

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

20th December 2024

## Christmas Productions



Well done to Year 3 and Year 4 who completed their Christmas performances this week at St John's church. The services were made all the more special because of the beautiful setting that they took place in. Once again, the performances were tremendous and a privilege to watch. Thank you to all those adults who were able to attend and support our pupils and thank you to the staff involved for preparing our pupils so well.

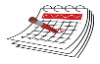
## Merry Christmas!

I would like to congratulate all pupils on their achievements during the autumn term at Five Ways. I have been amazed with how hard pupils have been working during the term and have been very impressed with pupils' positive attitudes to their learning. I am extremely proud when I show any visitors around Five Ways because our pupils conduct themselves in such a sensible and mature way. I would like to thank all parents and staff for their support and commitment this term and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful 2025. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year when school re-opens on Monday 6th January.

Well done everyone!

*Merry Christmas*

## Forthcoming Dates:



**Week beginning  
6th January 2025 –  
Menu week 1 of the new menus  
sent home.**

### **January 2025**

6th January - School Opens for staff and pupils

16th January - Year 5 and Year 6 Theatre Trip (*The New Vic, Stoke – The Three Musketeers*)

21st January – PTFA Meeting  
7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (*All welcome!*)

24th January - Sponsor forms to be sent home (*More details to follow.*)

W/B 27th January - Parent/Teacher Consultations Nursery to Year 6 (*After School Appointments*)

30th January – Whole School Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm  
W/B 3rd February Sponsored Event (*More details to follow.*)

11th February – Safer Internet Day (*More details to follow.*)

***Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.***

## Google Classroom

From January, homework tasks for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6, will be posted on Google Classroom to try and save paper. Parents are asked to logon to Google Classroom regularly to view homework tasks. You can access Google Classroom through our school website: Information for Parents, Useful websites, Google classroom, then access by clicking on the wonde login icon. Your child should have an Emoji password.

If you experience any difficulties accessing Google Classroom with your child, please contact your child's classteacher.

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## Mini Up a Mountain Charity Challenge

Many parents will be aware that Mr McFarlane, who was our music specialist teacher at Five Ways, sadly passed away in May 2024. As well as Mr McFarlane being an outstanding teacher and a highly regarded member of staff at Five Ways, he was also a Mini enthusiast. When Mr McFarlane passed away due to cancer, his family and friends resolved to do something both to celebrate the man he had been and to help future families caught in the same difficult circumstances.

In May 2025, a group of Mr McFarlane's closest friends and family will carry parts of an original Mini car up a 14.9 mile track and construct the car's shell at the top of the Black Mountain (Twyn Llech). They will then deconstruct and carry the parts back down from the summit, in order to raise money for Melanoma Focus. If you would like to donate money to this charity, simply click on the link: [Mini Up A Mountain is fundraising for Melanoma Focus](#)



**My Happy Mind** An important part of life at Five Ways is celebrating the achievements of our pupils. You will be aware that as a school, we take part in the 'myHappymind' well-being programme to support pupils' mental health. As part of the programme, we hold half termly 'End of Module' assemblies where pupils who have engaged well in the myHappymind modules and have been an ambassador for the programme, receive a certificate in front of the rest of their year group as a celebration of their engagement. The pupils who have received a certificate this half term are listed here: **Year 1:** Liam H, Freddie F, Maddison H, **Year 2:** Ivy H, Eleanor L, Dylan C, **Year 3:** Lila B, Maxwell M, Hayden P, **Year 4:** Leighton H, Charlotte B, Ronnie C, **Year 5:** Oscar S, Mila S, Huw W, **Year 6:** Frank S, Georgia B, Lacey F.

Well done everyone! We are very proud of you!

## PTFA News

**Family Quiz** – Thank you to all of the families who attended the family quiz event last Friday. There was a wonderful atmosphere and great fun was had by all! Thank you to all of the PTFA volunteers and school staff who helped put on this enjoyable event.

**KS1 and KS2 UV Glow Discos** – Thank you to all of the children for supporting the discos; everyone looked as though they had a wonderful time! Thank you again to the PTFA volunteers and staff for the hard work when organising the discos and supervising children.



## E-Scooters and the Law

For any parents whose children have or are getting an e-scooter, do you know the law related to them? E-scooters cannot be used on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land with the land owner's permission. This is because e-scooters are classified as Powered Transporters, so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as MOT, Licensing, Tax and Insurance. As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and do not always have visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads. For more information, please see the flyer sent home today with this week's newsletter.



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