



Dear Parents, Carers,

The 'Expressive Arts' are the cornerstone of life at Evenlode in December; many classes have been developing their creative writing skills, others are busy sewing, Y6 are bringing life to WWII through drama, while Y4 are eating biscuits while learning about plate tectonics (!) and all to the backdrop of learning Christmas carols and songs! Our curriculum is certainly creative and varied at this time of year, with the children playing a full and active role in their learning. Smiles and laughter are in evidence throughout the school, though tiredness is beginning to creep in - please continue to support us in encouraging the children to use only 'kind words'.

Thank you to the PTA for organising 'Bags 2 Schools' and for all your donations to the Vale Food Bank, they were particularly grateful this year as donations have been lower than usual.

Covid regimes continue to be followed rigorously; we are very thankful to our pupils, who are all following the routines sensibly. 🙌🧐



With thanks,

Hayley Hodgkins and the Evenlode Team.

Mrs. R. Foster, our new Head Teacher, will be visiting the school on Friday December 4th.



Bronze Award

'Da iawn pawb, rydyn ni wedi ennill y gwobr efydd, llongyfarchiadau!'

Mr. Barton, Miss. Dunlop and the Cymreag Campus Team have worked with the whole school to help develop our use of Welsh. They had to submit evidence of work that the school has been doing and we have recently heard that we have been successful in gaining the Bronze Award. We are very proud of everyone's efforts and are now working hard to gain the Silver Award.



Christmas Food Bank Gifts.

A BIG thank you to all our families who donated food items, to staff who donated over £200 which Miss. Mainwaring magically transformed into 'extras' and to our Senedd - with the help of Mr. Francis and Mrs. Roberts - who filled and organised all the bags.



We made-up 137 bags of food, weighing 472kg. The Food Bank were extremely grateful for the donations, well done and thank you all.

Dates for your Diary:

- Pupil Flu vaccinations - Wednesday December 9th.
- Reception 'virtual' Nativity - Tuesday December 15th.
- WWII 'virtual' Concert Y6 - Tuesday December 15th.
- Christmas Party Lunch KS2 - Wednesday December 16th.
- Christmas Party Lunch KS1 - Thursday December 17th.
- Christmas Jumper Day - Friday December 18th.
- **INSET Day Monday January 4th.**



Christmas at Evenlode:

Christmas Parties:

On 'Party Day' children should bring in a 'Christmas' packed lunch with a cracker and wear 'party' clothes'.



KS2 December 16th, KS1 December 17th.



Christmas jumpers can be worn on our last day, Friday December 18th.

News from the PTA:



Bags 2 School success: Thank you to all who donated - an amazing £600 pounds was raised!

Christmas Shopping:

If you're online shopping using www.easyfundraising.org.uk will also raise funds for the PTA. Also, if you're buying on Amazon you can also support the PTA by swapping to Amazon Smile.



Christmas Fair:



Some busy elves have been working hard behind the scenes to put together Evenlode's first virtual Christmas Fair! There's games to be played, competitions to enter with festive prizes to be won and a special Christmas message. Follow the link to take part:

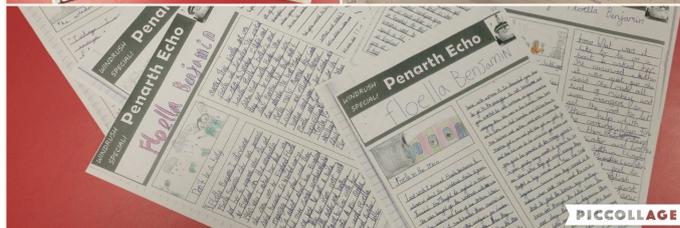
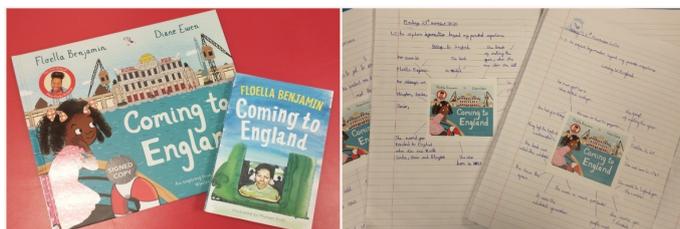
<https://patchworkit.com/35848/evenlode-fair>



The PTA is looking for 2 co-Chairs and a Secretary to start at the end of Feb 2021. To find out more or to register your interest please email us: evenlodepta@outlook.com

What's been happening in school? A focus on Y4.

Y4 have had a varied fortnight learning all about the Windrush Generation through Floella Benjamin's books, learning about Plate Tectonics using Oreo Cookies and investigating erupting fizzy drinks!!



From little seeds grow mighty trees

