantastic team spirit and togetherness.

PSHE

The children have finished their Celebrating Difference unit in PSHE and will be starting to learn about Dreams & Goals after the break. This unit covers a wide range of topics such as motivation, working well with others, challenging oneself, investigating careers and recognising our own achievements. This fantastic topic will last until February Half-Term. It will help the children further understand the D in our school vision – **Determination.**



Facebook

Please like and follow our Facebook page, where we will keep you up to date with some of the fun and exciting things that are happening in school. Please complete our Social Media consent form to let us know if you allow your child(ren) to feature on the page:

<https://forms.office.com/e/aHuKgbFZbx>

Christmas Parties



It wasn't just staff enjoying their Christmas party this month, the children have been having a wild time too! They have enjoyed party games, dancing and singing (at the top of their lungs!) They have loved the party food that you provided and are already planning their outfits for next year! The whole school is excited for their Christmas lunch on Thursday (don't forget to wear a Christmas jumper, kids!) and seeing everyone at the church at 1:30pm on Friday 22nd for a Christmas singalong!



This is an early notice that, on Monday 15th January, we will be teaming up with the Headlight Project to Turn Blue Monday Bright.


The third Monday in January is commonly known as the saddest day of the year due to a combination of cold weather, dark nights and the post-Christmas blues. We are joining the Headlight Project in encouraging people to dress in their brightest, most colourful clothes rather than their school uniform. If you would like to support Headlight Project, you can do so here: [TURN BLUE MONDAY BRIGHT 2024 - JustGiving](#).

PTA / Parent's Football

Thank you to the PTA for organising a very well attended Christmas Movie Night. The popcorn and hotdogs were delicious and (more importantly) the children had a great time!

If anybody would like to join the PTA, please catch me on the gate or contact the school office and we will put you in touch with the organisers.


A dedicated group of parents are still meeting on a Monday night to brave the Middlesbrough weather and play football to raise money for the school. If you would like to be a part of this, please come and chat to me and I will point you in the right direction. All are welcome!



Finally, from everyone
here at Hutton Rudby
Primary School to
everyone in our school
community, have a
very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year!

Please can parents / carers remember to park considerably when dropping children off and picking them up. It is important that enough space is left for emergency services to be able to pass by cars if necessary. Please do not drive into school unless there is an emergency, this includes parking in the small car park at the bottom of the drive. Please remember that there are children present at the start and end of the school day.




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