



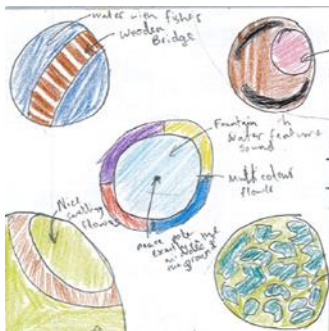
Nether Hall School

Head Teacher's News – December 2021

This time last year I started this newsletter with the following: *"When I wrote to you in July I really didn't think we would still be in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic in December".....* and here we are again. Once again, I must take this opportunity to thank the staff for their professionalism and commitment to ensure the school has remained fully open and safe, enabling our pupils to continue to come to school and enjoy learning with their friends. I would also like to thank you for working with us through, what continues to be a very challenging time for us all. Despite the ongoing challenges, there has been a huge amount of wonderful learning happening in school.

Outdoor Learning

We are super excited to report our outdoor classroom is being built, literally as I type! This will be a fabulous addition to the area as it will provide shelter from the rain and shade from the sun allowing learning to carry on in all



weathers. The building was planned and designed two years ago, but for reasons we are all aware of, has been delayed. Our enormous gratitude to Diana Esho from the Rotary Club who approached us to see if we would be interested in having a Peace Pole and sensory garden built, funded by Rotary. This became a joint project with year 7 design students at Orchard Mead designing many wonderful gardens. Callum Spencer and his team at Taylor Made Landscapers are constructing the winning design.

The field continues to be a fabulous additional space for our students. S7 have been weather watching out there, making and using all manner of equipment to measure rainfall and determine the direction of the wind and they have made bird feeders to attract feathered friends and enjoyed playing in our leaf piles. Primary children enjoy exploring and using the space to improve literacy skills by searching for their own names.



Christingle Service

Our friends from St Luke's Church in Thurnby didn't let coronavirus stop us enjoying a Christingle service together, this year they came to us instead!



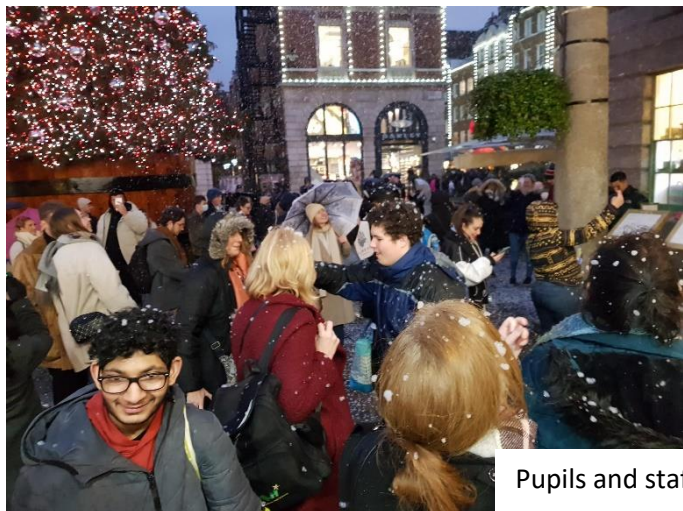
Wonderful Musical Experiences

Despite the ongoing challenges this term, pupils and staff have had some wonderful music experiences.

In November, we took over 70 pupils to De Montfort Hall to see the Philharmonia orchestra performing in Orchestra Unwrapped; a concert of pieces around the theme of Humans and Nature.

We also had a visit in school from the Soundabout Choir who led vocal workshops with some of our pupils.

Most recently, 16 pupils took part in a trip to the Royal Opera House in London to see a performance of the Nutcracker followed by a visit to Covent Garden. It was quite magical, and was wonderful to see the pupils enjoying themselves at such a festive time.



Pupils and staff having a wonderful time in Covent Garden

Children in Need



We had an amazing ~~enjoy~~ children in need day this year
Pupil council Planned and Organised it all.
We raised over £520 We want to say a huge thank you to everyone for
Supporting us. it was very special day. hope you like the pictures
we have chosen to show you.

£522.98

Written by Saiyara Uddin, SF9

Evidence for Learning Family App



We are excited to announce that we will be launching the Evidence for Learning Family App in the new year. This will enable us to inform you of your child's learning using pictures and videos through the use of an App. Until then, please inform the office if you have changed your email address. We will be in touch in the new year with further information.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 17th December 2021- School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Staff Training Day
Wednesday 5th January 2022 – School opens to pupils



Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and healthy festive season. I sincerely hope you have the opportunity to enjoy quality time with your family and friends.

Sarah Naylor,
Head Teacher