

Linthwaite Clough JI & EY School Newsletter

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Message from the Head ...

The last few weeks in school are some of my favourite. Watching the performances come together, children singing and the excitement of the season it is magical. I would like to thank everyone for their generosity at our Christmas Fair, donations for coats and warm clothing for the Uniform Exchange the giving tree in Early Years. Just a taster of the collections we have had. The Christmas Fair raised £750, which is fantastic, thank you.

At this time of year, we continue to be sensitive to the beliefs of all our children and families. We have had visits from Rev. Kent to explain Advent and one of our year 4 children has had the opportunity to share with peers how she celebrates Diwali. We welcome visitors into school to share different festivals and celebrations. If you would like to come into school or know someone who does assemblies or visit please do not hesitate to contact the office for more details.

In the New Year we will welcome Ann Wignall and Helen O'grady to our team in our reception/office. Ann will work full time at Linthwaite and Helen will work across the Federation.

I hope you enjoy our December newsletter, and whatever you do this holiday, we hope you have a lovely time and we wish you all seasons greetings and a Happy New Year.



SLCF vision – to be a community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment

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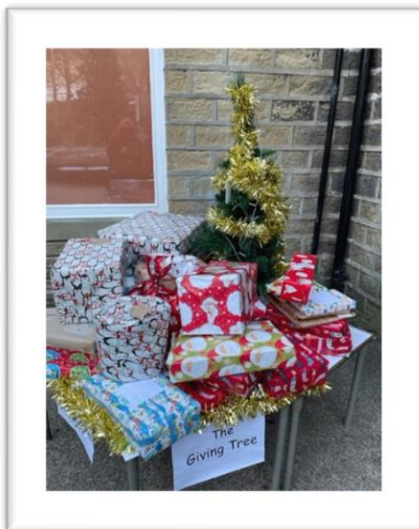
News From Early Years

The Giving Tree

Following the success of our Advent Calendar appeal we have been blown away by the support received for the Giving Tree. Gifts and Messages have been left under/on the tree for children and families across Kirklees. The Yorkshire Children's Centre, based here in Huddersfield, are supporting hundreds of families this Christmas and have been thankful and grateful for our support.

Together we were able to donate almost 100 gifts, THANK YOU.

Your gifts and messages mean so much to us and to the children and families supported in the local area. Thank you so much for your continued support.



Stickman

After listening to the story 'Stickman' we spent a whole day taking part in activities focused on the story. Among the activities we used new techniques to paint our own stickman and used our Forest School skills to create a stick man using real sticks.



Christmas in the Courtyard – A Miracle In Town

The children all worked very hard to learn the songs for the Christmas Performance – A Miracle In Town. Each and every performance was wonderful and very well attended. The children did us and themselves proud, and we are sure you will be hearing lots of 'Down in the Stable' and 'Little Grey Donkey' over the Christmas break. Thank you for coming and supporting the children. We hope you enjoyed hearing the story of the very first Christmas sung in the twinkly and frosty courtyard. Christmas has well and truly begun.



No end of term would be complete without a Christmas Party.

The Early Years children enjoyed a day of dancing, party games and a VERY special visitor dressed in a red suit.

It was a lovely way to end the term and the children really did dance the day away.

The Early Years Team wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Thank you for all of your support this year, have a restful break.



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News From the book Corner

Book Fair

Another successful and popular book fair was held in school and we hope that the children are enjoying the books they ordered.

Thanks to your support with this event, as a school we received £564.41 in FREE books. Each class created a wish list and the books and jigsaws have now been delivered to the classes for the children to enjoy.

Once again, thank you for your support. We will organise another book fair in the Spring Term so look out for the information in the New Year



Reading Friends



During the Autumn term we launched a new project to get more adults involved in reading in school. The 'Reading Friends' programme, run by Kirklees success Centre' is a paired reading project which involves adult volunteers giving up an hour of their time each week to read with our children in school. We are delighted to say that it has been a huge success and after 12 hours of training during November we now have lots more adults who are fully qualified 'Reading Friends'. Congratulations to you all!

As a school we would like to thank all the adults who too part and look forward to welcoming you into school in the New Year.



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Singing at the Linthwaite Lights Switch on!

Our newly formed choir had the opportunity to show off their singing skills at the switch on of the Christmas lights.

The Switch on is organised each year by Pride in Linthwaite. Families gathered to listen to the singing, the brass band and to see Santa switch on the lights. It was a lovely start to the festive season.



Strictly Pennine

I am pleased to announce, Linthwaite Clough will be taking part in Strictly Pennine again this year. Please note the date for the show Tuesday 28th February 2023, at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale from 10am on Wednesday 25th January 2023.

We look forward to seeing you there and supporting the dancers.



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Easy Fundraising Shopping

We have had a few more parents signing up to this and it is lovely to be able to watch the total going up bit by bit! This is a super way to raise donations for school, if you've not heard of it then we would encourage you to follow the link below to see how your normal online shopping can all go to help towards fundraising for school!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Important Information

School Dinners

The cost of school meals is £2.40. If you can please ensure that your Parent Pay account is kept topped up for the amount of meals your child is taking.

Illness Absence

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for whatever reason please ensure you call the School Office on 01484 844300 by no later than 9.00am or send us an email to office@linthwaiteclough.co.uk

If we do not hear from you by this time we do follow up on every absence and will send a Ping and give you a phone call.

Pupil Absence Requests

Pupil Absence Request Forms are available from the School Office or to download from the website and must now be completed and handed in, in advance of the absence in order for us to process it and get back to you. Please be aware that absence will only be authorized under "exceptional circumstances" at the discretion of Mrs Barker.

Parking outside School

Please remember that you should not stop on the zig zag lines outside of school between the hours of 8-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Dates

Tuesday 3rd Jan – School reopens

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Extra Bank Holiday next year for King Charles III Coronation Celebration – Monday 8th May 2023

