



Little Phoenix



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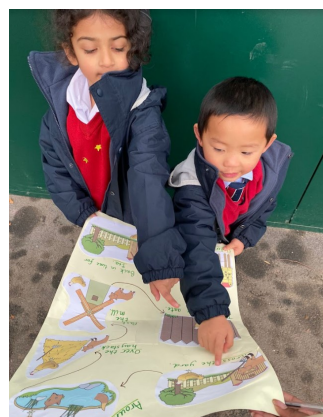
Mrs Speight's message ...

Christmas has definitely arrived in Pre-Prep. Wednesday night enabled us all to celebrate the Key Stage One nativity, A Little Bird Told Me together. It was marvellous, wonderful, fantastic, superb, amazing! The children remembered their lines and sang their songs beautifully. It was lovely to see their joy as they left the stage, they were clearly delighted with their performance. It is a huge space to fill and being on stage when you are so young is certainly a little daunting. Many children expressed that they were feeling a little nervous during the dress rehearsal, who would have known from watching the performance? The children all arrived at school the following day and asked if they could do it again! Decorating the tree on a Snowy Thursday was magical, such excitement and anticipation is in the air about Christmas and our planned festivities. We are now looking forward to our EYFS Christmas Performance and I am sure that it will be just as enjoyable. The children have been rehearsing in the Studio Hall, yet again more beautiful singers. We are most grateful to the YPSSC who have bought us a new piano which has certainly been well used for our rehearsals. Have a super relaxing weekend, I wonder how many families will be putting their tree up?

Joanne Speight



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Travelling Far and Wide

Well, there have not been any travel restrictions in Nursery this week! The children have loved building planes and boats both inside and out, travelling far and wide. Tenerife was a popular destination. The children took it in turns to be the pilot and air stewards. They were serving a huge variety of drinks and snacks. We experienced minimal turbulence and managed a safe landing each time. I wonder if we will go on any more adventures next week? I quite fancy a trip to the North Pole!



Rosie's Walk

Inspired by the story *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins, the children in Reception have been practising their positional language skills by guiding each other through a blind folded assault course. The children soon discovered that using words such as 'above', 'below', 'left', 'right' and 'under' can help them navigate even the most challenging of obstacles. This activity helped the children improve their speaking and listening skills as well as their gross motor skills.



'A Little Bird Told Me'



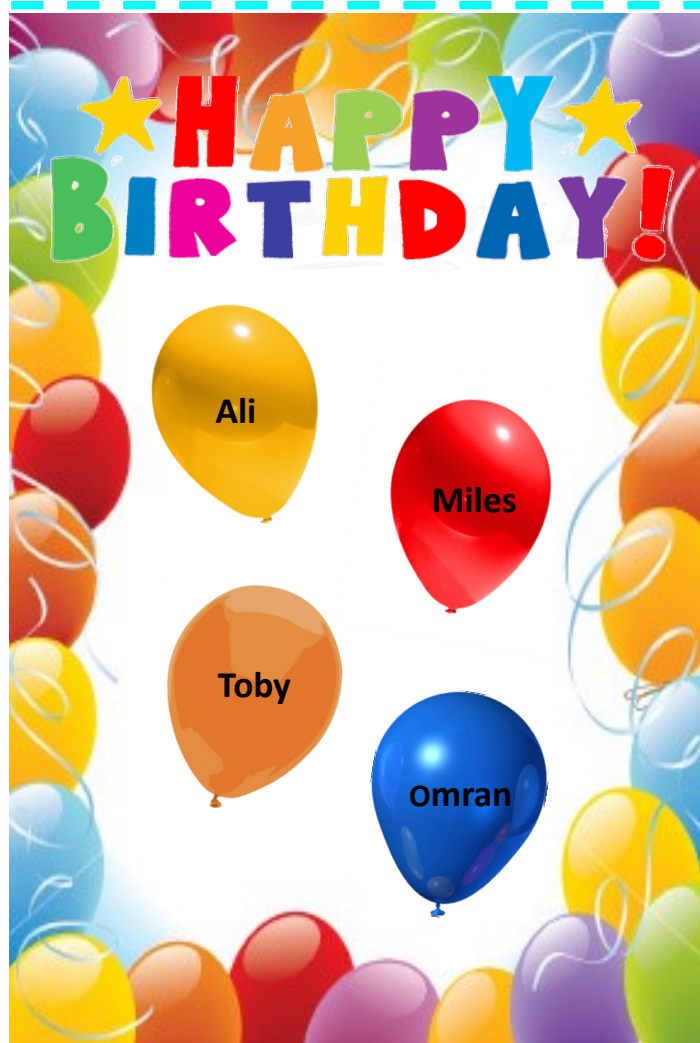
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Festive Songs

It felt like Christmas had come early at Pre-Prep when we received our fabulous new piano from the YPSSC. Mr Gooding has been busy playing many festive songs and the children have loved singing along. Many thanks again to the Social Committee for funding this wonderful new addition to the Pre-Prep.





Charity Calendars

Our beautiful calendar in aid of the South Cleveland Heart Fund is now on sale! It features stunning artwork from Yarm School pupils for every month, and it's even got reminders of our term dates to keep you on track next year. A fabulous Christmas present for parents, grandparents and friends, these are guaranteed to go quickly so grab your copies as soon as you can.

Pricing is as follows; 1 calendar- £10, 2 calendars- £15, 3 calendars- £25, 4 calendars- £30 (cash only). If you wish to purchase one please send the money into school in an envelope with your child's name and class on it, and they will bring them home from school with them.



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EYFS Nativity

Nursery Parents - Tuesday 7th December

1 Nursery parent per child is invited to attend the EYFS Nativity performance on Tuesday 7th December at 2pm in the Pre-Prep Studio Hall.

Reception Parents - Wednesday 8th December

1 Reception parent per child is invited to attend the EYFS Nativity performance on Wednesday 8th December at 2pm in the Pre-Prep Studio Hall.

Parents of children in both Nursery and Reception

Where possible, please attend the performance on Tuesday 7th December to watch both of your children.



Calendar 2021-2022

Autumn Term, 2021	
INSET 1	Tuesday, 31 st Aug 2021
INSET 2	Wednesday, 1 st September 2021
Pupils return	Thursday, 2 nd September 2021
½ term begins	Friday, 15 th October 2021 (after school)
Pupils return	Monday, 1 st November 2021
Finish	Friday, 17 th December 2021 (after school)
Spring Term, 2022	
Pupils return	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
½ term begins	Thursday, 17 th February 2022 (after school)
INSET 3	Friday, 18 th February 2022
Pupils return	Monday, 28 th February 2022
Finish	Friday, 1 st April 2022 (after school)
Summer Term, 2022	
Pupils return	Monday 25 th April 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday, 2 nd May 2022
½ term begins	Thursday, 26 th May 2022 (after school)
INSET 4	Friday, 27 th May 2022
Pupils return	Monday, 6 th June 2022
Finish	Thursday 7 th July 2022 (12 noon, finish)

Please note there will be **no after school care on the last day of term** (Friday 17th December).