

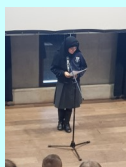
## Message from the Headteacher.

Over the next 2 weeks, all children will be taking part in Christmas performances. Early Years are performing 'Away in a Manger,' KS1 are treating us to 'Strictly Nativity' and then KS2 will be taking us along the yellow brick road to see 'The Wizard of Oz'.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the performances, I'm sure you will be impressed.

## Debate Club Success

Having attended 10 weeks of lunch time debate club, a group from Y5 & Y6 attended a competition at Bluecoat Chambers. All children showed excellent debating skills and we were very proud of Leila Ahmed who won a trophy for 'Debater of the Day.'



## Online Safety Tip of the Week.

### Instant Messaging

Instant Messaging is a great way to socialise and keep up to date with what's going on right now. But just as you wouldn't let them go off and talk to complete strangers on the street, if your child is using messenger services you should:

- Look at the privacy settings
- Ensure they understand that they may be talking to people they don't know and the risks this brings
- Talk to them about what is and isn't appropriate to send.



## ATTENDANCE NEWS

Nursery am: 94%

Nursery pm: 82%

RLMc: 98%

RLK: 93%

Year 1 GH: 94%

Year 1SW: 88%

Year 2AG: 99%

Year 2 LA: 90%

Year 3: 95%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 100%

**Well Done to  
Year 6 with  
100%**

**attendance.**

**Please remember, children should be in the line at 8.55am so that learning can begin at 9o'clock.**

### Dates for your diary:

12th December—School Nurse Drop In session after school.

12th December—Y5 and Y6 water polo competition.

12th December—KS1 Nativity Performance 1.45pm

13th December— Influenza Nasal Spray, Reception to Year 4.

14th December— Christmas Lunch Day.

15th December— Reception and EYFS Nativity Performance 10.30am and 1.30pm

19th December—KS2 Christmas Performance 1.45pm and 5.30pm.

21st December—School Finishes at 1.30pm

8th January— Children return to school, 8.55am.



## Learning to Sign

Last week, the children in years 2, 4 and 5 and Princes school, showed us the sign language they have been learning with 'Deaf Active.' Each week, teachers from deaf active, both hearing and non-hearing, have worked with our children, teaching them basic sign language and the signs for some of our favourite songs.

Please have a look at our website—go to the Curriculum tab and then 'Smithdown Extra.' From there you can see video of both performances.



We are really proud of children's work at Smithdown. Here's a sample of some of the displays around school at the moment.

