



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

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We have had a very busy and special end to this year with lots of exciting activities taking place in school. It was wonderful to have our Christmas Nativities and Carol services happening once again and being able to welcome parents in to watch. I am sure you will agree all of the children were fantastic and we are very proud of them!

This week the children have enjoyed their Christmas parties and even had a visit from Santa with a gift for each of them. Lots of exciting learning has also been taking place in the classrooms including a range of art and design and technology work such as constructing structures in Year 3 and a marble run in Year 4. Today children in Year 3 have enjoyed a drama workshop. On Monday all of the children in school took part in our WOW Christmas day where they met various people from the Christmas story including a donkey and a grumpy innkeeper. We also enjoyed a festive Christmas dinner.

On behalf of myself and all of the staff and Governors at St Michael's I wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you in January.

Mrs J Wass, Headteacher

Certificates and Special Awards

Nursery

Abigail James Oscar Layla

Early Years

All of Early Years for their fantastic nativity show Molly Jessica

Year 1

Harry Eden Arthur All of 1H

Year 2

Myles Ted Chester Tilly Dexter Amelia All of Year 2

Year 3

Nate Aaliyah Sophie Olive Alex All of Friendship Club for decorating the Christmas Tree for the festival at church

Year 4

Keira Isaac

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Nursery

Thank you to all those parents that were able to join us for our Christmas activity session. Decorating Christmas tree biscuits was a popular choice! It has been a busy time and we have learnt how to make and the meaning of a Christingle and we took part in a whole school Nativity Day. We made impressive party hats and will be bringing home angels, elf pictures and treats from our Christmas tree.



Early Years



Early Years have been busy making our own Christmas biscuits. We mixed the ingredients, rolled the mixture and then chose our favourite Christmas cutter. Mary cooked them for us in the kitchen and we have been busy decorating them once they cooled down. We're sure you'll agree, they look delicious!

Year 1

Year 1 have been busy; we have been on an around the world trip learning about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. First we thought about Christmas traditions we have in England, we then learnt about Sinterklaas who arrives in the Netherlands on a steam boat and rides a horse. We also visited France and Japan where our favourite fact was that people in Japan eat KFC for Christmas dinner!



Year 2

We having being doing lots of fun Christmas activities! We have made crowns, calendars and Christmas cards.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning all about the landmarks in Paris. As part of our Design and Technology unit, we have been put into teams and have designed our own version of the Eiffel Tower using a variety of materials. Our structure needs to be at least 30cm high and stand without any support. We have had to think carefully about how to join the materials and how to make the structure sturdy. This week, we will be making our designs and hopefully they will all stand up right!



Year 4



Last week, we had some visitors from Walton Priory Middle School. They came with a challenge for us to work in teams to build a marble run. It was great fun with some fantastic results.

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Christian Values Certificates

The following children have been presented with a Christian Values Certificate for demonstrating one of our school values

Nursery

Harry Eliza

Early Years

Thalia James Noah Eevie

Year 1

All of Year 1 Toby Louie

Year 2

Alice Isaac Sam Noah

Year 3

Evie Jacob Pippa Holly

Year 4

Grace Isaac



Geography

Well done to the children that entered our Geography World Cup sweepstake competition. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough entries for a sweepstake. However, I was so impressed with the quality of work from the children that did enter I spoke to Father Christmas and have arranged some special surprises for them all.

I hope you're enjoying learning about the North Pole. Has anyone worked out what Father Christmas' address could be? Don't forget to hand it in to your teacher if you have.

Mrs R James

Geography Lead

House Points

Half Term Total

The winning team will receive extra playtime in January.

1831

1834

1551

2007

Church Fundraising

Mrs Childs would like to say thank you to everyone that bought reindeer food and Santa's keys. £110 was raised and has been donated to St Michael and St Wulfad's Church.

Drama Workshop

Year 3 have enjoyed a special visit today from Jamie Harris. We have enjoyed lots of exciting drama activities linked to Christmas and it has been a wonderful end to a very busy term!

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Year 2 Trip to Stone

On Thursday 8th December Year 2 took a walk to Stone Library and St Michael's Church. At the library they listened to three fantastic stories as well as exploring the range of books the library had to offer. A lot of children joined the library and got a new library card which meant that they could all take a book out of the library. The children visited the school's advent window in town. They then walked to St. Michael's Church where they explored the church and its features. They also looked at the Christmas trees that were decorated for the Christmas tree festival. The children spotted the advent wreath. The children listened to a talk about the church, its history and features. They were also shown inside the mausoleum in the churchyard. Mrs Wright challenged the children to spot the tile in the floor that was put in by the tiler upside down! Whilst in the church the children chose what they wanted to sketch and worked on looking at the detail in what they were drawing.



Christmas Jumper Day

Today we looked very festive in our Christmas outfits. So far we have raised £97 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

If you would still like to donate please log on to SchoolMoney.



Diary Dates

Friday 16th December	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Inset Day, School Closed
Wednesday 4th January	School Opens
Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February	Half Term, School Closed

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