

A MAGICAL MONDAY MORNING

Miss Cordery shares...

Year 1, 2, Butterfly and Bumblebee class had a magical Monday morning.

They were introduced to our new book 'The Lights that Danced in the Night'.

The staff organised a range of engaging activities linked to the book, including:

- gathering around the firepit to listen to the new story
- dancing like the northern lights using ribbon wands
- creating our own pictures of the northern lights using oil pastels
- gazing at the northern lights and describing the motion and feeling we experienced and enjoying hot chocolate and marshmallows!

We had a wonderful morning and are so excited to use all our ideas in our writing over the coming weeks.

"The hot chocolate was my favourite, it was the best." - Dakota

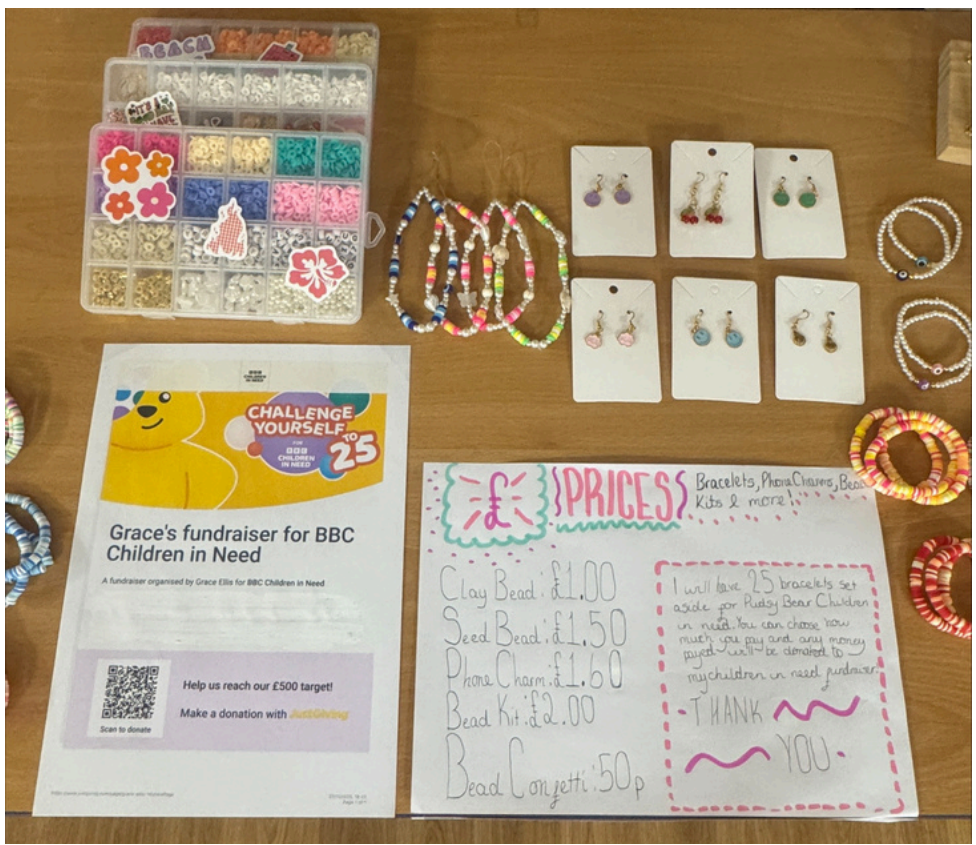
"My favourite part was listening to the story at the firepit" - Freddie

Mrs Hall added:

Bumblebee and Butterfly Class thoroughly enjoyed the carousel of activities introducing our new Literacy Tree text.

We were transported to the north to experience the northern lights and arctic animals. We were introduced to our new book *The Lights That Dance In The Night* while sat round the campfire. We danced like the lights in the sky using ribbons and enjoyed a hot chocolate too. The children are well and truly hooked!





Gracie wanted to help children in need this year, so she decided to create her own little fundraiser. Inspired by the idea of “challenging yourself to 25 of something you love,” she made 25 bracelets and sold them at our Christmas Fair on Friday for a donation of choice.



She was absolutely thrilled to raise £38.00, which they sent to Children in Need on Saturday. An amazing achievement - Well Done Gracie!!



In this weeks KS1 and KS2 assemblies we discussed the importance of **togetherness**.

Togetherness as a family, togetherness in our community, togetherness in our school

Tonight, the **Princess of Wales** will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate **kindness, connection, and community**.

The event aims to show how love can link people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, especially at times when the world can feel divided.

It encourages everyone to think about the power of **togetherness** and the importance of supporting one another with **compassion and joy**



Discuss at home - How does your family share and show the importance of togetherness?

Smart Schools Council



Mrs Allen leads the APPS Smart Schools Council, empowering every pupil at Ashford Park to be heard, to speak up and to use the power of their voice to make good changes!

Please click on the green image to read this week's Smart School Council News.



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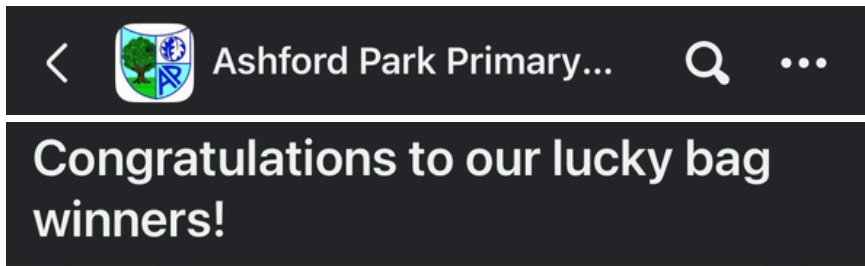


Last Friday, we welcomed parents and carers of our wonderful Acorn children to open the NEW Acorn Centre.

This isn't just a state of the art building; it's a place for all of us to connect, learn, and thrive.

One thing that's really important to us is inclusion. Every child, every family, every voice matters here. We want this to be a space where everyone feels welcome and supported.

The NEW Centre will provide much needed space for everyone.



Last Friday, our very well attended Christmas Fair

raised

£1502

Thank you to all those that helped and to school community for their support.

Congratulations to our lucky bag winners!

 Tudor ~ Rabbit	 Sienna ~ Mole	 Mia ~ Hedgehog	 Tiara ~ Owl
 Akenya ~ Heron	 Kelly ~ Swallow	 Isla ~ Kestrel	Thank you to everyone who took part in our Lucky Bag competition, and well done to all of our winners.

LUCKY BAG WINNERS!

APPS

sporting successes



Year 3 & 4 Dodge Ball Competition Winners

An email received from a parent today:

‘The whole team were outstanding representatives of APPS, and that’s not just a bias parent talking! I sat watching and could hear parents from other schools commenting on Ashford Park students behaviour, from being the first to initiate hand shakes to them cheering each other on. Even when they won they were elated but still really gracious with it.

I was really proud of them all and to be associated with Ashford Park.’



Girls Football Competition Winners



Boys Football Competition Winners

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December

Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performances

Tickets must be purchased online using the link sent on 14th November. Enter via the back of the hall via the Gruffalo gate.

9th - **9:45am** (gates open at 9:30am)

10th - **9:45am** (gates open at 9:30am) and **1:45pm** (gates open at 1:30pm)

11th - **9:45am** (gates open at 9:30am)

9th – Choir to perform at Salvation Army Carol Concert at 2.00pm

12th – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day - £1 donation for Save the Children would be appreciated

– Choir Concert at 3.45pm in the hall accompanied by refreshments

14th – Choir to perform at St Hilda's Church congregation concert at 4.00pm

16th – Choir to perform at Charlton Grange Care Home (For those in Years 4, 5 and 6 Only)

19th - Last day of term. Children finish at 2pm

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5th - Children return to school

6th - Year 1 Toy workshop in school

8th - New to EYFS Parent Tours 9.30 -10.30am

13th - Year 3 Egyptian workshop in school

15th - Moorhen Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm

16th - Theatre company to perform to EYFS children

22nd - Heron Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm

29th - Kingfisher Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm

98% of our school community are now signed up to Arbor - thank you.

If you haven't already accessed Arbor this year, please sign up ASAP:

<https://login.arbor.sc/>

