

Gwladys Street CP & Nursery School



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear parents/carers,

We have reached the end of another incredibly busy term and I hope you are all looking forward to a relaxing break over the festive period. Firstly, I want to say a big thank you for everyone who supported our Gwladys Street Christmas Fayre yesterday. Thank you also to our parents, carers and staff for donating the prizes along with a number of local businesses and organisations that are known to the school: Everton In The Community, CER, Benchmark, Fresh As A Daisy and Cash For Kids. I am pleased to announce that we raised just over £1500 at yesterday's event. Along with a further £590 raised by Mrs Smith-Gibbons (a Y1 parent) we have over £2000 which we will use to pay for transport to take our children off site for school trips.

The raffle prizes were drawn this morning with the help of our wonderful Y6 pupils. We received some lovely feedback regarding the fayre therefore we are hoping to have another in 2024. If you can think of any ideas for stalls that were perhaps missing yesterday, we would really appreciate your feedback. Mr Moore will send a 'Google Form' in the New Year to gather your comments/ideas.

The children enjoyed their Christmas parties today and we held our termly celebration assembly which all pupils attended from Nursery to Y6. In assembly, we gave out certificates for attendance, birthday cards and sang songs from our Christmas productions.

In the Spring term, we will continue to think of ways that we can invite parent/carers into school, following our Monday class assemblies which we trialled in the Autumn term. Mr Moore has organised 'maths with my child' sessions and further information has been circulated on Class Dojo.

We had an amazing response to our request for parent/carer volunteers and for those who expressed an interest, there is a meeting on Monday 15th January 2024 with Mr Moore and Mrs Barry.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Best wishes, Ms Booth and Team.



COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.



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📞 Helpline
🌐 mind.org.uk



📞 Text SHOUT to 85258
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🌐 giveusashout.org



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🌐 thecalmzone.net



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🌐 papyrus-uk.org

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jet down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minda Ahmed designs and delivers the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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Charlie Brown