



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

The week started early this week! Our choir had the great opportunity to sing along side the Aylesbury Concert Band on Saturday. As always they were amazing and in fine voice. We received so many amazing comments from the public about our children, their singing and how they behaved. Well done to all of them and thank you to the families that supported us. If your child is joining Revd Lane on Sunday on Berryfields Green please remember this is not a school event and parents need to remain with children at all times.

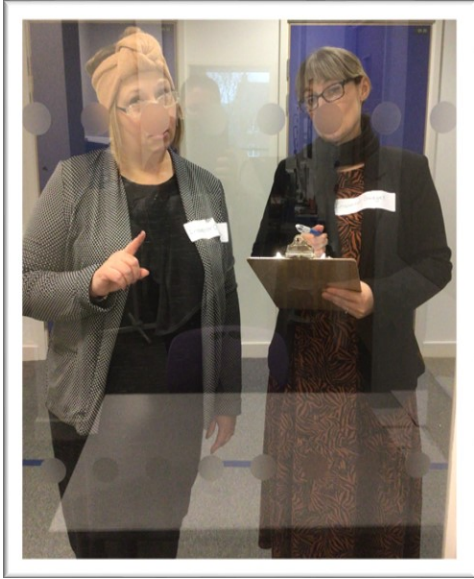
Our amazing staff treated the children to a live performance of 'The First Christmas' on Monday. I'm sure that the West End will come calling in January!! This was a really lovely event in which we looked at the true meaning of Christmas. Who knew how many talented actors we had in our staff team?



On Monday and Tuesday we opened our doors and watched our Year 1 and 2 children perform their Nativity. This was a truly magical Christmas experience.

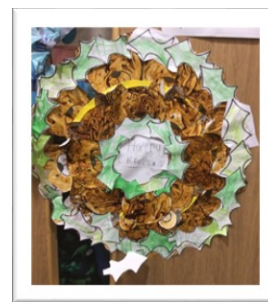
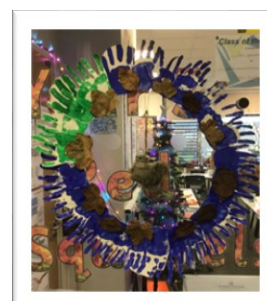
We are grateful that we have been able to create opportunities for most of our smaller children to perform in front of live audiences and create some special memories. Thank you to all of our guests for following the guidance and helping us keep each other safe.

We shared our Christmas lunch together on Wednesday in the dining hall. It was lovely to share cracker jokes over a roast dinner and pudding. Thank you to our caterers to putting on a great spread.



Yesterday we had the annual Christmas Wreath competition. All classes work as teams to design and make their entries. Two rather familiar looking (and very grumpy) Wreath Inspectors visited our school to judge the competition. The variety of entries and level of creativity was brilliant this year- making the decision really hard. But our winning classes are: Turtles, Panthers and Falcons.

These classes will win a mufti day in the New Year (dates to be confirmed). Well done to everyone.

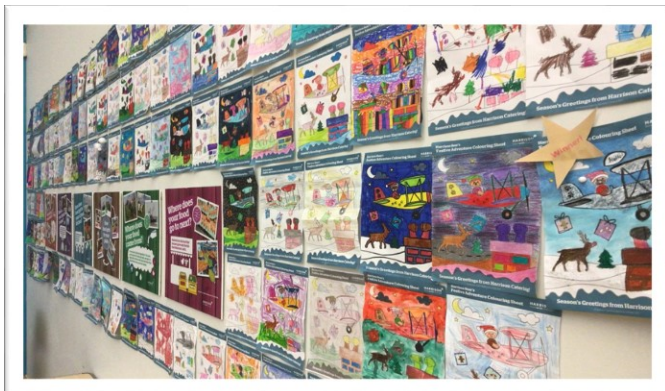


Well done to Tjay who had his name pulled out of the hat in assembly to win a scooter for gaining 100% attendance this term.

We continue to monitor attendance but do not count COVID absence in the total for this award. Tjay we hope you enjoy the scooter over the Christmas break.



Harrison's Catering ran their annual colouring competition and we have some amazing entries.



Congratulations to the Winner who received the Harrison's Teddy Bear and all the runners up got a small gift as well.



On Wednesday Dhanya and Jayden (Year 6 head girl and boy), accepted a certificate from the Aylesbury Rotary (Hundred and Interact) Club on behalf of all the children and staff in the primary school, who kindly made donations, as a way of saying thank you.

AVA Primary managed to fill many shoeboxes for the appeal, and it is hoped that these will bring just a little bit of happiness to those children and families in Eastern Europe who are less fortunate than ourselves. Well done everyone and have a Merry Christmas.

AVA Primary School Parliament



Aylesbury Vale Academy have put together a number of Christmas songs and recordings to share with you that have been performed by students from the Primary (Year 5&6) and Secondary phase. Please use the link below to access the recordings.

<https://www.theacademy.me/xmas2021>

The students have worked hard to put this together and we hope that you enjoy it. Thank you to all the staff and students who helped with the recordings and the 6th form media students who edited it all together.

JOY - A refection for the 4th Sunday of Advent - Sunday 19th December.

Candle candle burning bright
In the cold winter night
Candle candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light

On the third Sunday in advent, we light a candle to represent JOY...

Light the advent candle four
Think of joy for ever more
See the child in a stable born
A gift of love on the Christmas morn

A prayer of joy...

May we bring the light of God to the world this Advent.

We pray for children around the world who can't go to school, are homeless, sick, or who are refugees. May we always find ways to help them and be joyful witnesses to your love for them.

May all children in the world share love, share friendship and live in the peace of God's love, now and forever. Amen.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support in 2021. Never did I expect to still be navigating Covid-19 and potential remote learning again this Christmas. Having the support from our amazing families makes this easier.

Thank you also to our AMAZING staff – who continue to go above and beyond despite the daily challenges that they face.

I am keeping everything crossed for January and hope that we will return as normal on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Please stay safe over the festive period, continue to protect one another and most importantly enjoy some quality time with your loved ones.

I wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Mrs C Baughan





HM Government



If you have any of the following symptoms:



A new, continuous cough



A high temperature



A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Get a test as soon as possible.
Stay at home until you get the result.

Well-being Matters

The current situation is a challenge for all, and we appreciate our students may find the uncertainty of the pandemic difficult. The safeguarding team are always here to support our students and we can be reached directly using the following email address: safeguarding@theacademy.me

There are several charities who can support your child if you are concerned about their mental health, these are listed below:



Kooth - online counselling for young people

www.kooth.com

NHS

EVERY MIND MATTERS

Every Mind Matters

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters



Mind

www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing



Mental Health Foundation

<https://mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

**Thank you for everything you are doing at this difficult time in support the children at the
Aylesbury Vale Academy.**