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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

We seem to have arrived at four weeks before we break up for Christmas. The children are still fully involved in their usual learning and sports activities, but are now also starting to learn dances, songs and words for their Christmas shows. Apologies if you find yourselves humming snatches of songs from the shows at inopportune moments. A sincere thank you if you kindly have volunteered to take an afternoon ticket to see your child's KS2 performance.

Everyone was delighted to see Mr and Mrs Stinton when they visited the school yesterday to speak to me about helping to write a history of Morgans School. Mr Stinton has also contacted Mrs Connolly who took over from him at Morgans when he retired after twenty six years as Headteacher.

While they were here Mr and Mrs Stinton had a brief guided tour. They enjoyed meeting our staff, some of whom they had known as pupils. They also asked the children which of them had family members at the school when they worked here. In several instances children were delighted and surprised that the Stintons remembered their folks well. They were very complimentary about our school and pleased that it is still at the heart of the local community. We hope that they will accept our invitation to come again and speak to all the children at an assembly when they are next in the area.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable week end, free from the winter viruses and other ailments that seem to be too common at this time of year.

Kind regards

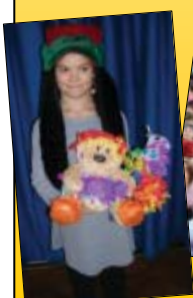
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Rainbow Warriors



The school hall was awash with colour, bouffants, perms, mullets, dreads and pig tails of various shapes and styles during Friday's 'Crazy Hair and Hat' assembly for Children In Need. The 'Coolest Bear' proved a popular venture and the casual, crisp, cuddly, and colourful catwalk competition proved fierce. The 'Best Dressed and Coolest Bears' were deemed by the Morgan's Children's Council to be, Space Bear owned by Ben Gatens, and Borrowed Bear, owned by Rhianna Stodel. Well done to them and the MCC for organising the event. Thank you for all of your contributions, £367.15 was raised for Children In Need.



Brief Notices...

Although Christmas still seems some way off, the Morgans Christmas Fair is only two weeks away. Next Friday 26th is a non-uniform or 'mufti-day' and a bottle should please be brought in for the bottle tombola. Thank you in advance.

When dropping off and collecting your child from school or nursery, please ensure any preschool children are adequately supervised and with you at all times.

Thank you for your help with the ticket allocations for the KS2 Christmas Show. Due to so many of you kindly agreeing to attend the Wednesday afternoon performance ticket allocations should work.

School policy follows the Health Protection Agency's advice and your child should not return to school for 48 hours after their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. This is to reduce the risk of further infection.

Hygiene Update

It seems to be that time of year again, when sickness is rife. We have recently had a good number of staff and KS1 children off school with illness. Please talk through with your child the importance of the following points. The children will also have this explained in Monday's assembly.

- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Dispose of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Maintain good basic hygiene, for example washing hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to face or to other people.
- Avoid putting your fingers in your mouth.

To those of you who have been unwell this week, we hope you feel better soon.

Tree-mendous Effort...

Yesterday six of Year 4 went tree planting in the school's nature reserve. We had to borrow boots because some of us did not have any and it was muddy. The adults had to dig us holes to put our rose trees in because it was a lot quicker and easier. Next we had to add extra soil around the plant. We enjoyed the planting and best of all we got jelly babies at the end. Thanks to the adults who helped.

Report by Harvey Sanz and Leila Caliskan



The trees arrived as part of our commitment to the Active Kids programme sponsored by Sainsburys. They include cherry, blackthorn and dog rose. We plan to add some manure and then place protective sleeves against the likely attack of Muntjac deer and wild rabbits, in due course.

Cartoon Capers

Year 4 had a wonderful 2 days last week, working with a cartoonist Kev courtesy of the County Museum Service Officer, Jane Munns. They produced a class comic each, one involving 'Mr Hardy the Kleptomaniac' and the other, 'Bullgog!' They also studied the painting 'Paris Market', which is on loan from the County art collection. Both classes are producing their own cartoon montage of a market scene inspired by the painting. Here they are working alongside Kev, who was extremely talented and works on the Beano currently. The scrooge posters to appear shortly around the school are an example of his work.



Match Reports

Netball...

The netball team played superbly on Thursday to win convincingly 8-0 against Abel Smith. The damp conditions could not dampen the Morgans spirit and some excellent passing and team work meant the Morgans team created numerous chances. Unfortunately Ms. Ashby could not be there to see her prodigies in action, though thank you to Miss Gardner and Ms. Ashby's daughter for stepping into these roles. Really well played team!

Football...

Thursday 18th of November and Morgans were playing Abel Smith. It was a tough game and we battled well. There were some good attempts from Morgans up front players at scoring, but we just couldn't get them in the back of net. Abel Smith were a strong team and took their chances well. Morgans did have some parts in the game where we played very good football, but we didn't get enough shots away to trouble the keeper. About ten minutes into the first half Abel Smith went 1-0 up with an unfortunate own goal. In the second half we started well but they came back with two more goals. The final score was 3-0 to Abel Smith. Although the team lost wearing the new strip for the first time, the overall performance was promising - well played team!

Report by Joshua Hill.