



# Children's News

## Welcome

We would like to welcome you all back after the festive period. We hope that you have been and hope that you are all looking forward to a fun packed term ahead!

## What's going on: Sport and Parliament

### Christmas Festival

Many of our schools took part in our first ever Transform Christmas Festival on Monday 3rd December at The Albert Hall in Nottingham.

Parents were invited to come along and watch their children perform in various acts of singing, dance and drama and joining in with some festive carols.

We were delighted to be able to welcome Ram1 to our stage again, an incredibly talented musician who has toured globally and we are very lucky that he now resides in Nottingham with a passion for inspiring children.

He entertained the children with some amazing singing and was a good sport by dressing up as a Christingle to help explain the meaning to the children and parents. It was a great day and will now be a firm fixture in the Transform annual calendar. We hope to see you again next year.



### Children's Parliament

Our Transform Parliament children are working hard to organise their school heats for the Transform Bake Off! The winners from each school will then qualify for an exciting Transform final next Summer. Look out for details coming to your schools very soon! It looks set to be a very fun (and tasty) event. At our most recent meeting, we were also very lucky to have been joined by the company 'A Secret Hero' who kindly came in to talk about the importance of communication and engagement. They ended the session by completing a Lego walk! It was a brilliant session and we are very grateful the children were able to experience this.



## School Insights: Whitegate

This time we find out what has been going on at Whitegate Primary and Nursery School and William Booth Primary and Nursery School.

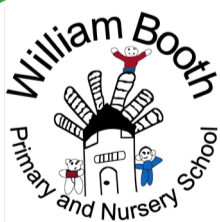


At Whitegate Primary School we have lots of exciting things going on that make our school great. We are very lucky that every Yr 6 child is provided with an iPad and our school spent a lot of money on these to help our education. There are 44 children in Yr 6 and we are allocated a specific iPad with a number on it. We also have a pair of headphones each along with an organised charging system where we store our iPads at the end of every day.

We use an app called "Showbie" to help us mark our work. We take a photo of our work, send it to Showbie and we can then edit our work, alongside voice notes from our teachers. We use a number of apps to correlate with our work. Our favourite apps include Numbers, Pages, Keynote, Playgrounds, Garageband and Imovie. Our teachers supervise us and monitor what we do and we are not allowed on apps such as YouTube for a number of reasons. We really enjoy using the iPads to help us with our learning.



## School Insights: William Booth



At William Booth we have loads of great stuff going on so we'll tell you a bit about our school.

The children at our school do many different jobs while at school. We have "Chatterchums" who are children who help other children who do not speak English as their first language.

We have an amazing library in our school and we have "Librarians" who work in it, they help people choose and look after the books.

"Playground Buddies" are people who help look after children who are worried at break time.

We have Gems at our school, which stands for:

- G for using our Grit
- E stands for being effective
- M stands for being motivated to learn
- S stands for being switched on and ready to learn

These are a list of things we all try to follow all the time whilst at school. We also have theme days for example art day and science day, which celebrate all the subjects in school.

We have loads of after school clubs for example: football, music club, basketball club and art club. We have great trips like trips to Hathersage, London, PGL and we get to camp in our school playground.