

The second half of the Autumn term has been an extremely busy and productive one and the children have worked incredibly hard. The KS1 children continue to make us feel proud with their efforts and enthusiasm for learning. We would like to share some highlights from this time and celebrate our children's achievements.

This Half Term's Attendance

Attendance remains a high priority for all of our Northwood children. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers who have fully supported the school by ensuring their children have attended school daily. Please can you ensure that your child arrives punctually at the start of the school day. All children should be in school at 8.45am. We aim for a child's attendance to be 96% or above by the end of the year.



Class 3 – Year 1 – Mr West	93.1%	Class 5 – Year 2 – Mrs Taylor	94%
Class 4 – Year 1 – Miss Curtis	88%	Class 6 – Year 2 – Ms Bradley	94.3%

Year 1: Beegu

The children have read and listened to a range of books and stories this half term. A real year group favourite was Beegu. One Monday morning, the children heard a loud bang on the window. When we went outside to see what had happened, a spaceship laid smashed on the playground with alien footsteps into school. The children were very engaged in the story and we had lots of fun and some very good discussions about aliens and Beegu in-particular. The children then made their own spaceships.



Year 2: Puppets

In our Design and Technology lessons in Year 2 the children listened to the story 'Handa's Surprise'. They identified African animals in the story. Then they looked at a range of puppets and designed an African finger puppet. Next they made a prototype and then practised some sewing skills. Finally they made their finger puppet from felt and evaluated it.



KS1 – Tree Dressing

For our annual tree dressing day, Year 1 created bird feeders using a pipe cleaner and Cheerios. The children used their fine motor skills to thread the Cheerios onto the pipe cleaner and then bent the pipe cleaner into a shape of their choice. Year 2 also made bird feeders but the children used pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed.



KS1 – Christmas Performance

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have had a wonderful time performing and singing in our Christmas concert 'Tinsel'. We hope you enjoyed watching the show! They were all amazing!



This term's certificates:

	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Week 1 Excellent Attitude	Evelyn Prior Kaasinath Rahul	Tara Middleton-Mohamed Nivin Nishad	Eliza Boswell Garry Norman	Theo Kennedy Rebecca-Lu Higson-Smyth
Week 2 Kind and Caring	Reggie Liddle Skyler Black	Lilly Okpere Nevadah Welch	Hunter Vickers Lottie Williams-Inness	Hannah Brown Danny Wright
Week 3 Responsible Pupil	Ralph Harper Amira Nicholson	John Jones Ava Wetton	MMesoma Udo Jack Yarrow	Reggie Sansom Ellara Evans-Turner
Week 4 Being Brave	Jacob Heath Levi Brown	Hunter-James Connolly Evie Harris	Daniel Odifiri Janon Irvine	Harrison Outhwaite Jayden Sainito
Week 5 Never Give Up	Ezra Bell Brianna Mckee	Lucas Thompson Piper-Anne Falls	Aidan Johnson Emmanuel Ogunleye	Noah Russell Daisie Bowerbank
Week 6 Successful Pupil	Charly Allen Christopher Caswell	Franek Michalowicz Glory Egharevba	Willow-Grace Glendinning Israel Raji	Viola-Grace Wardell Edward Mather

From the Key Stage 1 team, we wish you a happy and safe Christmas holiday. We look forward to starting the **Spring term** on **Wednesday 3rd January 2024**. Please note that **Monday 8th January** is a **Professional Development Day** and school will be closed for children.