



Together we care, together we succeed

As we approach the end of term in school and the end of 2020 it has been an eventful year for all of us. So much has happened both for us, as a school community and as a result of a global pandemic. We are more appreciative of the small things in life ... going for a walk, baking a cake, playing a game. We have had to find different ways of working and staying in touch with loved ones. We have supported each other through challenging times. Here are just a few things that we can celebrate about 2020 at Gig Mill

Celebrating successes:

2020 was the year we received our OFSTED outcomes including two Outstanding judgements. We are really proud of the report: *'Together we care, together we succeed' is more than just a motto at Gig Mill Primary. It drives exciting lessons and interactions that enrich the lives of pupils.'*

Here are just a few of our themed displays around school which look fabulous !



Our themed focus days Reading, RE, Maths and themed weeks for Kindness, Friendship and Anti-bullying week have all been highly successful with the children.

During school closure period the first part of windows project was completed for Nursery and looks amazing, it's lovely to see little faces from Nursery peeping out to see what's going on in the 'big' playground.

Attendance in school is really good, and well above national levels.

We've achieved the school Music Mark for the second year running, and although at the moment we can't all sing together, music lessons have taken on a new approach with boomwhackers !

Our Gig Mill recovery curriculum is working really well, children are really benefitting from this approach and we are able to support emotional and pastoral needs well.

Children have loved our new values awards and it has been lovely to celebrate together - Kindness, Friendship and Perseverance awards this term.

In school there are lots of happy children, all our new arrivals to Gig Mill have settled really well to school life. I would like to say thank you for all your support this year and thank our resilient and talented staff team on your behalf.

In school there is great team-work from children and adults alike, laughter in the corridors and life in school again, demonstrating what it means to be part of the Gig Mill Family.

We wish you, our Gig Mill family, a wonderful festive holiday, a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Hannaway

Spreading Christmas cheer:

We are celebrating Christmas in a different way this year.

Thank you so much for the donations instead of our usual Christmas **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. Well done, we have raised an amazing **£465.88** which will be greatly appreciated by the charity this Christmas.

Children in school have been designing **Christmas cards and calendars** and we will be sending some out to care homes we will usually visit at this time of year.

Thank you to all those parents who have kindly contributed to gifts for classes, which will be shared next week after been quarantined in school. Thanks to the HSA for organising this for us.

Our **Christmas mufti day** on Friday raised **£462.04 for the HSA** - thanks for supporting this school event.



This week in school:

Thursday 17th December is the final day of term for children.

Historically, we would welcome children bringing in party food or their own home games and toys.

Unfortunately, this is not possible this year but the children are invited to once again wear their Christmas jumpers or festive clothes.

The children have been amazing and on we will be holding a Christmas celebration within each year group bubble. This may take the form of a small class party, Christmas film or class games.



From all at Gig Mill, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on
Tuesday 5th January 2021**

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