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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

COGmas Greetings to all of our Members

If you haven't yet heard about or familiarised yourself with this year's COGmas – here's a quick overview:

WHAT IS COGMAS?

3 weeks of fun ideas & festive resources to enhance your delivery of Emotion Works on the lead up to the Christmas break, and for that little bit extra excitement, there'll be the usual giveaways of resources and membership prizes for our favourite entries.

WHEN IS IT RUNNING? 2 - 20th December 2024

WHAT'S THIS YEAR'S THEME?

The COGmas 2024 theme is *Now that's what I call COGmas* inspired by many of last year's musical & performance style entries. During weeks 1 & 2 we'll be helping you and your pupils get creative this COGmas, with the option to finish off with a special COGmas performance or sharing event in week 3.

HOW DO I ACCESS THE RESOURCES & IDEAS?

- The COGmas2024 webpage is [here](#) and can also be accessed via the QR Code above
- Be inspired by last year's entries in our COGmas2023 Showcase Padlet [here](#)
- Ideas for your creative drama, writing, art & song work can be found in our [Christmas Literacy Padlet](#)

HOW DO I SHARE OUR WORK & ENTER THE ACTIVITY CHALLENGE?

We'd love to see your COGulous creations as you go if you're happy to share them with us and the rest of the Emotion Works community. You can post photos or videos on X / twitter tagging us with [@EmotionWorksCIC](#) and using the hashtag #COGmas2024, or you can join our [COGmas 2024 facebook group](#) for the duration of December and post there too.

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Click the photo to listen to pupils from Mount Vernon PS singing about their emotional '5 days of COGmas'

COGmas Diary 2024

- **Week 1:** 2nd-6th December: **COGULOUS DISPLAYS & DECORATIONS** – get your classrooms, corridors and performance spaces ready for COGmas!
- **Week 2:** 9-13th December: **COGTASTIC CLASSROOM CREATIONS** – get creative for COGmas with festive stories, drama, songs and more!
- **Week 3:** 16-20th December: **YOUR BIG COGMAS SHOWCASE** Share your COGmas creations in an end of term assembly or showcase of your choice.

🎵 So here it is Merry COGmas everybody's having fun... Look to December now, it's only just begun!

The **3 WEEK DIARY** can be used as a skeleton forward plan if you'd like to take part over the full 3 weeks, or feel free to pick and choose activities that work best for you.

- The longer term plan would be to work towards some kind of 'SHOWCASE' event in **WEEK 3**, such as:
 - An end of term assembly sharing Emotion Works COGmas creations or performances
 - A communal or class-based parent event
 - Create a photo slideshow or video tour of COGmas work to share with other classes and parents
 - A large COGmas art display
 - A song performance – a COGmas composition, or a piece of work unpacking an emotional song lyric
 - A festive drama, animation, story or piece of poetry relating to the Cogs or Cog language
 - A COGmas party game you've thought up
- In **WEEK 2** we'll help you with lots more ideas for your COGmas creations providing examples of Emotion Works lessons linked to festive literature, songs, adverts, games, drama ideas and artwork in case you get stuck coming up with your own idea.
- But first, **WEEK 1** is about getting prepared.
 - You'll find our festive COGmas resources & the weekly activity ideas on the [Cogmas 2024 Web Page](#)
 - If you're relatively new to Emotion Works, make sure your pupils are familiar with the first 5 cogs (Primary ages / ASN equivalent) or have a discussion about the COGmas characters using our 'foundation language' suggestions (Early Years / ASN equivalent).
 - The activity ideas for Week 1 encourage you to explore the cog concepts and language through art & craft activities while also helping to decorate your classrooms, corridors and performance spaces in preparation for your live sharing event or recording & capturing of COGmas work

EARLY YEARS & ASN (Early Level)

This year we're including new resources, activity suggestions and giveaways for the levels of learning that focus on Foundation Language Development, so if you're an Early Years or ASN member, watch out for the resources & activities labelled for 'Early Learning'.

Details about the activity challenges & prizes will be posted on our COGmas web page, X feed & facebook groups on Tuesday 3rd December



Rocking Around the COGmas Tree
with pupils at Bonhill Primary

