



## Christmas Tree Decoration - House Challenge



OPEN to all the children

Design a tree decoration for our school Christmas tree  
Entries should be no bigger than a postcard  
must be able to hang from the branches of a Christmas tree and can be any design

All entries will earn house points for their House  
Decorations to be in school by **Wednesday 1st December**

### After School Clubs

There will be **NO** after School Clubs  
for the rest of this term

### ★ Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December our Meal supplier Chartwells will be cooking a traditional Christmas Lunch which is available to order at [dorset.mealselector.co.uk](http://dorset.mealselector.co.uk) The Menu and allergen details are attached to the email.

Please amend/place your order by  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Key Stage 1 Christmas Production



### Ralph the Reindeer

Hedgehogs and Squirrels

Filming soon

Filming will take place over the coming weeks, the production will be available to view on Teams

Please look out for a letter from Mrs Toy and Mrs Ramage

## Head Teacher's Award

Week ending: 26/11/2021



**Luke (Hedgehogs)** – for trying his best in all areas of the classroom.

**Elsie (Squirrels)** – for working hard on her handwriting and for always doing the right thing and making the right choice.

**Milly (Badgers)** – for showing great resilience this week.

**Sam (Foxes)** - for being a mature learner who always works hard, is respectful and focussed.

**WELL DONE!**

## Achievements Out of School

*Well done* to Kenan who was awarded 'Trainers Player of the Week' at Yeovil Football Talent ID Centre.

## Pupil of the week

Week ending: 26/11/2021

Hedgehogs: **Rafferty**

Squirrels: **Arabella**

Badgers: **Bluebell**

Foxes: **Rafe**

**Well done**

## Bronze Star Awards

Week ending 26/11/21



Emilia (Y1)  
Charlie (Y2)  
Pippa (Y2)  
Phoebe P (Y5)

**Congratulations**

## Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 26/11/2021

**Charlie** for being a Teamwork Tiger

**James** for being a Persevering Penguin

**Leo** for being a Have a Go Hyena

**Lydia** for being a Have a Go Hyena

**Well Done**



## Attendance

**Week ending 26/11/21**

Hedgehogs – 86.0%

Squirrels – 96.7%

Badgers – 97.7%

Foxes – 89.0%

This week the winners are

**Badgers**



## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**701**

**Chaffeymoor**

**617**

**Queen Oak**

**580**

## Birthdays



**Phoebe S (10)**

**Oliver A (7)**

**Bert (10)**

**Many Happy Returns**

## Hedgehogs News

Hedgehogs have been using the computers this week, learning how to use a mouse and create pictures or play phonics games. Year 1 have also been doing really well on their coding programme! For PE we have been sequencing moves and shapes. The children were really keen to demonstrate these to their friends!

In Music, Hedgehogs tried out the boom whackers; these are long hollow tubes in a variety of lengths and colours that introduce the experience of pitched instruments. The children used beaters to create their sounds and we tried a scale. Listening and remembering when to come in was a challenge we will return to!

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



## Squirrels News

In Squirrels this week, we have completed some assessment tasks for English and Maths and the children focussed really well – despite all the popping in and out for covid tests! We have also been consolidating our learning on addition and subtraction in Maths. In English we have been looking at how verbs in the past tense can have -ed endings or they can completely change the word. We have also focussed on our handwriting and practising our letter formation, sizing and consistency to make our writing more legible. In Art, we practised our drawing techniques by using different lines or shading to create different textures in our pictures. In Forest School we played some games that required fantastic listening and reaction skills. Then we introduced our cuddly friends and shared what we do with them. This led to some discussion about animals in general. Finally, we constructed houses for the animals, using forked sticks that supported the roofs and foliage to increase the coverage. The children were proud of their work. We hope you have a good weekend everyone and stay safe and well.



Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff ☺

## Badgers News

In Badgers this week we finally wrote our wishing tales. Some wished to be famous singers or expert artists, whilst others wished for various pets or money. They worked hard on varying their sentence starters and punctuating speech. They wrote some wonderful stories and wrote clever endings which gave clues the wish had been granted without actually writing so.

In RE we thought about Hanukkah, another festival of light. We watched some videos and considered how and why Jews celebrate Hanukkah. We then had a go playing the traditional game of Dreidel. This was great fun and took perseverance and sticking power.

In Science this week, we have been learning about reflective materials. We looked at a selection of different materials and decided whether they were reflective or non-reflective. We noticed that the materials that were dull and dark were not reflective, and the materials which were shiny and metallic were reflective. We also discussed why we wear Hi-Viz jackets to be seen in the dark and how there needs to be a light source in order to be seen.

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman

## Foxes News

This week in Foxes the children have been writing diary entries as if they were the Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton on his quest to travel Antarctica from sea to sea via the South Pole. The children wrote in first person recalling the different emotions he would have felt as well as recording the key events of the journey including the disastrous moment his ship Endurance got trapped in the ice and was slowly crushed. There was lots of fabulous writing!

In Forest School with Ms Rankin the children discussed what transformations they would like to happen if they could make a magic potion. Then the children chose from a variety of ingredients to complete their concoction. Using pipettes and test tubes and adding delights such as 'toad urine', 'salamander eggs' and 'unicorn sweat' to 'centaur hoof trimmings', 'wasp juice' and 'volcanic dust', Foxes entered fully into the imaginative spirit required. It was great fun (and no mythical creatures were harmed during this experiment!)

Mr Abbott

