

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has certainly been a busy term for the children with a range of new experiences. They are now in the last year and this brings with it the responsibility of being a role model to the rest of the school which they have risen to whether they are prefects, learning mentors or Gold Medal Learners. With your guidance they have selected their secondary schools and are now preparing for the SAT's tests in the summer -May 13th-16th. Following that they have the opportunity to go on the School Journey to Skegness. There are still some places available.

This term all the children have learned to swim or improved their techniques and stamina at the Olympic Pool. They have visited Tate Modern and have produced some wonderful art work inspired by the sculptures of Giacometti. Looking at the Globe Theatre gave them an idea of how the productions of Shakespeare were performed and they have studied 'Macbeth' and enjoyed a fantastic workshop and production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Millfield Theatre. The opening of the Wetlands has encouraged them to explore this new environment to enhance their learning, especially their learning in science and geography.

There has been a real drive with the English and mathematics to prepare the children for success. Many children have attended the 8am sessions in mathematics, tables, inference and Language for Thinking. These classes will continue next term and will be by invitation only. At Christmas some children have been invited to take opportunity of the extra 5 mornings of maths classes led by Miss Maths and Mr Ferns.

Most of Year 6 have participated in the range of enrichment activities which will include two homework clubs next term. There will also be opportunities for some children to participate in the Easter production of the Wizard of Oz. Some of your children have shown themselves to be excellent pupil mentors and have been an asset in supporting many of the younger children with their activities.

Your commitment and encouragement towards your child 's success is vital and we had 99% attendance at the Parent Evenings and a very positive response to our first Cafés where you created your Memory Matchboxes. There was also a committed group of parents who attended the Maths Cafés and I know their own skills have improved too so they are able to help their children to do maths using the current methods of working.

The children have just completed another round of tests so we can see where future support and challenge is needed for each child. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss the results of these tests and their implications at the next Parent Consultation which will be held on **January 24** between **8.30am-11.30am** and between **2.30pm and 6.20pm on 28 January**. It is important that you attend the meeting as the teacher will let you know the areas of learning your child needs to concentrate on to achieve their potential.

It is important that you continue to support your child in completing their homework and talking to them about their reading. You are instrumental in their success. Please approach me if you ever have any questions or queries.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and look forward to working with you again in the New Year.

Kind regards,

Miss Blake, Miss Lobosco, Miss Ward, Miss Clarke and all the Year 6 staff



Wishing you happy memories this Christmas time



From the children and staff at Prince of Wales School



This December, Year 6 Cafés focused on the story of the Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleishman. Parents were able to experience how the teachers challenged the children through a range of questions to promote their understanding and enjoyment of the book. The children, with their parents, created their own matchbox of memories to display on their tree this Christmas.