



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Stars of the Stage

Twenty nine of our Year 6 children took to the stage on Monday evening to perform Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. They were totally amazing, confident, funny and captivated the audience packed into the theatre. Well done children, it was just brilliant! I think everyone there associated with our school was just so proud of your performance.



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Year 5 Visit Stratford to work with The Royal Shakespeare Company

On Thursday the 15th November, the children in Year Five embarked upon an educational trip to Shakespeare's hometown, Stratford-upon-Avon. During the day, our children worked alongside the Royal Shakespeare Company and performed extracts from Macbeth.

After their dramatic start to the day, the children participated in an interactive tour of Shakespeare's home and birthplace before receiving an insightful, informative lecture summarising the life and works of William Shakespeare. As expected, the children's enthusiasm was remarkable and they thoroughly impressed the historians with their vast knowledge of Shakespeare's work and life. The entire day ran like clockwork and the amazing children arrived home, via coach, early. "Better three hours too soon than a minute too late." (William Shakespeare)

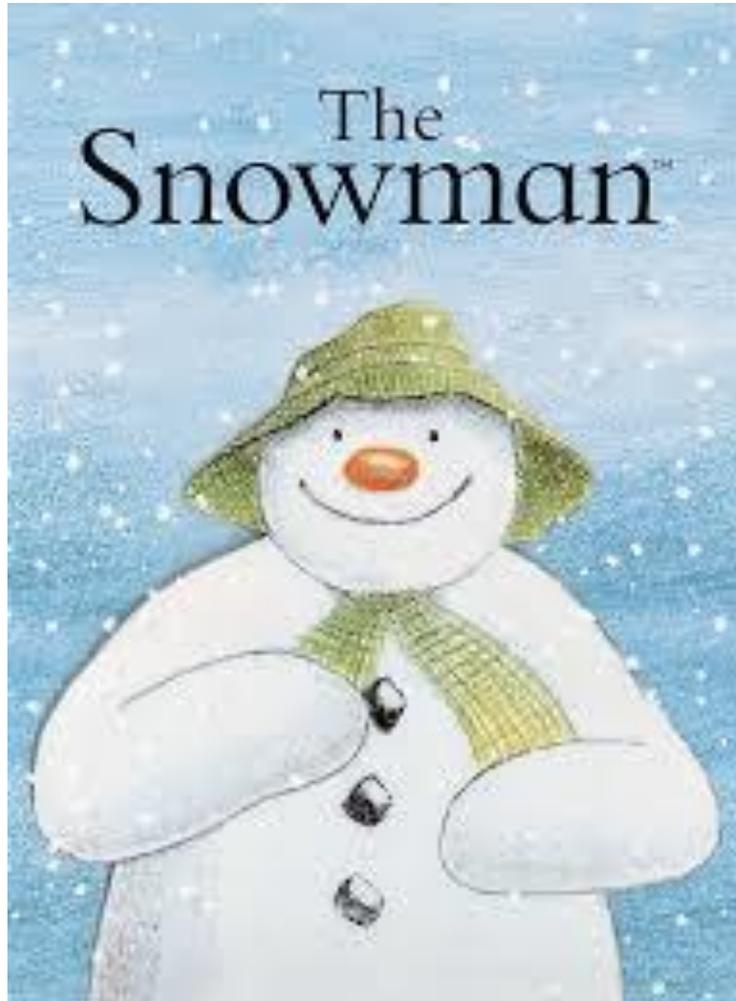




Parent Governor Election

Today your child should have brought home a ballot form for our Parent Governor elections. We have two vacancies for Parent Governors and if you would like to cast a vote please do so by returning the ballot form, in the envelope provided, by Thursday 6th of December.

Year 5 & 6 Present - The Snowman
Change of Performance Times



Year 5 & 6 are performing the Snowman this year for Christmas.

We have tweaked our performance times to include an extra evening performance.

Our Performance times are now:

Monday 17th December 2pm & 6.30pm

Tuesday 18th December 6.30pm

Tickets will be initially limited to two per family and we will e-mail details of how to get tickets next Friday.

Year 3 South American Celebration Day



As part of our fun - and colourful - South American Celebration Day, the children have been busy enjoying different parts of South American culture. The children have learned the rhythm of Samba - singing and drumming to some traditional Samba beats, using a variety of drums and other instruments. Also, we have embraced the spirit of Carnival by designing our own masks, decorated with bright and bold colours, topped off with some feathers!

The fun continued in the afternoon as the children learnt the moves to an authentic Capoeira dance. To finish our fantastic celebration, both classes will enjoy a tropical themed snack of fruit cocktails and juice.

Well done Year 2!

We have had a letter from the Government to say well done to our Year Two children for their achievements in Phonics last year. The letter is here:

<http://www.prestonhedges.northants.sch.uk/performance-data/>

It explains how 98% of Year 2 (Year 1 last year) passed their Phonics Test. This puts their achievements in the top 4% of schools nationally. Well done children and our staff.

Playground Improvements Planned with the FOPH

The fabulous FOPH have agreed to support two major playground developments.

Firstly, they have agreed to add some fun exercise equipment to the playground. We are just agreeing an install date at present, but the equipment will be in place early in the New Year for our children to enjoy.

Secondly, the old Sensory Garden area outside Year 2, will be dug out and replaced by a grassed area with outdoor seating where our children will be able to relax and enjoy a book.



Year 4 Assemblies



Year 4 held their class assemblies based on their topic of Ancient Greece. The children performed beautifully bringing the Ancient myths and legends to life in the modern context of a reality TV show. With Claudius and Tessicus introducing



the show, the stage exploded with songs and dance routines which were delivered so well by the pupils in Year 4.

Poppy Appeal 2018



This year we raised £445 for the Royal British Legion through poppies sold at our school. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.



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