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Dear Parents and Carers,

I couldn't finish the term without saying some congratulations and, also, some important Thank You messages.

BBC Story Writing Competition

I am delighted to share that some of the children who entered the [BBC 500 Words Story Writing Competition](#) have made it through to the Second Stage. The BBC received thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency.

From the second round a list of 50 finalists will be selected who will be invited to visit Buckingham Palace.



The Gold winners will win huge stacks of books for the children and their parents.

A huge well done to **Arik** in **Hedgehog Class**, **Eddie** and **Meredith** in **Lion Class** and **Cemre** in **Tiger Class**!

We were pleased that so many Manby children entered this competition. All children who entered received a certificate from us in school and Mrs Hughes and I picked three top winners.

Each of these children won a Waterstones Book Token and read out their stories to Year 1 and Year 2 classes in Assembly yesterday. Well done to **Arik** in **Hedgehog Class**, **Meredith** in **Lion Class** and **Luna** in **Leopard Class**.

The stories were really good so we will be posting copies of each one on the [school website gallery page](#) so that you can read them too.

FOML Xmas Fair

I am sure like me you were really impressed to read about how much money was raised in just three hours on Sunday, at the FOML Christmas Fair.

It is amazing that in total, £4.5K will have been raised and I'm aware that there may still be some Match Funding money coming in.



to everyone who donated their time to helped on the day – from running a stall, to manning the BBQ and Bar, to face painting and even providing our musical entertainment!

I was thrilled to see so many of our new Year R parents and their children at the Fair as well as those families whose children have left Manby.

In particular we must **thank** Jacqui Brand (FOML Chair) and Rachel McIlroy (FOML Treasurer) without whom we would not have such fantastic, fun, and fundraising events!

Save a date for your diary

Oatlands School invites parents/carers of children at Manby Lodge School to join a parent session led by Emma Ellis from the National Autistic Society.

Emma will do a presentation and then a Q&A session on **Wednesday 24th January at 9.30am** in Oatlands School hall.

All parents/carers are welcome - you do not have to have a child with an ASD diagnosis. If you would like to attend, please email: senco@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk

Goodbye to Miss Fielding

Finally, I would like to say Goodbye and Good Luck to Miss Fielding who is leaving Gosling Class. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing Ellie every success in her new role. Miss Feilding joined Manby in 2019 as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant before completing Teacher Training in 2021. She will be missed by everyone at Manby.

We will welcome the new Gosling Class Teacher, Mrs Cox-Wilson to our school from January.

Have a wonderful, safe, restful Christmas.

Kind regards,

Míriam Morris