



Well here we are at the Christmas holidays and I think the children are all ready for a rest (I know the staff are). Although we haven't been able to do some of the things we would normally do in the Christmas term such as have our whole school show, hold our Fairtrade Community Christmas Café or have a trip to the theatre to see the Pantomime, we haven't allowed a global pandemic to stop us having some festive fun.

Our Pupil Council did a grand job of decorating our Christmas tree which had to be put at the front door this year as we don't have room in our hall for it.



Our P5 class worked together to make these rather impressive snowflakes, Mrs Paterson thought we had bought them in Ikea!



And we don't have to go on a bus and all the way to the theatre to enjoy a Pantomime when the Pantomime can come to us. The children all really enjoyed watching 'Jack and The Beanstalk' with all the usual songs, questionable outfits and cheesy jokes. The staff all absolutely loved it too...OH YES THEY DID! A big thank you to the Parent Council for paying for the online Panto for us.



I liked the Panto because it was funny. The green Monster was my favourite character, I think his name was Gildemour.
Mayamarie P5

On Friday 11th December we held our Hot Chocolate café for children who wanted to spend their ticks for respectful behaviour on this. This was another popular event with around thirty cups of hot chocolate being served. Don't worry, there are other treats for children to spend their ticks on if they're not hot chocolate fans.



The hot chocolate café was cosy. There was whipped cream and it was good. It was a nice chance to have some fun with friends.
Isla W P4

Wednesday of this week saw us holding Christmas parties for all the classes. Lots of fun was had playing traditional party games with a bit of dancing thrown in. We were even lucky enough to have been sent a video message from Santa himself!! Santa had very kindly sent down a sack of presents for the children which they were delighted to receive. He knows that the Redmyre children love reading so he had sent books for our P1-P6 children however there was a bit of a change for our Primary 7s this year with Santa organising leavers' hoodies for them.

Thanks Santa, although I'm not sure what we'll give the P7s at the summer leaver's assembly now!



Our P7s with their leavers' hoodies.

Some other party snaps



The party was brilliant. I won the Corners game and won a packet of cards.
Charlie P5

A huge thank you goes to Chris and Sandra who did us proud on Thursday this week with a magnificent Christmas lunch of roast turkey and all the trimmings followed by ice cream and jelly which is a firm favourite of mine. I have been led to believe that some of our P7 boys tucked into seconds and then thirds!



The Christmas lunch was big but good!
Jack P5

Goodbye

Last Friday we said goodbye to Miss Roxanne Card, a post graduate teaching student who has been working with the P6/7 class this term. Miss Card very much enjoyed her teaching experience at Redmyre under the watchful guidance of Miss Forster who was showing her the ropes. She had nothing but wonderful comments to make about all the boys and girls with whom she was working.

Last Friday also saw us all coming into school in our most colourful and jazzy Christmas jumpers in aid of Save the Children. The children heard a little about the Save the Children charity and the work they do in our virtual assembly the day before and were eager to hand over their very generous donations. In all we raised £91.07 to go towards this very worthy cause.



Fabulous Christmas woollies!

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As you will be aware, the First Minister announced on Tuesday that Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City would be moving into Tier 3 of Covid restrictions as of Friday 18th December.

What does moving to level 3 mean?

From Friday, December 18, a number of new restrictions will be enforced in Aberdeenshire following the move to level 3. Here is a summary of the new measures we will be required to adhere to:

- **Socialising:** No in-home socialising and a maximum of **6** people from **2 households** outdoors.
- **Travel:** Essential travel only from or to areas in levels 3 and 4 in Scotland, and to and from the rest of the UK. Those seeking to travel abroad are encouraged to follow rules and advice on international travel.
- **Leisure and entertainment:** Closed.
- **Hospitality:** Hospitality venues will now accept last entries from 5pm and close at 6pm. No alcohol will be on sale.
- **Schools:** Schools will remain open but will be subject to enhanced cleaning measures.

For more information about the upcoming changes please see the Level 3 measures on the Scottish Government website. Information about changes to council services as a result of the move to level 3, is available on the Aberdeenshire Council website.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/covid-19/>

All there is left to say is that I hope you all have a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas. Let's look forward to the new year with optimism and hope that things will be brighter and more like old times as the days begin to stretch, and we head into spring.



Last day of term 2	18 th December
Back to School	<u>Tuesday</u> 5 th January
Registration for Aug 21 P1s	11 th January
Occasional Day	12 th February
February Mid-term	15 th February
In service days	16 th and 17 th February