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YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN TELLING THE SCHOOL ALL ABOUT THE ARCHIE PROJECT

In Good Learning Assembly on the 23rd, 3OM told the school all about the Archie Project which is a dementia awareness charity. The children were informed what dementia is and that it cannot be cured but it can be managed. With the help and knowledge of the disease and kindness from others, those with dementia can live an easier life. The two Y3 classes have visited Alderwood Care Home and met with residents who have memory loss or dementia. The children read to the residents, played games, drew pictures and asked questions about their lives. The children all had a fantastic time as you can see from the pictures.

Out of the blue Mr. Garnett received an email from a headteacher of a local school who wanted, "to just say thank you to North Primary. Some of your Y3s visited Alderwood Car Home, where my parents live. My mum has dementia, but my dad has all his faculties and he said what a wonderful group of young people they were and that they were a credit to the school. [My Dad] is a former secondary school headteacher and knows how important it is to recognize the hard work of staff in supporting young people to acquit themselves well in such circumstances. The visit was a high point in his day." What a lovely message.

One of the residents made the children promise to come back again and stay for at least 5 hours! Another lady said how wonderful it was to be around children and that they were so well behaved. And the photos really do show the joy of the residents and the children.

One of the managers at the Home wrote a lovely thank you letter which included the following - "It was just so wonderful to see the children and residents interacting, playing games, reading their books, drawing and asking so many questions... Dot (a resident) doesn't get involved but today she was full of beans and was chatting away."

The children had some lovely things to say as well. Here are some quotes.

Isaac 'I loved visiting the care home because the residents were really friendly and I liked reading to them.'

Gabriel 'We played rock, paper, scissors with them and noughts and crosses.'

Phoebe - 'I was really happy to go because I wanted to read my books to others.'

Emil 'I was so excited to read to an ex head teacher. He was very nice and helped me with words that I struggled with like Tutankhamun.'

Pola 'I enjoyed asking the residents questions and finding out about them.'

Tasneem 'The care home was really comfortable, calm and I was so excited to read.'

Railyn 'I was a bit nervous at first but then I realised they were quite fun and I wish I lived there.'

You can read more and see more lovely photos on the website. Well done to the Year 3 children, staff and parent helpers. It is a fabulous project.

Governor Corner

It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents and welcome you into the school for the Reception Stay and Learn sessions and the Open Afternoon and the Nursery Stay and Learns too (see those lovely photos). For some parents it was the first time they have been able to come into school for these sessions. Children were very excited to show off their work, and help parents settle into the classroom routine.

There was lots of role play in Reception along with making a sun capture gingerbread man. On the open afternoon It was great to see parents designing and sticking, making lions, Anglo Saxon brooches and a collage of flowers and trees. There were history time lines, Viking brochures and in the IT suite a lesson on coding. I am sure you will join with me in thanking all the teachers and support staff for making the lessons so interesting and great fun, and for welcoming us into their colourful and vibrant classrooms.

Chatting with parents they agreed it had been an excellent session and a great way to find out more about how their children learn.

Jan Blackwell Chair of Governors



Creche for toddlers and pre-schoolers

Christmas performances are a time for parents to relax and enjoy the shows without worrying about your little ones.

If you can, please make arrangements for toddlers and pre-schoolers to be looked after by friends or relatives when you come to a show. If this is not possible, you will be asked to drop children off at the creche when you arrive.

If you need a place in the crèche for the Reception, or Year 2. 3 or 4 performances, please make sure you book a place in the creche as soon as possible by emailing or speaking to the office staff.

*There will not be a crèche for the Year 1 or Year 5/6 performances. Children will be able to come to the Year 1 after school performance. Parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for siblings for the Year 5/6 evening performance.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th November	Non-Uniform Day in aid of Christmas Bazaar
Thurs 1st December	Prospective Parents Evening
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Bazaar
Wed 7th December	9.15am- Reception Nativity
Friday 9th December	9.30am - Y2 Christmas Play
Wed 14th December 10.45am and 2.30pm	Nursery Christmas singalong
Wed 14th December	Christmas Lunch - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
Thurs 15th December 3.30pm*	Y1 Christmas Singalong
Friday 16th December	9.30am - Y3 Christmas Play 2.00pm - Y4 Christmas Play
Mon 19th December*	7.00pm - Y5/6 Christmas Evening
Tues 20th December	Last day of autumn term
Thurs 5th January 2023	First day of Spring Term
Friday 10th February	Last day of half term
Monday 20th February	Return to school

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Countdown to the Bazaar

It is getting very exciting!

Don't forget non-uniform day on the 25th. The NSA Elves are double busy shopping, wrapping prizes and presents, organising all the stalls and getting local businesses to donate prizes. On the 1st they will be getting Santa's grotto ready.

All day and through the evening on December 2nd they will be on it!

You can never have enough elves - if you want to help please let us know.

