

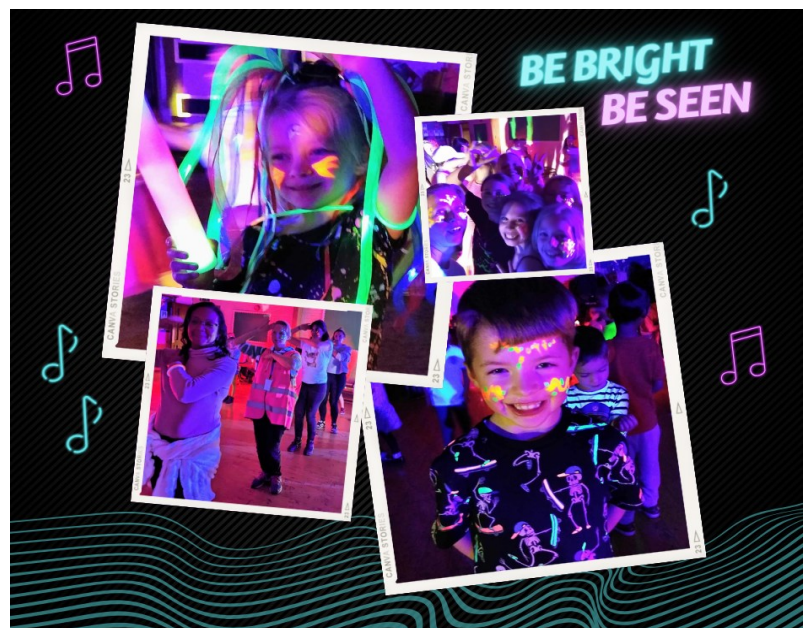
**Seasons Greetings from FOWS!** What a busy 7 weeks this half term has been! We kicked it off with a Spooky bake sale, followed by the "Be Bright Be Seen" Disco, and wrapped it up with a visit to the WBTP fair, an awesome Raffle and our own Winter Wonderland Fair! All are fantastic examples of Woodlea's community coming together to make things happen, so whether you donated to the bake sale, chaperoned the disco, sourced a raffle prize, or volunteered at the fair - Thank you!! We couldn't have done any of it without you. Everyone on FOWS hopes you and your family has the loveliest, most magical Christmas, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at Woodlea in January.

### **60 Rekenreks, and a partridge in a pear tree!**

This term we were pleased to give Woodlea £290 to fund the purchase of 2 class sets (60) of *Rekenreks*.

If you're wondering... *Rekenreks* are "a hands-on maths teaching resource used to help children visualise and learn essential early years maths principles. These include counting and place value, cardinality, composing and decomposing numbers, subitising, and base 10. Using a rekenrek helps children develop computational strategies when solving simple addition and subtraction problems. It's also an ideal tool for helping children develop mathematical vocabulary such as more than and less than."

The new *Rekenreks* are being used in Woodlea's classrooms almost daily. If you have a child in KS1, please ask them about how they've been using them in their maths lessons.



### **Be Merry & Bright**

Our Be Bright Be Seen Disco was absolutely amazing! The energy levels were high, and everyone had a blast! We are pleased to report that **the event raised a fantastic £400** for Woodlea to spend on enrichment and/or educational resources. We will keep you posted with what they decide to spend it on.

### **Fairytale of WBTP**

We were so pleased to be given a pitch at the WBTP Christmas Fair for a second year. This time we put our newly inherited candy floss machine to good use, as well as giving our "Hook a Bauble" and "Clonk the Gonk" games a test run before our own fair. We had a lovely day with our local community and as an extra bonus, we made a **profit of £169** too!

A special mention must be given to the parents and children who gave their time to help. (You know who you are!) **Thank you!!**



## Walking in a Winter Wonderland

We're not going to lie - The FOWS team was incredibly worried about the number of people who had told us they couldn't make it to our fair, due to prior arrangements. So it was a huge relief when everyone started to pour in to the school last weekend. We had... Games & Crafts, Face painting & Glitter Tattoos, a massive raffle, Santa's Grotto, Hollybrook Petting Farm, Hot food, cakes & drinks, and some fantastic local businesses. It was a really lovely family afternoon and we hope that everyone who attended had a fantastic time too. And although it was a lower footfall than our events have traditionally seen, that didn't stop us hitting our 4 figure target and taking a very satisfying £1069.00 on the day. We now need to add on the money from the grotto presales and the raffle tickets, and deduct our expenses, and will announce the grand total in the new year... Watch this space!



**We wish you a merry Christmas  
and a happy new year!!**