

Diamond Class Newsletter

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This week :

Homework share

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents of Diamond Class for supporting your children with their homework. This week's homework share was a huge success and I received many positive comments about the way we set up this time so it seems to be a model that we will follow in the future. It always amazes me how creative the children are at interpreting the homework tasks and how much effort you put in helping them to achieve their finished outcomes – thank you. Yesterday, we taste tested the biscuits and cakes the children brought in and rated them according to the amounts of cinnamon we could taste. We have also hung some of the decorations up in the classroom and on the Christmas tree in the main corridor.

An important part of homework is how children view this learning and I have taken time to discuss this with them. Their feedback was also very positive in that they like being able to choose how they interpret the set tasks and how this links up with the learning in class. Sharing, valuing and critiquing their home learning with their peers and a wider audience is what they enjoy most. Overall, they wanted more opportunities to be able to video themselves, more cooking/baking, writing books, outdoor learning and art. In response to these requests I will try weave these in over the coming terms.

Tasting in progress ...



We have also been very busy practising for our Christmas Play next week and the children are very excited about performing it to you. Thank you once again for providing costumes – you will be blown away by the overall visual effect.

The school Fair is on the 9th and we hope to give you the opportunity of being able to buy your child's version of "Banksey". Since our trip, they have been working on the skills Banksey uses. They have said that they would like to display them like an art gallery- I'm currently reflecting on how to make this possible, so watch this space!

Reminders :

- Please send in the completed spelling investigation on Monday
- The dates and times of our plays are on our school website and a letter coming out today
- All other Christmas events i.e. parties are on the website and letter too

