



Dear Families,

This is my first Christmas at Castle School and it is hard to believe how quickly the term has gone.

I must thank all our fantastic staff for their super efforts with the Christmas Activities and the fabulous job they do with all our pupils and their dedication is very much appreciated.

It was especially nice to meet so many parents today for our Christmas Bazaar.

Everyone looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers on Thursday. School was filled with snowmen, Santa's, reindeer, Christmas trees, and penguins – many with flashing lights!

This week also we had a visit from Father Christmas who has been very busy. On Tuesday, he visited the Primary pupils at the Castle and the Fields site and he was at the Bazaar today.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful families for the support you have given all of us at the school this term.

Ludlow Class News

This week Ludlow have enjoyed several Christmas activities. On Tuesday we watched the Junction's performance of Hansel and Gretel and pupils were surprised at how the characters played so many instruments. On Wednesday we made Christmas cards and on Thursday we gathered together to eat Christmas lunch and make festive biscuits.





Darwin Class News

We have had a really busy but amazing term that seems to have gone really quickly! We have been working hard in English reading 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'Georges Marvellous Medicine', while also focussing on functional skills that will help us at college and the outside world. Students have done well at CRC and HRC and completed various placements within Work Related learning such as the Raptor Foundation, Phoenix Trust and Wimpole Hall.

One of our favourite activities of the week is Gym and Swim at Kelsey Kerridge / Parkside pools. We have enjoyed using the equipment and getting fit. We have also enjoyed doing some boxing and using the heavy bag!

More recently we have been doing Christmas activities and had a great time meeting Santa Claus.

Enjoy the Holidays! Simon and the Darwin Team



Sensory Christmas Snow Dance

Bees, Pembroke and Edinburgh came to a festive gym for a sensory Christmas snow dance.

Each pupil made snowflakes in advance which were their tickets to enter the event.

As a group they took part in a country style snow dance and learnt the do-si-do. In partners they

advanced to the centre of the gym, passed around each other back-to-back and then returned to their place. Then they got in line and in a circle and moved up and down, in and out in turn. The music played, there was clapping and lots of 'Yee haws' to accompany the dancing.

Pupils enjoyed feeling cold snow and Christmas trees, they gazed at the coloured fairy lights as well as dancing to Christmas chart songs old and new.



Wimpole Hall Lights

Last week two of our national trust work related learning groups were invited to Wimpole Hall winter lights. We had an amazing time following the trail of spectacular lights and are very grateful to Wimpole hall for giving us the tickets.





Pantomime

KS4 and sixth form went to see Hansel and Gretel this week. We loved the panto and are very grateful to The Junction for giving us the tickets.



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