

MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Mr Randell's Roundup!

It was a delight to welcome back our children after the Christmas break. Although we returned to more restrictions, our children have returned with great positivity and resilience. Every year, I am always struck at how much our children seem to have grown both physically and in maturity over the Christmas break! There is much to look forward to this term:

Our Learning Gem this term is Emerald Power – Being Ambitious, which ties in perfectly with our Jigsaw PSHE topic: Dreams and Goals. Find out more at our [PSHE curriculum webpage](#). We have also launched an exciting new [Citizenship and Character Award](#) Our children have missed out on experiences during the pandemic impacting confidence and resilience. This initiative challenges children to try new experiences at home and in school, broadening horizons and building confidence.

Our extremely enthusiastic Green Team have launched an Energy Saving Competition to encourage children and staff to ensure lights and interactive whiteboards are turned off when not in use. The winning class will receive a specially made fruit salad prepared by the Green Team – fruit not wrapped in plastic, of course!

Our amazing PTA held their first meeting yesterday and have exciting plans for events. Look out for news about 'Previously Loved' uniform sales and a Spring Disco.

Look out for a letter regarding Forest School next week with news about our plans and how you can get involved.

And finally, now that the break is over, please encourage your child to read aloud to you - even if for just for 5 minutes - as often as you can. Teachers focus on the teaching of reading skills but can't provide the regular practice needed. Regular reading at home makes all the difference to your child's reading fluency and understanding – and ultimately their life chances!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Window Wanderland 2022 comes to Midsomer Norton!

Midsomer Norton Primary are taking part in this event from 10 FEB AT 18:00 – 20 FEB AT 21:00. Come and view our window in the evenings! To get involved in this fabulous community event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/379409380536906>

<https://www.windowwanderland.com/>





At the end of term the children (and adults) really enjoyed our special festive activities, Santa's visit, Christmas carols, performing the Christmas nativity (which we hope you enjoyed watching the film) and much more! A huge thank you to our PTA for donating a classic book to all of our children.



In the after school club last week, children learnt about the famous Harbin Snow and Ice Festival in China. We discussed what life was like for children who went to school in Harbin and how education is very different in China compared to the UK.

The children then designed their own sculptures and then created these using air drying clay.

This week our children have been creating dinosaurs!



Our afterschool club providers EVO Sports are holding a holiday club at Bishop Henderson Primary School in the February half term.

For more information please contact: evosports7@gmail.com

ONLINE SAFETY

Does your child use your phone at times?

Both Apple and Android give you the ability to restrict what can be accessed when they are using it, so you can restrict your device to the one app that your child would like to use (so all other features are disabled). Use the following links to find out how to set it up:

Apple: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT202612>

Android: <https://support.google.com/android/answer/9455138?hl=en-GB>

LEGO Build & Talk

LEGO® have created a great way to talking about online safety with your child. Click on the link below to get started!

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/buildandtalk/>

You pick an activity to do and then you read a story, which includes questions and conversation prompts, all whilst they build with their LEGO®.

Contacting the School

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions and concerns. We are proud to offer an open door policy and encourage families to talk with us, if ever the need arises. From lost toys to personal circumstances, we are always happy to help or book appointments with other members of staff that can help!

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Key Dates

7th – 11th February Children's Mental Health Week

8th February – Safer Internet Day

7th February – Dress to Express Day

21st Feb–25th Feb – Half Term

1st & 3rd March – Parents Evening

11th April–22nd April – Easter Holidays

2nd May – Bank Holiday

30th May–3rd June – Half Term

22nd June–25th – June Year 5/6 Camp