



Article of the month of the month: Every Child has the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, physically or mentally. Adults should look after and protect children from harm.



The **Nursery** children have been busy decorating twigs with paint, sequins, glitter and other collage materials to make the classroom look festive.



**Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year!**



Nearly £2,000 was raised at the first ever Colindale Primary School **Winter Fayre!** Thank you to everyone who helped and all those who came. Fun was had by all! The money will go towards games and toys for the children to play with at lunchtime.



All three **Reception** classes put on the most wonderful Christmas concert. I have never heard Jingle Bells performed with such energy and enthusiasm! Thank you to all those family

members who came to support their children. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of the children's first term in full-time education.

Attendance awards

This month the following classes were awarded the Colindale **Gold Attendance Award** for the highest attendance:

2J, 2N, 5DM & 3B twice—well done!

4R was awarded the **Super Gold Attendance Award** for an amazing 100% attendance with no lates **FANTASTIC!!**

WELL DONE!



The **Year 3 carol concert** was a great success! Every child sang with great confidence, remembering all the lyrics and actions. Well done Year 3!





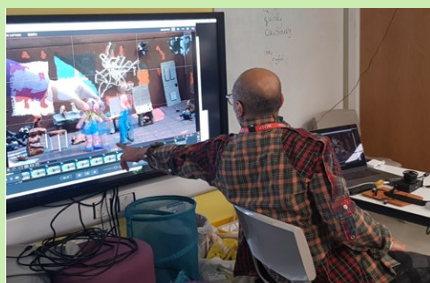
At the beginning of December Year 2 had an **open lesson on spelling**. There was a fantastic turn out of parents, who said it was very useful to see how they could approach learning spellings in different ways at home. Parents were given

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try out, especially with those words in particular that pupils find difficult such as 'there' and 'their'. The pupils also really enjoy learning spellings in different ways, such as drawing pictures around the words to remember what they look like, or using the pyramid method to remember longer words. *Ms. Parmar (AHT)*

Year 4 children had the fantastic opportunity to create their own animations last week. They had worked extremely hard to write their own fantasy stories and scripts, and now had the amazing experience of bringing their stories to life through animation. All of the children took part in small workshops run throughout the day, under the professional guidance of our animator Reza. We can't wait to see the finished results which will be on Youtube in the New Year. *Mrs Averbrook*



Year 4 children held three carol concerts at Bang Bang Oriental Foodhall to raise money for our physically disabled children to continue to enjoy horse riding at Penniwells Horse Riding Centre. Each class sung on different days of the week to the people enjoying their lunchtime noodles! Their singing was so fabulous that they managed to raise over £200 in total. Well done Year 4!

Mrs Averbrook



We are thrilled to announce the completion of training for nine new **Parent Champions**. Parents attended two days of training, so that they can help to support other parents in our community to find children centre and library activities, to further our children's learning and social skills. You will see them on the school gates soon so please come and chat to see if they can help you in any way.



Colindale governors took part in our termly visit at the end of November. We visited all classes and had the opportunity to talk with the children. The focus of this visit was to see how Colindale includes our children with their wide range of individual needs into all aspects of school life. We noticed how the children are encouraged to be as independent as possible. We were very impressed by the help all children receive by our very talented staff. As part of our statutory responsibilities, Governors are required to check all aspects of safeguarding in school. All children who were asked said that they felt safe in school and knew who they could go to if they had a problem.

We had a very enjoyable visit and would like to thank all children and staff who welcomed us.

Wishing you a happy and restful winter break

Sheila Franks, Chair of Governors