



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Headteacher's Message

Christmas is coming and school is getting very busy. We are certainly not complaining as it should all be about making it a very special time for all the children. The junior children had their panto in school last week, which they enjoyed. Rehearsals and nativity performance are in full swing and have been fantastic. Well done to everyone involved. Thanks to everyone who donated, helped and collected items for our 'Share and Care' event recently. This was a huge success and will put a smile on many faces. The enrichment clubs are now live and ready to book for the Spring term. There are a wide range of clubs for children to enjoy (with limited spaces) so please do book your places to avoid missing out.



### Nursery

This week, Nursery have been thinking about Winter and we have loved exploring the new season through our senses. We have talked about some of the changes we see in Winter and we have experimented by freezing different objects outdoors. We have also begun to think about colder places on Earth, such as the Arctic, which we will explore in more detail throughout Spring 1.



### Reception

We have enjoyed being creative with materials this week. We have used the woodwork station to make our rockets as a team. We designed our rockets first then worked together to make them.



## Reception

What an amazing week for Reception! We celebrated during our first Christmas show for parents and carers and the children were fantastic! They sang their hearts out and we are very proud of how well they performed to an audience. We also enjoyed our first school trip to the Plaza to see Peter Pan, again the children were amazing! Well done Reception!



## Year 2

2 Thunberg stepped outside to learn how to be safe and sensible when crossing roads. They loved learning how to keep themselves safe while out and about, and our visitors were really impressed by their polite manners and enthusiasm!



## Year 3

This week, both classes went to our local church, St Matthews, on a story trail to learn more about the Christmas story, as told by Reverend Jeremy Beatty. The children learnt about the story through drama, and showed how curious they were by asking lots of questions. What an amazing experience!



## Year 3

This week Year 3 created their own stone circles after learning all about Stonehenge. What amazing creativity the children all showed!





## Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed their ancient Greek day today! We presented all that we learned in a class presentation, tried Greek food, had an ancient greek fashion walk and designed our own Greek shields!



## Year 6 and Year 3

Year 6 visited Year 3 to carry out market research for their upcoming DT topic. Year 3 are now excited about the project and the children can't wait to get started with the making process.



## Year 6

As Kevin Sinfield ran his 7 ultramarathons this week, 6 Sinfield took inspiration and joined in the fun. We ran one mile (12 laps of the junior playground) each day this week, and some of us are even continuing into the weekend! We've written to Kevin to tell him how proud we are to have him as our Class Icon.



## KS2 Christmas Show Production

Children in Key Stage Two enjoyed a visit from Quantum Theatre Productions, who performed 'The Snow Queen'. They found it exciting and both inspiring to watch real actors/actresses perform live on stage. We know the pantomime trip next week will be just as enjoyable.



## Share and Care

One of the best things I've seen in a long time is people walking away from school with bags full of items and hearing them say 'I was going to buy one of these'. Thank you to everyone who donated items and the parents and staff who helped organise the event. All items which were not taken have now been donated to charity. A great event. Thanks



## Important dates

Nursery Christmas Sing Along	Wednesday 20th December 9.15am and 2.30pm
End of term	Friday 22nd December
Start of spring term	Tuesday 9th January
Year 1 Nativity	Monday 18th December 9:15am Tuesday 19th December 9:15am



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