



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2017

This term is almost over and we would like to thank everyone for all the hard work and effort they have put in. This term has seen many fundraising activities, wonderful Christmas shows, the Christmas Pantomime and as always the dedication and enthusiasm from all the teaching staff. Many thanks to all the parents who have contributed to the various charities we support and also to the parents who help in both the library and with the Bake Sale. All your help is really appreciated.

A SPECIAL GOODBYE TO M^aCARMEN IGLESIAS

M^aCarmen has been at Numont for many years. She has been associated with Numont from the very beginning as her mother and aunt began working at Numont in 1962. She has been an integral part of the school, equally involved with children and staff, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. M^aCarmen has always carried out her duties with cheerfulness and integrity. She is a hardworking, conscientious and wonderful colleague who thoroughly deserves a long and happy retirement. We will all miss her. We all wish her the very best in this exciting new episode of her life.



Charity



On Friday 24th November many parents brought in cakes and cookies and more for our Bake Sale. We are always so pleasantly surprised by the generosity and help from the parents, this term the proceeds from the Bake Sale came to 1132.10 euros. The money raised went to the charity APSA, (Asociación para niños con deficiencia mental).



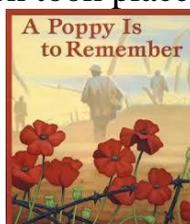
COLLECTION OF TOYS



Many parents very kindly donated both new and second-hand toys to the British Ladies Bazaar. The Bazaar took place on Sunday 3rd December at the Hotel Weare. The “British Ladies Association” is involved in many charities all over Spain and the money they raised goes to various Spanish charities.

POPPY APPEAL

The British Embassy have yet to release the amount that was raised by the Annual Poppy Appeal which took place in November. Many thanks



ALBERGUE SANTA MARIA DE LA PAZ



This is a shelter for homeless men which Numont has helped support for many years. Every year we send money which has been raised from Bake Sales, the International Evening, or private donations. We are going to send food which was specifically requested by the shelter. Just before Christmas we requested foodstuffs such as coffee, milk, rice and pasta which parents and children have been kindly bringing in. The final date to bring in donations is Wednesday 20th December. The men and staff at the Albergue are always grateful for the contributions all through the year but especially so at Christmas.

Books for the Library

The parents who help out in the library had requested that the proceeds from the Bake Sale on the 9th June be spent on books for the library. This term an enormous number of books were purchased that are being catalogued and put on the library shelves for the children to start taking out.



The books above are just some of the books that the Bake Sale proceeds went towards. Our library is looking great! Many thanks to all.

Senegal Sonrie

The charity “Campamientos Solidarios” is involved in a project in Senegal called Senegal Sonreir. One of the mothers at school, Elena Bonilla, has been supporting this charity since its initiation by providing free dental care via a large team of dentists who travel there at their own expense. Through Elena Numont has also gotten involved. On November the 30th Numont presented the charity with a cheque for 2500 euros, which will go to the specific project “La barca que educa” which is aimed at providing the local children with the means of getting to school.



Numont has promised continuing support with this charity.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



This year the theme for Anti-Bullying Day was “All Different, All Equal”. To highlight the fact that we are all unique, both KS1 & KS2 got together to celebrate Anti-Bullying with an assembly and songs related to the topic.

During Anti-Bullying week we had Odd Socks Day where children could come in to school wearing odd socks and pay a 1€ fine. The money raised was donated to the charity APSA, (Asociación para niños con deficiencia mental). We all loved wearing odd socks and felt even happier as it was for a good cause. It was extremely rewarding to see all the lovely messages the children had written on each other’s t-shirts. We are already looking forward to celebrating Anti-Bullying week next year.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMINE

Panto Pandemonium

The school show for years 4, 5, & 6 took place on Friday 1st December. It was the first time that Ms Davies had produced and directed a Pantomime at Numont. **Panto Pandemonium** was a fabulous medley of song, dance, acting and comedy which as Mrs Gemmell said immediately after the performance was the best school show she had ever seen after 30 years at Numont. The incredible talent and confidence of the children was shown to its best advantage by the fabulous choreography and script.



We are very lucky to have such a great team of experienced staff which supported Ms Davies in all aspects of the show. The backdrop and props were by Ms Bazakis and she excelled once again this year. Ms Cristina was the sound and lighting engineer and demonstrated her expertise in this area. The KS2 teachers and assistants were all involved in their children's performances as well as Ms Jess who helped with the dances.



We would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and enthusiasm, especially to Ms Davies who directed a show that “was better than a Broadway performance” (Katya Seelow – mother of Gabriela Utges). The children loved performing on the stage and their joy and hard work learning all the lines, songs and steps was evident. The shows at Numont are always great experiences. All children are involved – no one is excluded! Well done to all the children.



We would also like to thank all the families and friends who spent countless hours helping their children learn their lines and practise their dances at home.....
and of course for coming to the show and being such an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.



The Year 1, 2, & 3 show is the Button Box and will take place on Friday 16th March 2018.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLIES

Each class performed a Christmas Assembly which parents and friends came to watch.

The teachers and children worked very hard learning lines and songs and it was great practice for them to perform in front of an audience.
Special thanks to all the class teachers and assistants.

The teachers have each written a few words about this first term.

Nursery

Nursery have been learning about the topic "Ourselves" this term. We went to the theatre to see Pinocchio, which the children really enjoyed.



The children practised hard for their show and loved performing their songs for their parents on 5th December.

Santa came today and brought all the children books.



Mrs Majella

Reception

This half term, we have been looking at the topics of 'Birthdays', 'Autumn', 'Winter' and 'Christmas'.



Reception enjoyed a trip to theatre to see 'Pinocchio'. The local police also paid us a visit which the children loved!



There was a visit from some 'naughty' reindeer also and Santa even paid a visit to us! Christmas is always an exciting time at Numont. Reception have been getting in the festive mood with Christmas crafts and singing.



The children practised hard for their Christmas assembly and had a great time performing their songs for their family members.

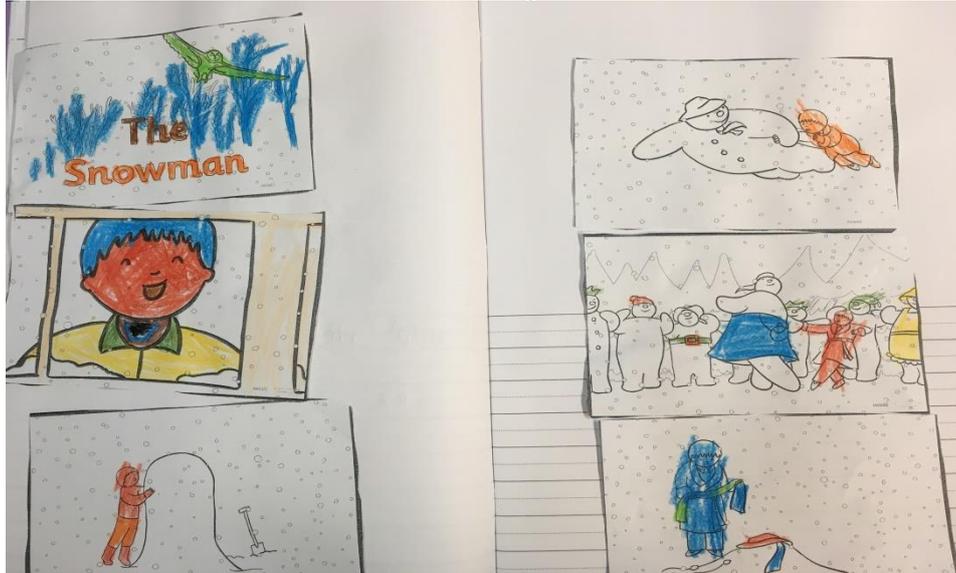
Thank you for your continued support.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all.

Miss Katie

Year 1

Year 1 have been working really hard this term on their reading and writing.



The children are showing great interest in improving their ability and are proud of their own achievements.



On Friday 15th December, the police came to talk to Reception and Year 1 about Road Safety. The children really enjoyed the puppet show that demonstrated how to cross the road using the zebra crossing.

This term, the children have really enjoyed performing their Christmas Shows for their families and friends. Year 1A performed the show “Chilly Milly” and Year 1B’s show was called “Ready Steady Elves”. Everyone worked really hard to learn their parts. They have shown great confidence in speaking their individual lines and performed with lots of enthusiasm.

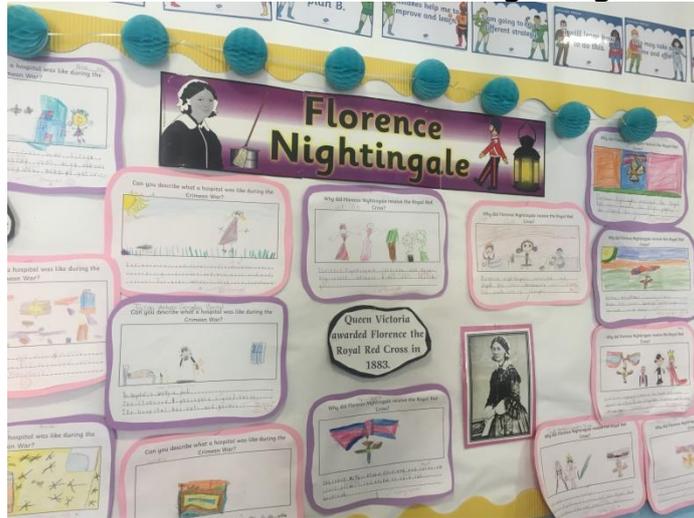
We hope you all have a lovely holiday and see you in 2018

Ms Cindy & Ms Franchesca

Year 2

Year 2 have been busy this year in the run up to Christmas. Both Year 2 classes have worked really hard preparing their show "Penguin Pete" and they really enjoyed performing it for their friends and families.

Year 2 have been learning about some interesting topics this term, such as, the life of Florence Nightingale in History,



growth and survival in Science, and healthy eating, and cooking in Design and Technology. For our healthy eating topic we spent a productive morning at Little Big Kids learning about the different food groups and also participating in a market stall role play, which was really fun. The children also had a great time designing their own healthy meals.



The children have finished all their work, they have written their letters to Father Christmas and now they are really excited about the holidays!

We wish you all a wonderful holiday and the children a well-deserved rest.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

Ms Pammy & Ms Laura

Year 3

This term we have been learning about India in Geography and in Art. Children in Year 3 enjoyed interviewing Mrs Vinita and asking her lots of questions about India. Mrs Vinita showed the children how to put on a beautiful sari and taught them some basic Bollywood steps.



The children have enjoyed colouring salt using coloured chalk which they then used to make their own rangoli pattern.



The rangoli designs the children created were very original and interesting. Year 3 have their School shows in the last week of term. The children have enjoyed rehearsing and we look forward to seeing you there.

We wish you a wonderful holiday and a great 2018!

Ms Jessica, Ms Smith & Mr Doherty

Year 4 – Mr Hooley & Ms Stuart.

Our topic this term has been the ancient civilisation of Rome and it has inspired some English and art work that we are really proud of.



We have dressed, played, cooked and feasted like Romans. Extensive military training, with our beautifully crafted shields and swords, means that barbarians should beware we are ready!



Our study in the classroom of the Romans was reinforced by a visit to a Roman villa near the village of Carranque. This was an excellent way for the children to visualize and analyse much of what they had been studying.

In science, we have finished our topic on Changing Sounds and used our knowledge to design and create our very own instruments.



Look at how many different types of instruments we made – our Year 4 jam session was really something to behold!

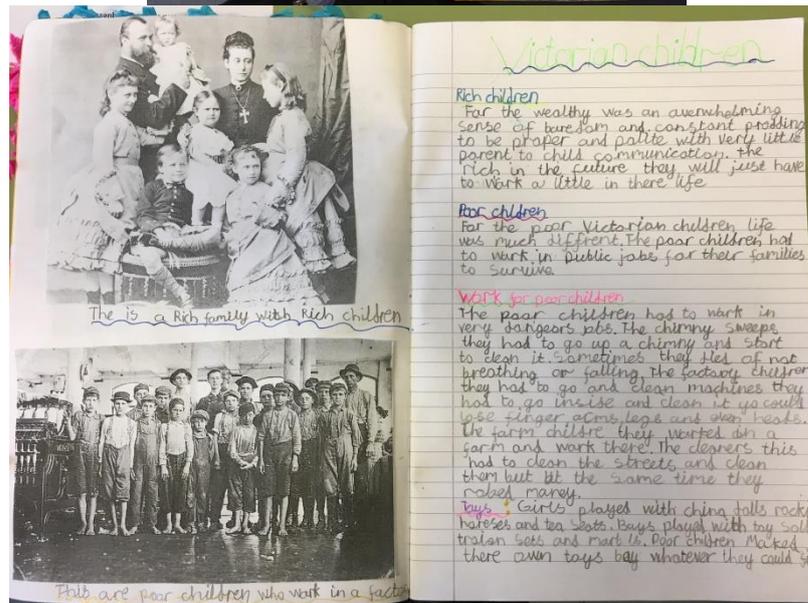
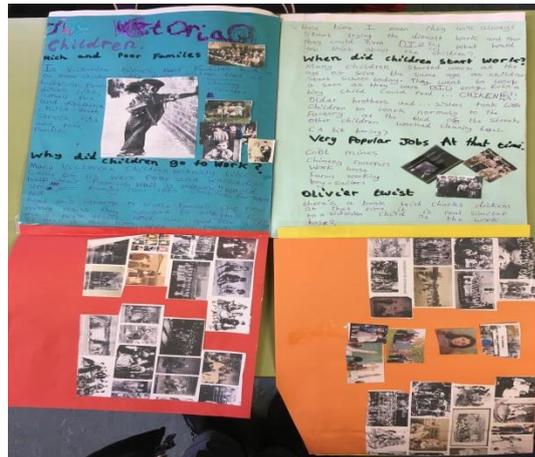
Mr Hooley & Ms Stuart

Year 5

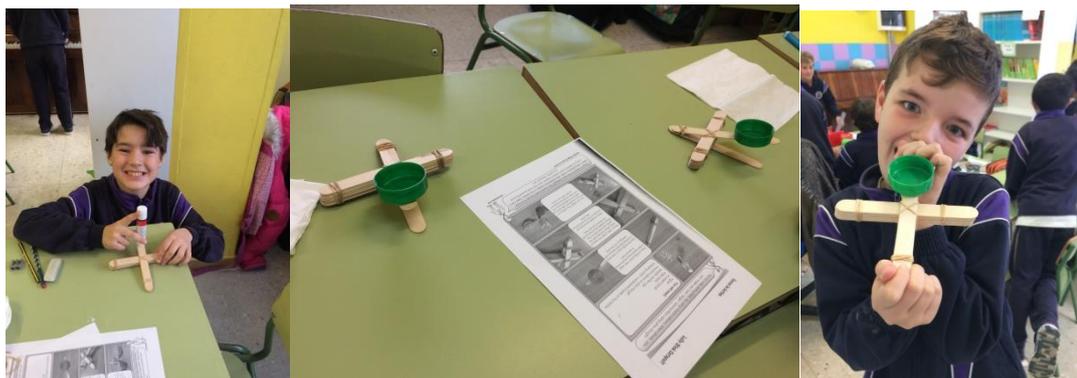
In history, year 5 have been studying the Victorians learning about the lives of Victorian children; how attitudes towards children changed; and about the people who are remembered for their part in these changes.

Children have been able to understand the differences between the lives and schools of Victorian children compared to modern schools and lives of children today.

The children in our year group have prepared a presentation about Victorian children in their learning logs, and they have all managed to produce exciting and well-presented projects!



They have also been testing Newton's third law of motion. They made their own catapults and then tested them.



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Ms Olympia. Mr Hickey & Mr Pendlebury

Year 6

Since the half term we have worked hard on a great many things; we put on an outstanding pantomime, we went to Micropolix and we worked tirelessly on our curriculum.

Micropolix

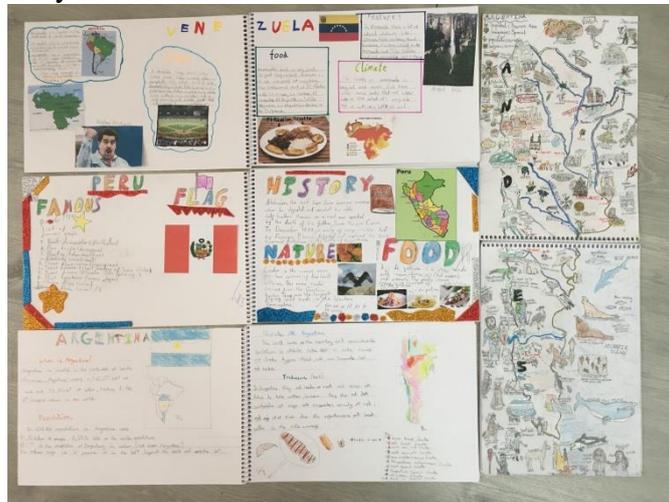
In December the classes went to Micropolix for the day and learned what it was like to live as an adult. The children had fun gaining driver's licenses, earning money from jobs, going on aeroplanes, visiting the bank, learning about doctors and vet surgeries. Some children made more money than they could spend!

Panto Pandemonium

The great success of our school production was down to the hard work of Year 6 and the staff involved in production. The children really showed their creative talents!

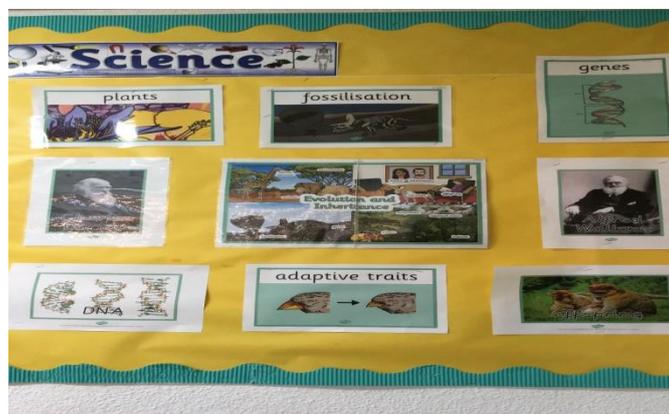
Geography

In Geography we have been studying South America. Each child presented a small project on a South American country of their choice.



Science

This has been dominated by Evolution and Inheritance. The children have been learning about Darwin and his theories and common misconceptions such as humans did not evolve from monkeys but both species had a common ancestor, the passing on of genetic traits (Inheritance), what purpose DNA has to our development and how different species can evolve.



Happy Holidays
Mr McLeod, Ms McMahon & Ms Kennedy

INTER SCHOOL SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the Year 6 Boys Football team!!

The team competed in the Football 5-a-side tournament organised by Hastings School. Ten teams took part and the Numont team played amazingly well to get through to the semi-finals, finishing fourth.

A great result for Year 6 children who were playing against Year 7 teams.



Well done Mateo, Jorge, Bruno, Diego, Santi, Pablo Picazo, Nico, Hugo and Mario.
Mrs Bazakis

Last Week of School

We are nearly in the last week of the Autumn Term.

It has been a productive and successful term where children have worked hard and made excellent progress across the curriculum.

Reports will be given out on Monday 18th December. The Reports will be in special folders. Please return the folder only and keep the reports safe for future use. The Report Folder may be kept at the end of the year when Summer Term reports are given out so you may safely keep all the years' reports in it.

Santa visited Numont in the last week of term and gave gifts to the Nursery and Reception children.

School finishes at 14.00 on the last day of term (22nd December) although the school gates will be open from 13.30 onwards.

Please collect your child promptly by 14.00. There will be a bus service at 13.30 that day. Parents of children who normally get the bus must inform the office if their child is not getting the bus that day. The children will all be given school lunch on the 22nd December.

As usual children may come in to school on the last day of term dressed as they wish and bring a "treat" to school to share with their class.

On behalf of all the staff at Numont, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Holiday and all the Very Best for 2018!