



Anderton Primary School  
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### **Christmas with the Aliens**

The infant nativity show this year was great fun and certainly got the Christmas message across. It's the first nativity I've seen with aliens in it! The children thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done to all of the staff who organised the show and put it all together.

### **Dads and Lads**

The Year 3 tournament organised by Mrs Walmsley was a great success. Tom Duddle and his dad were the winners. Thanks to all of you who supported this event. It was good to see so many of you there!

### **Choir in the Community**

Over the last eight weeks five of our children attended Rivington Primary School to work with a specialist music teacher. The children from Anderton formed a choir with children from the other four schools in Adlington. Last week the children from all of the schools sang at St Paul's church. The singing was beautiful and the church was full to capacity with family and friends. The children from Anderton who took part are: Bethany Horsfield (who sang solo), Mia Cording, Rebecca Hollinshead, Mollie Leverton and Emma Jones. Well done to you all.

### **Local Co op**

Last week three of our children went along to the grand opening of the local co op. Children from each of the four local schools also sent children. The children had their picture taken with the manager of the store and each received a goody bag. The children who attended are: Tom Shovelton, Charlotte Warren and Taylor Miller.

### **Forensic Science**

Miss Sumner, Miss Metcalfe and Mrs Stanley took some Year 5 and 6 children to Albany High School for a forensic science afternoon. The laboratory had been set up like a crime scene and the children had to solve the clues using scientific methods to solve a "crime." Behaviour was superb from the children who attended and these are: Year 5- Daniel Readman, Alex Wilson, Amy Edwards, Georgina Pope, and Cameron Chisholm. In Year 6 the children are: Rowan Boardman, Alex Moss. Martha Oultram, Seth Fairclough and George Lee.

### **Christmas Fair**

The fair was well attended again this year! The amount made was £1500! All of this money will be spent on the children and we will let you know of forthcoming projects. As you read through the newsletter you will see that all of the trips and activities are subsidised by the PTFA. The events organised for the children would be much more expensive if it were not for these contributions.

### **School Choir**

Our school choir will be performing in the school hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45. Come along and get into the festive spirit!

### **Ukulele Band**

Year 4 enjoyed an afternoon with the young adults from Stanley Grange who brought along their ukuleles. The children had a chance to play the instruments and join in some songs! Mrs Smith who organised this also played! We didn't realise she had hidden talents.

### **African Drumming**

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the African drumming workshop. The children had a chance to play the instruments and to sing and dance. Year 3 have been learning about Ghana and this workshop was part of their Geography topic. The children have also learnt more about our link school, St James C of E in Elmina, Ghana. The PTFA kindly gave a donation towards this activity.

### **Victorian School Days**

Year 6 had a morning acting out the part of Victorian school children. All the children dressed up even the adults! (Miss Sumner and Miss Tasker dressed up!) History Alive presented the workshop. The children have said that it was great fun but that they had to keep reminding themselves it was only acting because it was so realistic! The PTFA kindly gave a donation towards this activity.

### **Old Toys Workshop**

Year 1 enjoyed an afternoon handling old toys from days gone by. This forms part of Year One's history work. The PTFA kindly gave a donation towards this activity.

### **Stamp Appeal**

Thank you to all of you who have sent stamps for the Save the Albatross appeal. We have sent them off but the appeal is now ended so no more stamps please.

### **Year 5 Trip**

Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the Harris museum in Preston. The class have been learning about Ancient Greece and they went to the museum to look at the pottery and artefacts. They also received a talk from the museum staff all about the objects. The PTFA kindly gave a donation towards this activity.

### **Gardening Club**

Mrs Harrison has organised for two children from each class to plant some daffodil bulbs before Christmas. These bulbs have been kindly given to school by Mrs Rodger (Mathew in Y2.) The bulbs are being planted in the shape of the numbers 100 to celebrate our centenary year. They

will be planted on the school field. Watch out for them growing in the spring!

### **Ancient Egypt**

Year 4 spent the day learning all about life in Ancient Egypt. They spent the day dressing up, acting out roles-they even had their faces painted. The PTFA kindly gave a donation towards this activity.

### **Healthy Heroes**

Mrs Holmes and Miss Metcalfe would like to say thank you for all of the support from home for the Healthy Heroes project. The children have really enjoyed all of the activities. The class assembly that was done by both classes was excellent.

### **Cookery Club**

Since half term Year 5 children have been to cookery club. Parents have commented on how they have enjoyed the food that the children have taken home. Parents and family members attended the final cookery club night where everyone enjoyed a buffet. Thanks to Mrs Hitchen and Mrs Connor (Jack in Y4) for running the club.

### **Athletics**

Miss Sumner and Miss Metcalfe attended Albany High school with some Year 5 and 6 children for an athletics competition in November. This was held after school. The children took part in a range of activities such as high jump, long jump and javelin.

### **Carol Service**

You are all very welcome to attend our carol services which will be on the last two days of term. On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9:10, junior children will be performing carols and readings to tell the Christmas story.

### **Cool Kids**

Children from Cool Kids really enjoyed the pantomime Cinderella. Thanks to Miss Tasker who organised this.

**Please note that 7 days notice must be given to cancel a session in the club or £2.50 will need to be charged.**

### **Health and Safety**

Please be very careful where you park your car as some parents are parking in unauthorised areas and this could be dangerous. Thank you for your support.

### **Reminders**

Please pay for mid morning snack before Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. **If snack has not been paid for we will be unable to give your child snack at the start of next term.**

Anyone wishing to pay for dinners for the next half term the amount due is £50.75

### **Diary Dates** **December**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec-school choir singing at 2:45-school hall  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec- infant party  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec-Year 3/Year 4 Christmas party pm  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec-9:10 Carol service  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec-Year 5/Year 6 Christmas party  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec- 9:10 Carol Service

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December-School closes at 2:30**

Dear all

It is the end of another year and it has flown by. I have been at Anderton for four years in January! Time flies when you're having fun! As usual staff and children have worked hard to ensure that learning is fun. Every time I write a newsletter I realise how many varied and exciting activities and lessons are planned for the children. Some of these are in school time but many of them are organised by staff outside of school time. Reception class have settled well into school life and routines. It feels as

if they have always been in school. They are showing independence and real enjoyment in school life. "Christmas with the Aliens" was such an entertaining show. The children acted, sang and danced with great enthusiasm.

Our centenary year is in 2010 and we know you will all support us in making it go with a swing! A whole school photo of every child and staff member is planned for April. Many former pupils have been invited to come and speak in assembly about their time at our school. Children will be learning about the history of the school during lessons and of course there will be the Edwardian week and fun day in June. It really will be a good year!

I hope you all really enjoy Christmas and have a good break and some fun filled times! See you all in 2010.