

## Worcestershire Virtual School News

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### Thank You

Thank you for your hard work, commitment and emotional resilience when supporting our CLA and PLAC. We know that it has been another challenging term but as ever you have gone above and beyond for your most vulnerable learners. We wish you a peaceful break over the Xmas period and look forward to working with you in the new year.

### Worcester Theatres Panto Competition

We had some fantastic entries for the Virtual School and Worcester Theatres poster competition – **Beauty & the Beast – Don't Judge by Appearances** – thank you so much to all those who took part, it really made our day looking through all the creative things our children/young people put together. As the standard was so high, The Swan Theatre will be displaying all the entries, the winner will be announced on **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

### Trauma Informed Christmas

For most of us Christmas is a time of joy and celebration, however for children who have experienced trauma, Christmas can be an incredibly confusing and scary time. The change in routine at school, the planning and excitement at home can all become too much for a child who has experienced trauma. Presentation at school may change and behaviours become more challenging; Staffordshire Virtual School have put together some guidance on supporting trauma impacted children through the festive period.

### DT Champions

We are looking for DT Champions to represent the Malvern Pershore/Evesham cohort and help organise DT Network Meetings. Network meetings are a great opportunity to meet with other DTs in your area and discuss common issues, share good practice, and access group training. Meetings are generally scheduled termly, although Covid has made it a little trickier. We will be organising a DT Champions meeting for early in the Spring Term, if you are interested in joining us and representing the Wychavon area, please email Paula Hemming [pheffield@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:pheffield@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) .

Current DT Champions are:

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**Progress & Attainment Data – Final Reminder**

A reminder that all Progress & Attainment Data should be updated to reflect current information by the end of the school term. The data entered will be analysed over the Christmas break and will shape the support offered by the Virtual School in the Summer Term. If you have any queries regarding the information, please contact your Learning Advocate direct for support.

**We are here to support you and our children looked after/previously looked after and the office will remain open over the Christmas break. Please call or email, using the details below or visit our website.**

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