



Gallery 108's Christmas Flag Design Competition – Year 5/6

Local Artist, Andrew Stewart from Cold Bath Road's Gallery 108, approached Western to ask them to take part in a Christmas Flag Design competition. The winning design has been chosen and is currently being made into a flag to hang outside the entrance to Gallery 108 for everyone to see during the festive period.

Andrew was particularly delighted with the artistic efforts and talent in Y5/6 and really struggled to only choose 1 design! After much deliberation, **Maddie Fleet's** simple snowman design was chosen whilst runner up places were awarded to: **Daniel Duffy, Thomas McDonagh, Lucy Thompson, Emma Marlow, Sophie Ball and Kate McCartney**. Highly commended acknowledgement went to the designs from: **Elle Craninx, Ruby Chan, Elizabeth Atkins, Emmaline Graham, Liy-Mae Edmunds, Freya Levine, Anna Morris, Becky Owen, Olivia Thompson, Millie Ball and Aggie Waller**.

Gallery 108 will display the winning flag and designs on Saturday 29th November so please go along to the gallery on Cold Bath Road to see the range of talent and designs!

Reception Visit to the Moon



On Wednesday, the reception children visited the moon! We pretended to get dressed in our space suits and boarded our rocket! When we arrived at the moon we enjoyed moon walking and a picnic! The children all brought something with them that would be useful on the moon.

“I’ve brought binoculars to look for aliens!” Ted

“My teddy is going to keep me company!” Pascale

“I’ve brought my torch, it’s dark on the moon!”



Children in Need

Thanks to everyone who took part in Children in Need. The whole school cake bake raised £164.60 and donations for non-uniform day raised £382.25, making a school total of £546.85. Abigail Sorrell’s beanie hat sale raised £96. Well done to everyone involved.



Information for Parents

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for all Key Stage 2 school children is £2.10 per day, payable every half term. **Please note that all school dinners must be paid for in advance.** The cost of school dinners for this half term (until 19th December 2014) is **£73.50**. Could you please pay online at www.parentpay.com.

Western Community Christmas Celebration

Western Community Christmas Celebration, 'Light up Christmas!' will take place on Monday 15th December 6.00-6.45pm. at St Peter's Church, Harrogate. The celebration is suitable for all ages, with refreshments to follow.



Christmas Tree Festival at St. Peter's Church

On 29th and 30th November 9:30-4:30, St. Peter's Church are holding their annual Christmas Tree Festival. Western have entered a tree (made by the children) which you are able to vote for. There will be Christmas performances, shopping, light refreshments and family fun.

Please see their website for further information: www.stpeterschristmastreefestival.co.uk

Year 3/4 Parents

We are preparing for the Christmas Fair. If you have any sweets surplus to requirements from Halloween, please could you send them into school. Also, please send in as many cardboard tubes as possible to enable us to prepare for our cracker making, thanks.

Board Games Club



If anyone has any unwanted board games, please donate them to our Board Games Club which runs on Tuesdays after school. Thank you.



Dance Fitness – Jane Gray

Feel like dancing? Come and join us, learn some moves and get fit. We would like to invite parents/carers to join our adult dance fitness sessions on Tuesdays at 4.15 in the school hall. The sessions are fun and suitable for all. Unfortunately there are no child care facilities available for the session. Please see Mrs Jane Gray if you have any questions.



Improving Family Life

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Improving Family Life workshop last week. Our next workshop is on Tuesday the 25th of November at 9.15am in Room 13, above the canteen. We will be focussing on the following:

- Raising Self Esteem in children,
- Positive Behaviour Management
- How to use Praise Effectively.

The workshops are free and everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments are provided. If you are unable to attend but would like some of the course material or to speak about a specific concern you may have, you can contact Clare Woolaston, Family Support Worker through the school office or email woolastonc@western.n-yorks.sch.uk. All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.



New Starters for Nursery – January 2015

If you, or anyone you know, have a Nursery-aged child who you would like to start in our Nursery in January, can you please contact the school office for a registration form as soon as possible to reserve your space.

As well as the core free 15 hours per week, we also offer additional sessions during the day, at lunchtime and before and after school. Our nursery is open from 8.00am. until 5.30pm.

Many thanks.





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Swimming

Year 2 Swimming Dates:

Thursday 27th November – Miss Jones' class
Thursday 4th December – Mrs Taylor's class
Thursday 11th December – Miss Jones' class
Thursday 18th December – Mrs Taylor's class

Year 3/4 Swimming:

Tuesday 16th September – Tuesday 9th December – Mrs Coatesworth's class
Tuesday 16th December – Tuesday 14th April – Mr Fraser Smith's class
Tuesday 21st April – Tuesday 14th July – Mrs Collett's and Ms Smith's classes

Awards

House Point Winners:

Key Stage 1 Awards

Kitty Williams
Freya Dunseath
Amina Ndikumana
Rafe Amanullah
Scarlet Kent
Otis Baker
Harrison Roberts
Alfie Rowell
Sebastian Gaminde

Askew House

Key Stage 2 Awards

Maddie Fleet
Ben Pearson
Halle Rose Dawson
Alex Krastev
Aggie Waller
Tom Owen
Rose Moss
Sassy Palfreman
Joseph Harris
Ella Whale
Safiya Lamont
Oliver Woolaston

MATHLETE OF THE WEEK: DANIEL BALDWIN

Lunchtime Awards

1st Place Askew
2nd Place Wallbank
3rd Place Lupton
4th Place Croft

Well done everyone!



Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 9th December – Y2 to Pantomime 1-5pm
Wednesday 10th December – FS Nativity 2.00pm
Thursday 11th December – FS Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 11th December – Y5/6 Victorian Christmas market
Event 2-3pm
Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day for the whole
school
Friday 12th December – KS1 Carols around the tree 2.30pm
Thursday 16th December – Y5/6 cinema visit
Wednesday 17th December – KS2 Carols around the tree
2.30pm

School Holidays

Christmas Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 19th December at **2.30pm**
Return to School: Tuesday 6th January at 8.55am

Spring Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 13th February at 3.15pm
Return to School: Monday 23rd February at 8.55am

Easter Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 27th March at **2.30pm**
Return to School: Tuesday 14th April at 8.55am

Summer Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 22nd May at 3.15pm
Return to School: Tuesday 2nd June at 8.55am

Summer Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 17th July at **2.30pm**



PTA News!



Upcoming Events

27 th November (Thur)	Family & Friends (PTA) meeting
28 th November (Fri)	Quiz night
6 th December (Sat)	Christmas tree sale
10 th December (Wed)	Christmas Fair

Family & Friends meeting – Thursday 27th November

Do you have any ideas for fun events for the children and parents in the school? Would you like to get involved in fundraising to contribute to enhancing your child's school life? Come along to our PTA meeting next Thursday, 27th November at 9am in the canteen, to hear how our fundraising has been going, get updated on the upcoming Christmas Fair and to put forward your ideas for events next term. We look forward to seeing you there.

Get Your Christmas Tree!

Our annual sale of Christmas trees, sourced from Stockeld Park, will be on Saturday 6th December in the school playground, 10-11:30am. The trees will be mainly Nordman Firs (with a few Norway Spruce also available) and will range from 5-8ft in height.

Prices:

5-6ft £25

6-7ft £35

7-8ft £40



School tea towels – KS2

We have a limited number of KS2 tea towels still for sale at £4 each or 3 for £10. They are ideal Christmas presents! If you are interested in purchasing any, please contact Kate on westernprimarypta@gmail.com. Unfortunately, FS/KS1 tea towels are sold out.

Free up some space in your toy boxes!

Do you want to clear your home of the toys your children have grown out of before the new batch arrives at Christmas? We will be holding a second-hand toy stall at our Christmas Fair, so would appreciate any donations of good condition, unwanted toys. Due to a lack of storage space, please bring any toys to school on the morning of the Fair (Wed 10th December) and leave them under the pergola. Thank you.

Bag 2 School

Thank you to everyone who filled Bag 2 School bags in October. We raised £195 through donating these unwanted clothes, fabrics etc. Well done!

Cake Bake Dates:

**When it is your child's class cake bake, please leave cakes under the pergola on Friday morning, ready for the cake bake after school.
Thank You!**



Friday 21st November	Y5/6 – Mr Broad/Mrs Wood
Friday 28th November	Y2 – Miss Jones
Friday 5th December	Reception – Miss Hindle
Friday 12th December	Y3/4 – Mr Fraser-Smith