

# Newsletter January 2022



## Diary Dates

26th January – Australia Day

1st February – Chinese New Year (Tiger)

(Details on other events to follow – please look out for emails from our fundraising team muddybootsfundraising@gmail.com)

## 2022 is here!

It's great to be back, and we hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations!

We would also like to welcome those children who have started at Muddy Boots recently.

Staff would like to say a **HUGE** Thank you for all the lovely cards and presents they received from the children and their families. We really appreciate your kindness.

## Term Topic

This term's topic is "New Year".

So far, the children have enjoyed telling us what they would like to try this year, and these are displayed in the playroom with their photos.

For this Chinese New Year (the year of the Tiger), the children have created a beautiful wall display of a dragon with Chinese lanterns.

They will also be making special red envelopes (lìshí) containing money. This is a tradition for Chinese New Year.

We have also been celebrating Australia Day, by making masks and looking at different things that are native to Australia and their traditions. The children love the new toy barbecue with sounds and sizzles!



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## Fundraising News

An update from Jennie Evans (Fundraising Co-ordinator) -

Thanks to the efforts of lots of people across the Muddy Boots fundraising team, we had a very successful start to the fundraising efforts for this school year. We were delighted to be able to organise various events for the children of Muddy Boots and their families to be involved with.

For the second year running, October saw a successful Pumpkin Trail around Walgrave village. This was followed by a half term holiday activity for the children doing 'Sponsored Allsorts: an annual favourite where they raise sponsorship money to complete lots of fun challenges in their homes. The children started getting into the seasonal spirit early this year with an Elf Hunt around the Muddy Boots garden at the end of November and the Christmas fun was crowned in the last week of term when Santa's Sleigh visited the local villages.

Along with all these wonderful events for the children, the team also arranged a sale of Christmas wreaths and the annual Christmas Hamper raffle. We were also fortunate enough to be the beneficiary of a raffle held at Old Village Hall in November, so we extend a huge thanks to their Committee for the kind donation.

All these activities together raised the enormous sum of £2,066. It is a phenomenal start to our fundraising year and we have lots more planned for Spring Term (details to follow).

As always, we are incredibly grateful to all the parents, carers and other family members and friends of Muddy Boots for their continued and very generous support of the Pre-School, it is very much appreciated.

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## **Friends of Muddy Boots**

We need all the support we can get with fundraising events, as there is always plenty to organise throughout the year.

If you feel that you could help us with our fundraising in any way, or if you or a friend has any skills that you think you could offer to Muddy Boots, please contact our fundraising team [muddybootsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:muddybootsfundraising@gmail.com)

## **Do you know someone who could support us?.....**

Do you or anyone you know have connections with local banks or businesses? Many will match funds raised by schools/organisations, and this is something that we have benefited from in the past.

Please contact the team via email [muddybootsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:muddybootsfundraising@gmail.com) if you have information to help us in approaching organisations for their support.

Also, don't forget that if you or your friends are taking part in fundraising events of any kind and you are asked to nominate a charity, please consider putting Muddy Boots forward as a beneficiary. Thank you.

## **And finally.....**

Just a quick reminder to parents and carers to check their child's book bags/rucksacks on a regular basis. We will sometimes send paperwork/artwork home with the children. Andie will notify you via email if there has been anything of particular importance sent home.