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# Occold Primary School News

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## *A message from Miss Rowe*

November has flown by and with it lots more exciting opportunities for our children at Occold. In Reception and Key Stage 1, the children received an engaging visit from Mary Anning (aka Janet Marshall from Journeys For Learning) this month to enhance their learning about dinosaurs and fossils. Meanwhile, Fox Class visited a Buddhist Centre in Attleborough to learn more about this peaceful religion. And Otter Class learnt all about oral hygiene with a visit from Alice the dental nurse.

Sporting opportunities have included Year 5 taking part in a football tournament at Hartismere High and a group of children from across the school participating in a panathlon at Debenham Leisure Centre.

The children worked together to create original artwork and poetry for our 2023 school calendar. The theme this year was trees and if you didn't get a chance to buy one (£4 each) at the Christmas fayre then let us know and we can get one to you. All funds support the children in doing more exciting projects at school.

Congratulations to Alina and Esther on winning Fox Class' first ever reading aloud competition and well done to our runners up—Gabriel, Isabella, Jimmy and Trixie—you were all brilliant.

Finally, thank you for your donations to Children in Need, we raised a total of £60.20

Looking forward to celebrating Christmas with you over the next couple of weeks!

### **Hilltop Outdoor Activity Centre**

Year 6 had a blast on their residential trip to Hilltop Outdoor Activity Centre at the beginning of this month. They enjoyed activities such as the super swing, the big zipper, orienteering, bushcraft, a tree top trail and a journey to the Beeston Bump. The week was crammed with exciting things to see and do and they also enjoyed getting to know Year 6 children from Eye and Wortham who they will see at high school. A big thank you to the staff at Occold for making sure everybody was well looked after for the duration of their stay in Norfolk.



## **Notice Board**

- Thursday 1st December Reading café 2:30– 3:30pm
- Tuesday 6th December Fox Class day of drama at Hartismere High School
- Wednesday 7th December *Silent Night* Christmas show 1:30 and 6pm in the village hall
- Monday 12th December carols, nativity and readings in the church at 5:30
- Tuesday 13th December Reception, Year 1 and 2 extra forest school session (please bring appropriate clothes)
- Wednesday 14th December whole school panto trip
- Thursday 15th December Key Stage 2 trip to see the Nutcracker at Snape Maltings
- Thursday 15th December end of term assembly 2pm in the village hall
- Wednesday 4th January children back to school after Christmas holidays

### **Spotlight on...**

Hedgehog class have been learning about hibernation!



## **Safeguarding Update**

This month we have a helpful guide to privacy settings on websites and apps that your child may use:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/a-parents-guide-to-privacy-settings/>