



# St. Michael's CE (VC) First School Newsletter

Number 4

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*It has been a very busy two weeks since half term with lots of wonderful learning activities taking place both in our classrooms and school grounds. A big thank you to everyone for supporting Children In Need Day in school today, the children looked fantastic in yellow and spots alongside their home clothes, we'll let you know shortly how much we have raised. We have also enjoyed our 'Faith Day' in school where classes spent time learning about different religions through stories and art work. We were very proud of the children respectfully observing the two minutes silence on Wednesday.*

*Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.*

*Mrs J Wass*

*Headteacher*

## Poppies



Thank you to everyone that purchased poppies in school. A representative for The Royal British Legion has collected our donations and we are hoping to receive the amount raised in due course.

Prior to Remembrance Day, the school laid a poppy wreath at the war memorial in Stone town centre.

## Certificates and Special Awards

### *Nursery*

*Pippa      Betsy      Benjamin      Dexter*

### *Early Years*

*Teddy      Sam      Chester      Jack*

### *Year 1*

*Billy      Ivy-May      George      Charlie*

### *Year 2*

*Keira      Ayla      Freddie      Dylan      Isabel      Anya*

### *Year 3*

*Abigail      Lottie*

### *Year 4*

*Isabelle      Esme      Sophia      Brodie      Isla      Milo*

## Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about bonfire night. They have been using their senses to think about the smells, tastes, sounds and things they may see or feel on bonfire night.

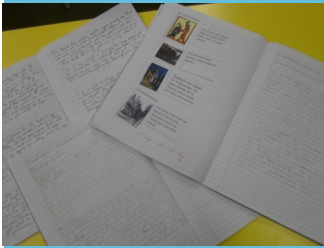
Children have created poems and collages using natural resources and paints.



## Year 4

Since coming back after the half-term break, Year 4 have been working on measuring lengths and converting between mm, cm, m and km. We've crunched our way through Autumn leaves and created our own leaf bunting with partners.

We've also learnt the gruesome tale of how our town became known as Stone and then written our own exciting versions of it!



## Year 3

Year 3 have begun their new science topic learning about light and shadows. In our first session we learnt about what a light source is and found out about the different sources of light in our world. This week we have conducted an investigation into reflective surfaces. We were working on designing a new book bag for school that includes a reflective strip to make sure that children are safe when walking in the dark. We made reflection testers using torches and examined how reflective different materials were, in order to decide which one would be best for our book bag.

## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning about special celebrations including Remembrance Day and Fireworks! We also found time to decorate wooden spoons to create our very own spoon garden.



## Early Years

Our new topic is 'Celebrations' and the children are having themed weeks. Last week we explored bonfire night and fireworks with some wonderful pastel art work, bonfire safety poster writing and dancing like a firework. This week we have focused on Remembrance and Faith day followed by Diwali activities next week. The children are really enjoying their learning and are producing some wonderful work independently.

## Year 2

Year 2 had a spiky visitor this week. A hedgehog walked into the classroom! He was rescued and taken to the British Wildlife Rescue Centre.





On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November it is **World Children's Day**.



Here are 2 articles that relate to it:

**Article 1** - Definition of a child: All children under 18 have all the rights in the Convention .



**Article 4** - Making rights real: Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

### Christmas Raffle

The PTA are organizing a Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be available to purchase on SchoolMoney from 1st to 10th December. Tickets will be named and kept in school until the draw on 11th December. Winners will be contacted and arrangements to collect prizes will be made.

If you are able to donate a prize or an item that could be included in a hamper please send it to school on Friday 20th November when we will be having a non uniform day.

### Diary Dates

Saturday 14th November	Christmas Card Orders Close
Friday 20th November	PTA Dress down day (prize for raffle)
Tuesday 1st to Thursday 10th December	Christmas Raffle tickets available on School Money
Friday 11th December	Christmas Raffle to be drawn
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day (donations for Donna Louise Children's Hospice)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes at 3.30 for Christmas Holidays

### House Points

Week Ending 6th November

Week Ending 13th November

973	1024
1090	874

1231	1231
1359	1097