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Date: 3-Dec-23

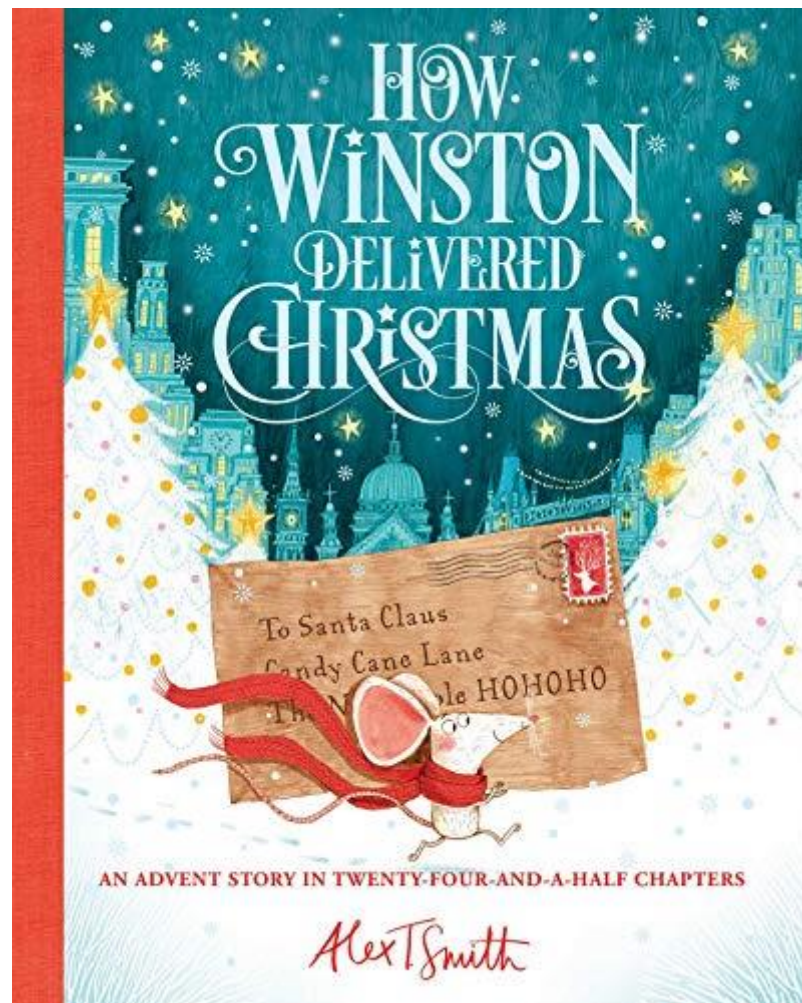
Christmas Tree and Christmas Book Week

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the children today with the Tree Decorating Assembly and The Christmas Fair. The tree is looking amazing – the children have all made such lovely decorations.

Next week is Christmas Book Week – we can't wait to share the book with you and see all of the brilliant things you will do!



Advent Christmas Story



This Christmas, the staff at Grenville will be reading a chapter each of “How Winston Delivered Christmas” each day of advent. You can find the links on our website and follow along each day. The last day will be Christmas Eve! Each day, there will be a fun activity you may want to try with your whole family.

We hope you enjoy this Christmas story treat!

Click on the link below to access each chapter.

<https://www.georgegrenville.co.uk/christmas-advent-story.html>

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Bake Sale



There will be a bake sale after school on Monday 4th December to sell all the left over yummy gifts that the children made. There is a range of delicious treats, from marshmallow snowmen, chocolate dipped shortbread, stained glass biscuits, peppermint creams and lots more. Make sure you bring some spare change!

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Buckingham Christmas Parade **Calling all Grenville Pupils!**

We currently do not have enough interest for the Christmas Parade and may have to cancel. Please sign the google form below to register your interest in either helping out with the props and costumes or walking in the parade (or both!)

George Grenville Academy will be walking in the Christmas parade this year on the Saturday 16th December 2023 at 10am. The theme is pantomimes, so we have decided to choose **Jack and The Beanstalk**.

It would be wonderful if as many children as possible could walk with us. If this is something you would like to take part in, please let us know by filling out the google form using the link below. Please note, children in Early Years to Year 3 will need their parents to stay with them by either joining in the fun or walking alongside in the crowd.

Once we know how many children we have taking part, we can start to create costumes for enough people. It would be great if you could wear as many green items as possible as we will try and become a giant beanstalk!

There will also be a few props to make (giant's head, golden egg, harp, coins and maybe even some clouds!) If this is something that you would like to get involved in, please also fill out the form above and let us know. (You do not have to walk in the parade to help with this and you can choose whether to come to a workshop or be directed to make something at home.) Workshops will take place on Wednesday evenings as a drop in between 5pm and 7pm.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xi4mDCxHHm>



Secret Santa – Friday 8th December

On Friday, the children are invited to come to school with some pocket money. They will each get a chance to visit the Grenville Secret Santa Shop where they can buy some secret presents for their family. These will cost roughly between 50p and £3 each (although there are a couple of bigger gifts selling at £5) and will be wrapped up, so they can remain a secret until the big day!

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NURSERY CORNER

We are very lucky that on Friday, Father Christmas took the time out of his busy schedule to visit us at George Grenville.

Father Christmas taught nursery children the names of all his reindeer and suggested they left a carrot out on Christmas eve for them.



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Reception

Reception really enjoyed learning about Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus and why this season is so special. We had so much fun acting out in our very own stable. We all have a special part linked to this story in our Nativity and have been practicing this lots too all week.



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been reading 'The Nutcracker'. The children have loved going through the magic secret door and have produced some super writing of their own versions of the ending of the story. They have also enjoyed making nutcracker pin men.

Year 2

This week in their music lessons, Year 2 have taken a brief break from practicing Nativity songs, to learn new skills on the ukulele - they were so impressive!



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have had a lovely time using the kitchen to bake some brownies for the Christmas fair. They all managed to resist licking the bowl.



Year 4

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Year 4. We created our own Advent Calendar, by making a special card for all our friends in Year 4. Every day, we will open an envelope to find a kind, festive message from a friend.

We also gave the thumbs up to Internet Safety assembly and understood the importance of keeping safe on-line.

Year 5

This week, Year 3 enjoyed making their Christmas decorations!



Year 6

Year 6 have been busy sewing this week to make their Christmas decorations, demonstrating great perseverance and teamwork along the way!

**“GO CRACKERS
AGAINST CANCER”
SUNDAY DECEMBER 17th**

Buckingham Cricket Club MK18 1BG



All children and families.....an exciting opportunity to visit Father Christmas and to enjoy a very different and captivating encounter. “Cracker” Jack and his team will beguile and steer you through a series of magical ventures culminating in seeing Santa who will enthrall you with tales and anecdotes of Christmas at the North Pole!

On the way you can tackle projects in Santa’s apprentices’ Toy Factory, savour the fun of the Magic Cracker Cave where you may be a lucky winner of a “Golden Ticket” and watch a live broadcast from the North Pole where Rudy, Santa’s reindeer herdsman, will be feeding Dancer, Prancer, Comet and the other reindeer. Even though you may not have won a golden ticket, you will take home not only all the gifts you have created but also a special magical memento Santa has brought for you!

Ticket booking on line <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/gocrackers> and although all ages of children will be welcome, our recommended age range is from 3 years to 11 years old.

Time slots between 9.15 am and 4.30 pm will be available on the site and the cost is £20 per child parents, grandparents and siblings are free!

If you would like further information please contact Lionel Weston 01280816413 or lionelweston9@gmail.com

School Calendar

Please keep visiting the calendar page on our website to ensure you have all the most up to date information.

Autumn Term Key Dates

Friday 8th December – Secret Santa

Monday 11th December – Year 4 Christmas Unwrapped

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 14th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity at 2pm and 5pm

Monday 18th December – Christmas Party Day

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Carols at 12pm – 1pm at Buckingham Parish Church

Tuesday 19th December at 1pm – BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS

20th December – 3rd January – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

3rd January – NO SCHOOL – Staff INSET

Thursday 4th January – School Starts Back

Wednesday 24th January – Young Voices Concert



<https://www.georgegrenville.co.uk/school-calendar.html>