

Friday 10th December 2021

# Springside School Weekly Newsletter



## Head Teachers' Message:

*Thank you to the learning for life team members for liaising with the Phases to ensure all the learners have fun in the last few weeks, irrespective of the Winter wonderland whole school event being cancelled.*

*This week Nala the dog came to visit learners in the Investigative Phase. Nala will be spending time with us in January to support the learner's mental health and wellbeing and their PSHE skills.*

*Lisa W will leave us in January to work with the Local Authority for a period of eighteen months. We know Lisa is looking forward to gaining new knowledge and skills and bring them back to Springside in September 2023. We wish Lisa lots of luck in her temporary role.*

*In an effort to return to school safely in January after the holidays, I have arranged for the Covid testing team to come in to school to test the staff on the inset day and learners on the first day back which is Wednesday 5th January. They will firstly take Lateral Flow Tests and follow up with a PCR if any show a positive result. We will be sending a Survey Monkey consent form out to you in order to get your consent in advance for this. Thank you for your cooperation.*

*Take care  
Melody*

## Head Teachers' Awards

### Well done!

Experiential: Raphael

Exploratory: Dylan and Brandon

Investigative: Sienna and Amelia

## Stars of the week



**Butterflies - Majidul and Hasanain**

**Wallabies - Aran**

**Ducklings - Frankie**

**Zebras - Zebras**

**Rhinos - Mariyah**

**Elephants - Tommy**

**Meerkats - Ellis**

**Monkeys - Moosa**

**Penguins - Jess**

**Dinosaurs - Tahira**

**Giraffes - Jayden**

**Tigers - Amelia**

*Certificates have been sent home via email to celebrate with your child.*

## Reminders

Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 15th December, learners can wear their own choice of clothing

School breaks up at the normal time on Friday 17th December and return to school on Wednesday 5th January



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## Experiential Phase

This week in experiential phase the wonderful Wallabies have been very busy participating in lots of activities relating to different colours and especially the colour purple. We have been developing our choice-making skills by way of choosing from the tray containing purple items, objects and toys. Richard played the role of Mr Purple and, rather amazingly, refrained from dressing up as Barney (the purple dinosaur). We have been painting and sticking in order to make paper plate reindeers and robins for our 'Winter Wonderland' corridor display; using our handprints to make the antlers. We have really enjoyed our new sensory phonics story called 'The Perfect Christmas Tree' and were able to activate different symbol switches in order to communicate our preferences of objects from the 'S' tray. We have been wearing our Santa hats whilst playing bells during the jingle bells song and we have chosen our favourite Christmas songs by way of referring to symbols on the switch. We are all really looking forward to our special Christmas dinner and Christmas parties next week in school, as well as exploring the focus colours of orange and blue so as to complete our 'Rainbow Song' journey!!



## Exploratory Phase

Learning has very much continued to be themed around Christmas this week linking to our Colour & Light theme this half term. The festivities call for lots of crafting and the learners have enjoyed getting creative - with lots of glitter! Today, learners that were able to manage wore Christmas jumpers to support Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day linking to our Rights Respecting School Accreditation.

This afternoon, Exploratory phase have worked collaboratively to decorate a real Christmas tree. Learners were able to touch and smell the fir and work on independence and fine motor skills to carefully place lights, tinsel and baubles on the tree. Keep an eye out for photos of this activity on our social media pages! On Wednesday next week, it will be Christmas dinner and Christmas party day. Of course, staff will be supporting learners with any anxieties that this day may bring for some of our learners.



## Investigative Phase

Investigative phase have had a festive week, including our winter wonderland event when our learners made and exchanged items. They all worked so hard and had so much fun. We are making lots of effort to ensure that even though we are being very careful we are still having lots of fun within our own classes. All our classrooms are decorated with sparkling tinsel and we've been taking part in Christmas and winter themed activities to practise our communication, maths and English skills. Following making gingerbread men, Tigers class wrote the instructions with some very impressive handwriting. We were very excited to give and receive Christmas cards too. We can't wait for Christmas dinner next week on Wednesday when we can wear our own clothes and celebrate together.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.





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## Rights Respecting School News

Last week the learners and staff all enjoyed some fun in the snow with our friends. We wrapped up warm though in our winter coats, wellies, hats and scarves as whilst our learners have the right to have fun, they also have the right to keep warm, dry and for their health to be considered by the adults who look after them (Article 27). Some of us then got warm by making a delicious hot chocolate –YUMMY! This week we have also been busy spreading festive cheer around the school by decorating our classroom's and Christmas trees as well as making some fabulous Christmas crafts as part of our learners right to the freedom of thought, belief and religion (Article14).

Today we have taken part in Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper day' at school and we are looking forward to sharing some pictures of some of the exciting activities the learners took part in to celebrate. Whilst we have not asked for learners to bring donation directly into school, if you would like to make a donation to this charity you will find a link to our direct fundraising page on our school Facebook page.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kirstie and the Rights Respecting Steering group



**This week's Mental Health and Wellbeing award goes to:**

**Adam K**

**Well done!**

**All of Tigers have been awarded the Chair of Governors award for waiting patiently and being well mannered whilst the learners in Hamer vacated the Hall**

**Well done!**



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