



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching busy times! Letters went out to Year 1 and Reception regarding the Xmas concerts this week. Reception pantomime consent letters need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have returned already.

Today we were very sad to say goodbye to our wonderful student, Ms Huff, who has been working in Otters. Her exciting activities and calm presence has had a really positive impact on the children and their learning. We wish her all the best and very much hope she will return to George Tomlinson in the near future!

## NURSERY

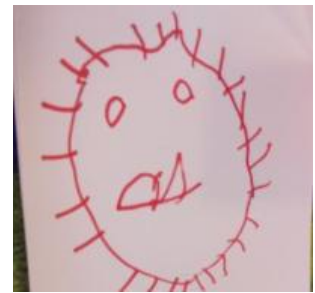
We had a very special delivery yesterday, we were donated a lovely Christmas tree from Primrose Florists on Leytonstone High Road. The children have been enjoying making their own decorations.



During the week the children have been adapting to the wet weather, building dens, using different materials and exploring which ones kept them dry the best.



The children have been doing lots of mark making this week. Here is their spider and Halloween inspired work.



## RECEPTION

The children have been learning about Christmas this week, practising for their performance and making their costumes, which will double up as their festive hats for the Christmas lunch. They have continued doing phonics in their groups and having lots of time to get busy with their own interests. They have also been reading the story of 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson, acting out the story and making story maps.

## THIS WEEK IN THE FIELD

This week we didn't go to the field! The teachers and the children decided it was just a bit too wet and muddy, this sometimes happens. However the children still did their



activity, which was to create their own stick man out of sticks they had previously brought back from the field. Some children went to the edible garden to find their sticks instead. Here are some of their wonderful creations!



## Year 1

This week the children in Year 1 have been decorating their classroom. Ilinca and Aleyah decided that they wanted to do this by themselves. They discussed making paper chains with Ms Corbett, who showed them a few ideas on the computer, they chose which one they liked best and went away and got busy. By the end of the morning this had been created!



In literacy Year 1 have learning about inference and reading the delightful story, 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae. They have had lots of discussions around

feelings and how Gerald felt at different points of the story and why.

*"He looks a bit lonely, worried because everyone will laugh at him because he couldn't dance". Ilinca*

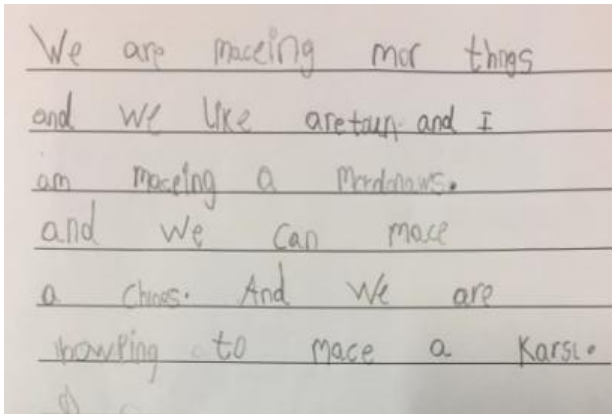
*"He's nervous because he is scared. He wanted to dance. Then they laughed at him". David Luca*

*"He felt worried because he can't dance. He thinks he can but he can't. He was maybe very sad. He thinks they might be bullies" Connor*

Year 1 have also been continuing writing about our Lego creations, here is some fabulous independent writing from Mary.



This is the town  
I made the bows  
oluwabami made the town  
Leticia made sum of it  
I bit the red crackers  
Alla made the beds  
I made sum of the beds  
oluwabami was funny because she wrote.



I think a lot of collaboration went in to this project; I can't wait to see the castle!

## Plea for Wood work

### Resources

We are looking for resources for the children to enhance their creations do you have any of the following?

- Milk bottle tops
- Small pieces of wood or off cuts
- Jar lids – plastic or metal
- Beads
- Sand paper
- Hardboard
- Hand drills

Also for deconstruction

- Old clocks
- Old radios

All donations are greatly appreciated.

## Birthdays!

Zak in Reception



## Dates to Remember

### DECEMBER

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Jolly Jars in for the Jolly Jar competition – decorate a jam jar and fill with sweets to go in the tombola at the Xmas Fair! (*Please remember we are a nut free school, sweets should be individually wrapped.*)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> last toddler group before Xmas holidays – don't miss your last week of getting busy with your little ones!

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - PTFA - Xmas fair

3.30 – 6.30pm don't miss out on all the gifts, crafts and tasty treats. Wear a Xmas jumper to school and bring a £1.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nursery Xmas concert  
10.00am and 1.30pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Reception trip to the theatre, please make sure you have a letter and return the slip as soon as possible.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Sandwich day for **Morning** Nursery children. – Remember to bring in a sandwich and a piece of fruit for your child's lunch.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Reception/Year 1 Xmas concert  
1.45pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – sandwich day for **Afternoon** Nursery – please bring your child in an hour earlier with a sandwich and a piece of fruit for their lunch.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term whole school closes at **1.30pm**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Nursery sessions** are shorter in line with the rest of the school please see times below



