

# Headteacher News



Term : Christmas 2014

Whole School Topic: Getting Around

## What a term!

I think it is worth reflecting on all the amazing hard work that all pupils, staff, governors, parents and friends have put in to achieve the 'Outstanding' OFSTED grade. We are now building on this incredible achievement in order to go even further with the learning that our pupils and students receive. Talking of 'building' we now have two shiny new classrooms at the top of the Secondary House. Tintagel and Donnington classes will move into this accommodation in January.

For Children in Need, the school collectively raised an amazing £430 for the good causes. For our Christmas Fair we raised £800, which will go on projects in school such as our new playground.

Our Christmas festive period has been as busy and exciting as ever. We have had a wonderful Carol service at St Mary's. Our school choir performed beautifully as well at the annual St Nicholas Church Carol Concert. Their rendition of Mary's Boy Child created a rapturous round of applause and dare I say a few tears from the congregation. We have also had two brilliantly acted productions. Key Stage 1 and 2 staged a performance of The Enormous Sprout, with some really wonderful acting and singing. Key Stage 3 and 4 put on a brilliant version of Aladdin with every single class doing a particular scene to tell the whole story. Nathan was a particular star taking on the role of compere as he did at Castle's Got Talent. Finally, congratulations to Justin Haycock and Danny Tiedman who took part in their Trinity Board music exams. I am extremely pleased to tell you that Justin gained Grade 1 in Baritone Horn and Danny achieved Grade 2 in Tenor Horn. Well done lads.

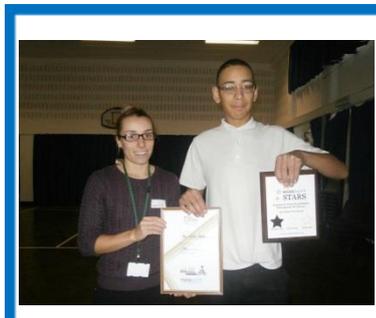
## Some photos of our learning



Our 'Outstanding' Celebration



Yoga during "GO!" afternoons



Receiving our Modeshift Award



Performing Carols at St Nic's



Key Stage 3 and 4 Aladdin



Key Stage 1 and 2 The Enormous Sprout

Please go to our website and look at the blog for more news about what has happened this term  
[www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk](http://www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming our wonderful pupils back on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

The Governors are absolutely delighted that the school has been judged outstanding by Ofsted. Congratulations to all the staff who have worked so hard and have had that recognised by this result. We would like to wish all pupils, staff and families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.  
Ola – Governor Development Governor