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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

The entire school has been incredibly busy over the past few weeks, and our children have absolutely loved the pre-holiday winter weather! Snow has been a theme of fun all week, bringing an extra sparkle to the colder, winter days.

We are also proud to share that the whole school embraced the 'superhero' theme for Pudsey Day, and together we raised £141.40 for charity! The student councils at both schools have been actively discussing philanthropy and the charities they would like to support, helping our children understand the positive impact that charities can have and how they, too, can make a difference.

Our Ethos team continues to meet and recently we have been reflecting upon our school vision that everyone can 'let their light shine'. Members have then discussed this with their own classes and with the help of some of their friends have been recording how they have been letting their light shine on some autumnal themed leaves to be proudly displayed:



On Monday 11 November Revd Richard led our Collective Worship and helped us commemorate Remembrance Day. The children talked about why we wear poppies and did their bit for raising money for the Royal British Legion by selling Poppy merchandise in school.

We also celebrated Anti-Bullying Week focusing on the important theme of 'Choose Respect'. It is vital that our children understand what bullying is and, more importantly, how to ensure we create a respectful and supportive environment for all. We have been discussing ways to prevent bullying and encourage kindness and empathy. For those seeking additional resources or information on how to support this message at home, please visit: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect>

This week, our children have enjoyed exciting trips across the Federation. Oak class visited Gressenhall for a WW2 day, and you can find more details about their adventure further below. In addition to this, we have had a number of important visitors. On Monday afternoon, our Federation Governors attended Lyng for our half-termly full meeting. They were highly impressed by the rapid



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improvements to the environment, and the pupils' hard work was evident in every wall and corridor. They noted the school now feels incredibly more spacious, vibrant, and welcoming, and they could clearly see the progress made over the past year.

This week also included a visit from the external SEND review team. We are immensely grateful to the parents who contributed and spoke to the reviewers. As expected, Mrs. Smith and the entire SEND provision received incredibly positive feedback. The review highlighted excellent practice from both staff and leaders. Our pupils were a true credit to the school, speaking about their learning with pride and joy - and, of course, they were also thrilled by the snow!

Once we have fully evaluated the day, we will share the findings in more detail. In the coming weeks, we are looking forward to the Christmas and winter events and can't wait to welcome everyone in for some festive cheer.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend.

FOLS Bake Sale and Festive Fayre

Please make a note of Friday 6 December in your diaries and come along and support the bake sale and festive fayre being run by FOLS. This will start straight after school and finish at 4.30pm. It will help raise much needed funds to support all the children who attend our school. You can also help by donating the following:

- Second hand children's Christmas clothing, Christmas games, books and toys (in good condition)
- Raffle prizes
- Empty tin cans for one of the craft stalls
- Baked goods – dropped off on the day please.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office or given to a member of the FOLS team. If anyone is able to assist with any of the stalls, please contact FOLS at folslyng@gmail.com.

Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly – further details will be circulated next week.



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New Lunch Menu

Nourish will formally take over the running of our school kitchen on Monday 25 November. Hopefully you will all have had the chance to look at the new menu which was emailed earlier this week. A copy can also be found on our website.

Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R

Hugo - for contributing so well to our class discussions this week, showing his great knowledge for our topics.

Willow Class – Year 1

Rupert M - for his excellent effort in phonics this week!

Willow Class – Year 2

Arthur - for his improved effort in his learning this week!

Rowan Class – Year 3

Carlo for his great effort with his handwriting and spellings.

Rowan Class – Year 4

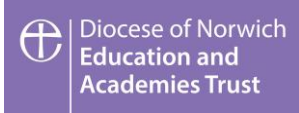
Mustafa for his great effort with his handwriting.

Oak Class – Year 5

Lexie-Mae for her excellent, positive attitude to her learning this week where when stuck, she has asked for help confidently. She also participated brilliantly on our WW2 trip to Gressenhall.

Oak Class – Year 6

Jack for showing an excellent attitude to his learning this week where he's contributed well, especially on our trip to Gressenhall!



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OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year 1&2	How do we know that some toys are from the past?
Year 3&4	Can you think of a fact about the Mesolithic period?
Year 5&6	What was the impact of WW2 on Britain?

WOW MOMENTS!

William (Yr 3) and Peggy (Yr 1) During half term, William & Peggy stayed at the RAF Club in London and completed a treasure hunt. They received certificates when they had completed it but had to solve some tricky clues to get to the end....



Bella (Yr 1) In the summer Bella wrote a letter to the King asking him how she could help save animals around the world that are at risk of becoming extinct. She also drew a picture of her favourite animal- a rainbow lorikeet. Over the weekend she received a letter from Buckingham palace in response. Apparently the King has two Jack Russell Terriers called Beth and Bluebell!

Please remember to continue to send in your WOW moments for achievements out of school

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OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

Cherry Class

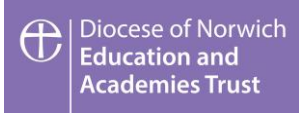
Cherry class learnt about animal homes this week, before heading outside to make some of their own. They have been exploring the dark den we have set up ready to learn about day and night. The highlight of their week was getting to see some snow! Excited squeals could be heard across school on Wednesday, although this did not last for long as they decided it was far too cold.



Willow Class

We have been busy in Willow class over the last few weeks! We had a special visitor (Phil- George's Grandad) who shared his trains from the past. The children loved looking at the different trains and comparing them to toy trains from today. In Forest School, we read the story of Jack Frost and found signs that Jack Frost had visited Lyng! We then created our own ice decorations. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers to 100. Great job Willow Class!





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Rowan Class

Rowan had an excellent science lesson learning about how fossils are formed. We made layers of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rock using crushed biscuits and wax crayon chips. We also enjoyed forest school where we made shelters using planning and teamwork.



Oak Class

Oak began this week with a fantastic trip to Gressenhall to immerse themselves in an excellent WW2 experience. Please see below for a further report and more photos! Back to school and besides assessment week for Year 6, we have been continuing to develop our rugby skills in outdoor PE. For our RealPE unit, we have been learning key fundamental movement skills, applying them in the game Benchball which the class are very fond of!

Elsewhere, we continue our history topic where this week we learnt about Hitler's rise to power and in science, we have been learning about dominant and recessive genes and how this affects our appearance from one generation to the next.





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Oak - WW2 Experience at Gressenhall - Monday 18th November

On Monday, Oak class transported themselves back in time to WW2 in Norfolk, with many dressing up wonderfully for our trip to Gressenhall. Whilst there, we were introduced to the main characters from the day before going off and enjoying different experiences, from Rationing and Wartime cooking with Mrs Watts; preparing for a Nazi invasion with Captain Morgan; preparing for an air raid with ARP Warden Smith and finishing the day by working the fields with Mabel Browne, a member of the Women's Land Army.

Oak class were a real credit to our school and behaved superbly. It was a wonderful experience and one which will help inspire their writing in the coming weeks. Please see our school Facebook page for more photos too!





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DIARY DATES 2024/25

December

- 6th FOLS Christmas Bake Sale and Mini Christmas Fayre (3.15 – 4.30pm)
- 11th Karate Taster Sessions (all classes)
- 12th Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th Cherry & Willow Nativity – performances at 9.15am and 2.00pm
- 17th Willow Class to Holkham Hall
- 18th Christmas Church Service at Lyng Church (2.00pm)
- 19th Christmas Lunch
- 20th Last day of term
FOLS Christmas Disco (at the village hall)

Christmas holidays 23rd December – 6th January

January

- 7th Children return to school

February

Half term 17th – 21st February

March

April

Easter holiday 7th – 22nd April

- 23rd Children return to school

May

5th Bank Holiday – school closed

12th SATS week for year 6

Half term 26th – 30th May

June

2nd Inset Day – school closed to pupils

July

22nd Last day of term