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Dear Families and Colleagues,

For me, the Christmas season doesn't really start until we have had our school carol concerts and EYFS performance. These concerts and performances, showcasing the talents of our children and the staff who work with them, bring our community together to enjoy our favourite Christmas songs! The pupils also made sure we all joined in with a special sing along at the end, which sent us away well and truly in the Christmas spirit.

I think we are all just about recovering from the Christmas extravaganza, which was the Portway Winter Fair! It was also great to see so many families in attendance enjoying the festive fun and of course the real life reindeers; 'Snowy and Magnus' the stars of the show. A special thanks to Wendy Zadigue and the family ambassadors for organising such a terrific event!

It was also great to see so many families at our pupil conferences this week. Feedback has been very positive of our new set up and I hope you found the information regarding your children's learning useful.

As we draw near the end of term, we can reflect on our developments and achievements over the second half of the Autumn term. Highlights include:

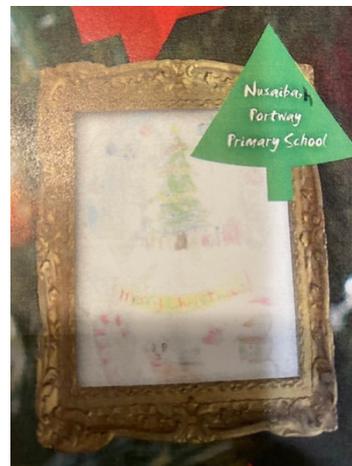
- Year 5 and 6 have now both successfully completed their swimming lessons for this year.
- All pupils have taken part in the Anti-bullying week campaign!
- The eldest members of our school choir took part in a once in a lifetime event at the Royal Albert Hall.
- Year 3 attended a Stone Age Workshop at school where a historian visited and taught them all about life in the Stone Age and Iron Age.
- Year 4 attended the V&A museum to support their learning of the Anglo Saxons in their history lessons.
- PORTWAY successfully donated 300 food items to the Newham food Bank to support the local community
- All children participated in Work Week as part of the curriculum offer at Portway. The aim of Work Week was to raise children's aspirations about the opportunities they have available to them in the world of work and develop innovative and creative skills.
- An incredibly successful 'Christmas Extravaganza' for our Portway families organised by the school's family ambassadors.
- Year 5 and 6 both took part in their first violin concert at Lister School showcasing their newly found musical talents.
- Portway Primary pupils raised over £300 for Children in Need.



- Pupil Parliament members and vice members have been tackling sustainability and have decided to introduced 'Meat Free' Mondays starting from January.
- Incredible engagement of families at our first English Fair.
- We have also continued to run a number of family workshops: Baby Yoga & Female Only Yoga.
- ...And many more!!!

Finally, I am absolutely delighted to share with you that, after a recruitment process this half term, Gemma Hall has been successfully appointed as the new Deputy Head teacher at Portway Primary School. I am sure you will join me in wishing Gemma well for her new role, which will start in January 2020. Please see overleaf for a letter from Gemma.

I would like to wish the children, staff and families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break, and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 6th January 2020.



Best wishes,

Scott Chudley
Head teacher

A message from Gemma Hall;

Dear Families and Colleagues,

I am delighted to be able to share with you that I have recently been appointed as Deputy Head Teacher here at Portway from January 2020.

Over the last 3 years, I have spent time getting to know our wonderful school in so many different ways. I feel incredibly lucky to work with and be supported by such skilled and dedicated staff and I have very much enjoyed working with many of our families. Our children at Portway are truly special and I continuously value the learning opportunities they provide which have supported me to progress throughout my time here so far.

I am proud to have been part of the incredible journey that the Portway community has been on over the last few years and I am really looking forward to a being part of an even more exciting future here.

Best wishes,

Gemma Hall

Deputy Head teacher