



# Pixies news

## Take on a new perspective by giving thanks!

### Value of the month

Last year, the children, staff, governors and parent forum looked at our list of school values only to find that **Gratitude** is not on the list. We felt it important to make the change and are delighted with the outcomes of focusing on this value throughout November for the first time. We started the month by looking at how to apply this to Remembrance Day. The children were then able to make a list of everyday things they are grateful for such as clean water to drink and a house to live in. We watched a short film of a man who never gave thanks for all these small things and grumbled each night before he went to bed. Finally, we looked at having a level of healthy thankfulness even when times are difficult or uncertain. The children began to understand how adopting this attitude can change how you face challenges in life.

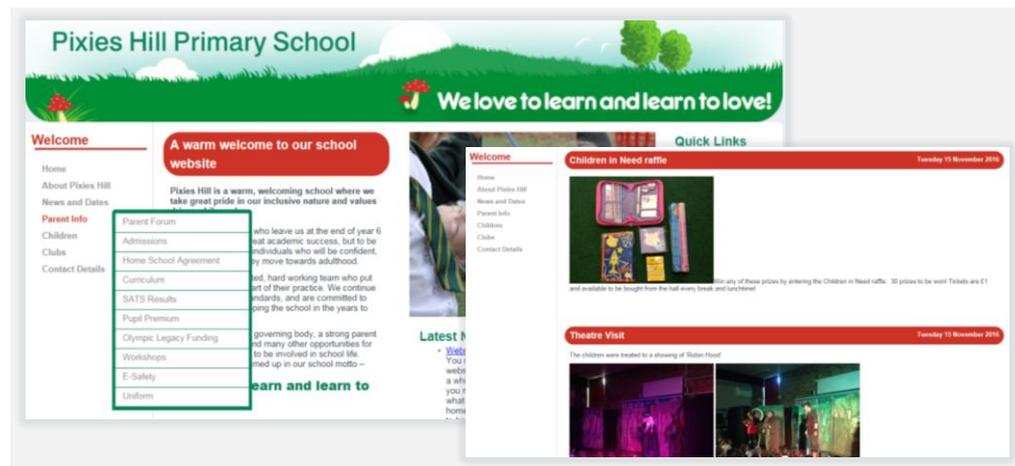
Our value of the month for December is **Empathy** which will tie in very nicely with advent as we steam towards Christmas.

**Martin Smith, Headteacher**

### New School Website

We receive many compliments about the way our website looks and the ethos of the school presented. However, in recent months, it has become more and more apparent that the website is difficult for folks to find their way around.

When the website was originally redesigned in 2013, there was a whole host of things not required but as the years have gone by, posting the right information into the correct pages has become quite difficult. We have therefore revamped the website to make it much easier to navigate around but have retained the same look and feel. You will also find a search bar at the top of the page for quick search access.



There are additional pages which have been added as well such as class blogs where children will share with you a piece of learning from class each week.

Although the site is live, we are yet to do a final check to establish all content is correct so do bear with us over the next couple of weeks as we upload some new photos and content.



### Upcoming events

- Fri 2nd Dec**  
FOPHS Bottle Tombola:  
non-uniform day
- Wed 7th Dec**  
Parent Tour for prospective parents
- Wed 7th Dec**  
Pupil Progress Meetings
- Fri 9th Dec**  
Whole School Panto
- Tues 13th Dec | 2.15pm**  
KS1 Christmas Production
- Wed 14th Dec | 5.30pm**  
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- Thurs 15th Dec | 1.30pm**  
Christmas Service at St John's
- Fri 16th Dec | 10.30am**  
Parent Helper Mince Pies
- Fri 16th Dec**  
Last swimming of term
- Mon 19th Dec | pm**  
Class Christmas Parties
- Tues 20th Dec | 12pm onwards**  
Christmas Dinner followed by film
- Wed 21st Dec | 2pm**  
End of Term
- Thurs 5th Jan**  
Children start back



### Bag 2 School & Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who took part in Bag 2 School. We managed to collect a whopping 310kgs which translated into **£124.00** raised!

Meanwhile, Children in Need raised an impressive **£280.50** through the sale of bands, a raffle and non-uniform donations.

## Fireworks

For the third year running, our amazing FOPHS team organised the firework display, complete with sparkly lights and food. I always feel that the pictures of this event speak louder than any words can so here are a range of photos from the evening. We hope you enjoyed the event. Thank you to the FOPHS team for all their hard work and dedication!



## Goodbyes

We are sad to announce that Mrs Jo Brooks will be leaving us at Christmas. Jo has been with us for several years and has done a sterling job with intervention groups, PPA cover teaching and class teaching in previous years. Jo is enjoying being a grandma for the second time and is enjoying this experience immensely. We are going to greatly miss her gentle, kind nature and inspiring teaching though she may be back in the future to teach on a supply basis. All the very best Mrs Brooks.

## News in Brief

- The children enjoyed a free panto courtesy of Magic of Theatre productions (see photo right)
- Our recent Anti-bullying week was really successful in raising the profile of all forms of bullying, particularly cyber bullying which is on the rise. The children have produced a new poster display which can be seen at the bottom of the corridor
- Don't forget to complete and send in your letter to give a preference of clubs your children can access. Apex 360 clubs are heavily subsidised by the school this year at a cost of just £5 for a term's activities



## Stars of the week



### Week of 04/11/16

Reception: **Lauren Stevens**  
 Year 1: **Charlie Brown**  
 Year 2: **Samuel Lilley**  
 Year 3: **Isla Alderman**  
 Year 4: **Sebastian White**  
 Year 5: **Amelie Driver**  
 Year 6: **Katie Williams**

### Week of 11/11/16

Reception: **Freya Fairman**  
 Year 1: **Sam Beaumont**  
 Year 2: **Harry Fidler**  
 Year 3: **Whole Class**  
 Year 4: **Alfie Welham**  
 Year 5: **Gregory Harpley**  
 Year 6: **Bobby Wright**

### Week of 18/11/16

Reception: **Laurence Black**  
 Year 1: **Georgia Harris**  
 Year 2: **Annabel West**  
 Year 3: **Luis Auld**  
 Year 4: **Phoebe Whiteman**  
 Year 5: **Sam Brinklow**  
 Year 6: **Aron Belson**

### Week of 25/11/16

Reception: **Freya McMahon**  
 Year 1: **Alexander Korenev**  
 Year 2: **Noah Tomlinson**  
 Year 3: **Grace Maddison**  
 Year 4: **Whole Class**  
 Year 5: **Francesco Oliver**  
 Year 6: **Toby Evans**

Well done to everyone!