



Merry Hill

Infant School and Nursery

Headteacher: Ms. Melissa Adams MA, NPQH

13th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy and exciting week here at Merry Hill, with lots of wonderful activities to celebrate the season and support our children's learning.

EYFS Nativity: This morning, our youngest children performed their wonderful nativity 'The Travelling Star' in front of parents and carers. They were absolutely amazing; confidently singing their songs and delivering their lines! We definitely have some future stars among us! Thank you to all the families who came this morning to support them, it was wonderful to see so many of you there!



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Pupil Progress Meetings: Our teachers and senior leaders have been meeting this week to track and discuss the children's wellbeing and progress. These meetings are really important and enable us to discuss next steps for the children and plan next steps and any relevant interventions to ensure every child has the support they need to succeed.

FoMH Creation Station: A big thank you to our Friends of Merry Hill for organising the creation station this week which was very much enjoyed by the children. The gifts made will be a lovely surprise for loved ones and a special event for all involved.

Year 2 Visit to Ashfield: Our Year 2 children enjoyed watching Ashfield's Christmas performance on Monday. These planned events are great fun for the children but also serve to prepare them for their upcoming transition to Ashfield. Thank you to Ashfield Juniors for inviting the children to the performance.

'Curious Learners' – *what we learn*

Year Group Blogs

Each week the class teachers post blogs, which enable you to find out more about our education offer and reinforce learning at home. Please click on the link below to see the wonderful learning that has taken place over the week.

<https://merryhill.org.uk/our-learning-community/year-group-blogs/>

'Ambitious Learners' – *how we act when we learn*

This Week's Focus: The Golden Rule – 'We are kind and helpful'


Team Points Focus: Considerate Behaviour

This week's Team Point focus is encouraging considerate behaviour, helping the children develop the habit of checking in with their friends, being mindful of how their actions affect those around them and showing kindness. The goal is to create a supportive, positive environment where everyone feels valued.

How you can help at home:

- **Set expectations:** remind children that being considerate means thinking about others' needs and feelings, not just their own and that this applies to both family members and friends.
- **Model thoughtful behaviour:** demonstrate kindness and consideration in everyday interactions, showing empathy and actively listening to others.
- **Praise empathy:** when children show kindness or check in with others, offer specific praise for these actions, reinforcing the importance of being thoughtful.

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9.12.24	<p>Considerate - thoughtful in regard for others— checking in, “how are you today?”</p> <p>We are kind and helpful</p>	
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‘Collaborative Learners’ – our place in the world

Christmas Story Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Bastable from the Watford Schools Trust, who shared the Christmas Story with the children. The children listened attentively and learnt why Christians celebrate Christmas. We are very grateful to those who come into school and share their religion with the children, it is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their understanding of the world. If you are interested in coming in and talking to the children about a religion, occupation or particular interest, please speak to the school office, we would love to welcome you in!

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend, we look forward to seeing you next week for the final week of term!

Sincerely,

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher

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