

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a bit of an... odd week at Wraxall (see attached!) but has certainly ended on a high. According to Rory, today has been, 'The best day of my life!' We aim to please Rory, we aim to please.

As you all know, next Tuesday, grandparents are invited to come into school and help their grandchildren produce a festive piece of artwork. At this stage of proceedings, it is probably fair to warn you that all of the classes will be using paint in their pictures so a pragmatic approach from Grannies and Grandads in regards to what they wear, may be advisable. As a staff, we all agreed that the children should have a dummy run at their pictures so that any kinks could be ironed out. Good grief.

Walking into Year 1/2, I was greeted by the sight of Mrs Brierley and Mrs Brown washing seven children's paint-covered feet and the words, 'It don't half get between your toes.' Not something you see every day in a primary school.

Fair enough I thought, I shall pop across to Year 3/4 and see how they are getting on. Well that was a mistake. As I entered the room, thirty small people could be seen employing a vast array of techniques to dry their paintings quickly so they could add additional detail. Books were being wafted, mirrors angled to reflect heat (seriously), radiators cranked up and hand driers utilised. If the question was, 'What are the most bizarre ways to dry paint?' then these were the answers.

Fine. A trip to year 5/6, the top of the school, should restore my faith. Right, not so much. What should have been bright and colourful works of festive art were more like brown berries, on a brown log, on a brown, muddy background. Van Gogh's fruit bowl they ain't!

As you can imagine, by this point I was breathing into a paper bag and was pinning my hopes on Reception. I shouldn't have. That is all I've got on that one.

I have always been a firm believer that intelligence is not fixed; any one can accomplish anything if they practise hard and have the right instruction. In short, we can all produce exceptional pieces of art. On the strength of what was created this week, apparently I was wrong! After that build up, I expect everyone is really looking forward to Tuesday now. I have no doubt that it will go absolutely swimmingly!

To mark Children in Need it was Super Hero day at Wraxall today. Some of the costumes were simply superb. Personal favourites include Danger Mouse, Bob the Minion and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. However, and it is a big however, Lisa's Xena Warrior Princess outfit had to be seen to be believed! Although, it has to be said that Reception were totally nonplussed about the whole thing. Everyone was loving the whole dressing up thing and thinking that this was such a treat. For Mrs Hayward's class, it was business as usual. In fact, we cannot remember a time when they were not in full Hulk ensemble. Sienna informed me, in a very matter a fact tone, that she actually stopped the rain falling so her costume did not get wet when running to the car. Good work girl.

This time, our Stars of the Week are Ethan in Reception, Holly & Joshua in Year 1/2, Felix & Ben in Year 3/4 and Archie & James in Year 5/6. Well done guys, an excellent effort. Well done to Dragons who won the Conduct Marks and Griffens who had the most Work Marks. A Bronze Star badge was awarded to Eva, a Silver to George, a Gold to Billy and a Platinum to Ollie B, well done to you all!

Have a wonderful weekend, play safely and take... Oh, Mr Harris, Mrs Hayward says you can borrow her Wonder Woman and she will send it home with Eve.

Take care,

Mr Tucker

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

Monday - Year 1 & 2 visit form Florence Nightingale

Tuesday - 1.15pm Grandparents Afternoon

Thursday - Young Shakespeare co. Years 3/4/5&6

Saturday - Christmas Fayre

Music Lessons

If your child is in year 3 or above and would like to start learning a musical instrument in January then please let us know by next Friday (20th November). For more information do not hesitate to contact us.

Christmas Dates

Tuesday 15th December - 6.30pm Christmas celebration at All Saints Church.

Wednesday 16th December - 12.00pm School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December - 2.00pm KS2 Visit to the theatre

Friday 18th December - 11.00am Reception & KS1 Visit to the theatre.

Class Christmas parties in the afternoon.

CHURCH NEWS

Unfortunately, due to illness, the walk and treasure hunt around Tyntesfield this Saturday has been cancelled.

Sunday 15th November 10:00 - All Together In Church (ATIC) with Communion, All Saints' Wraxall Church

A service of music, words and prayer for all ages

Saturday 28th November 10:30 - 14:00 - Wraxall Church Christmas Fayre, Cross Tree Centre

A variety of stalls including light lunches & refreshments, free admission.

Sunday 6th December 10:00 - All Together In Church (ATIC) Toy Service, All Saints' Wraxall

A service of music, words and prayer for all ages.

Children's Music Concert

Tickets are now on sale for the New Bristol Sinfonia **Children's music concert on Saturday 21 November, 2015, 6.30pm at the Victoria Rooms**

Narrated by Wraxall mums Alice Roberts and Miranda Krestovnikoff

Programme:

- Prokofiev - Peter and the Wolf
- Britten - Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra
- Tchaikovsky - Nutcracker Suite No. 1

Conductor: James Ham

Here's a link to book tickets

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/newbristolsinfonia>

Thank you