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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an absolute pleasure to celebrate Christmas "normally" for the first time in 3 years. From the fayre to productions and services to parties- it has been a real joy.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2023.

See you all on Tuesday 3rd January, when the new term begins.

Kind Regards

Rachel Miller

Sports Section

Another great half term of sports activities in School. In particular, our Year 5/6 Football Club have been playing in some matches.



Our teams have played against Chestnut School where they won by an impressive 5-1 as well as a 2-6 loss to Bradley Barton. Some great effort all round!

Our Netball team have been working hard in the last few weeks and have really shown a big improvement in all areas of the game. We have some fantastic shooters in Year 4! Unfortunately, two of our planned matches against other schools had to be cancelled, however there will be more matches to play next year.



We have had four new gymnastics benches delivered this week to use in our gymnastics lessons. We were able to purchase these due to the substantial amount of money children raised in the Summer term this year during a sponsored circuit with local Paralympian David Hill. We look forward to using them and want to thank you again for your support.

Achievements

In school we love celebrating the children's achievements both in and out of school. This half term we have been celebrating::

Some fantastic swimming from:

Isla W- Level 2, Percy E- Level 1, Jude E- Level 2. Bethany S- Level 5 and Riley F- Level 3.

As well as some budding gymnasts in our school:

Lily H- Yellow Award, Riley F- Green Award, Rosalie C- Yellow Award, Millie B has won silver in Vault and bronze in Floor, Esmae M has won 2 medals for a competition as well as Macy Z who was in a team which came 1st in a competition!

Charlotte and Iris G have completed a 6 week surfing course with The Wave Project.

Millie B has been awarded a distinction in her Level 2 Tap Exam.

Hollie P-C has achieved her Level 2 Diving Award.

William Y- Man of the Match in his football game as well as Daisy P winning player of the week in her Rugby game.

Lily-Ana K has earned her red stripe belt in Karate and Georgie G is now a yellow belt!

Alivia E has won a silver and a bronze award for dancing.

George B- Student of the week for his BJJ. Well done!

Choir

Our School Choir have been super busy this half term and have made us all at School very proud.

Some of the lovely services they have performed at have been

- ♦ Kerswella Care Christmas Party
- ♦ Christingle
- ♦ Coffinswell Church Carol Concert
- ♦ Our School Carol Service.

Thank you to all the children for their hard work and commitment.

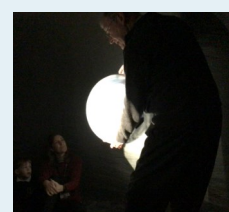
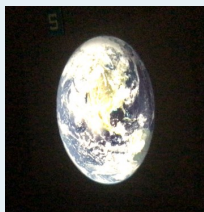


Spotlight On:



EYFS

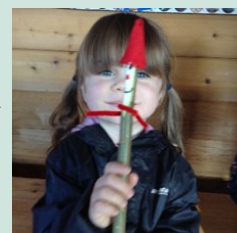
As part of our Space topic, Crocodile and Koala classes got the chance to experience space for real! We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Spacelab planetarium. The children went inside the planetarium. We were very brave when it went completely dark, before the stars came out in the "sky". We learned about some of the constellations such as 'The Great Bear' and 'Orion'. We learned how to use part of 'The Great Bear' often called the 'plough' to find the North Pole Star. We then listened to some stories about the constellations and watched the stars move around the night sky.



What have Forest School been up to this month?



Reception: Demonstrated imaginative role play and problem solving skills to help Stick Man and his stick friends in the forest.



Year 1: Used loppers and peelers to make some very jolly looking Stick Santa's.



Year 2, 3 and 4: Made decorative wooden cookies (inedible sadly) to add to their Christmas trees.



Year 5 and 6: With fantastic teamwork, the children worked together to make festive wooden snowmen.

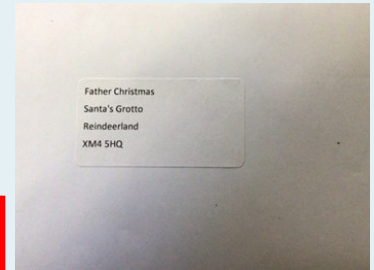
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Crocodile	97.9%	86.2%
Koala	95.0%	86.0%
Snowy Owl	93.2%	91.4%
Platypus	96.5%	89.0%
Toucan	97.4%	81.3%
Polar Bear	90.9%	94.5%
Puffin	100%	90.0%
Penguin	96.5%	90.0%
Giraffe	95.6%	95.8%
Red Panda	99.3%	92.1%
Cougar	98.6%	96.2%
Tiger	98.6%	93.8%
Ocelot	97.1%	90.7%
Rhinoceros	95.0%	85.0%

Christmas In Reception

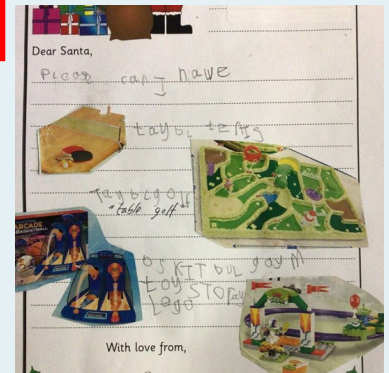
Decorating The Tree



Writing Our Letters to Santa



Making sure the letters get to Santa!



Ethos Corner

Autumn 2 Our School Values



Love & Friendship and Compassion - Walking in Someone Else's Shoes

Our collective worship theme this term has explored empathy and what it might be like to walk in someone else's shoes. Key events, which have included Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying Week and the World Cup, as well as Advent and the Christmas story, have helped to see our Values in Action.

Ethos Leaders & The National Younger Leadership Groups

(NYLGs), which is now in its third year. The Church of England's 2020 Vision and Strategy, led by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, has a focus on 'growing younger', which makes regular consultation and engagement with children and young people for the vision of the church an absolute necessity. The strategic priority of the NYLG sessions is to focus on young voices, developing student leadership and growing faith in young people.

Here is some feedback from pupils in the first session: 'What church would you like to see?'

Focus 1

What are the values that are most important to you for a church?

We asked pupils to think about the things that they most value in a church and to write them down. We had a whole range of responses, from being a caring, kind and inclusive church, to being a peaceful community.

Focus 2

What **concerns** or **worries** do you have about the world we live in?

After we talked about what the young leaders value in churches, we asked them to consider the things in life that concern them. After some time talking to their peers, the pupils submitted their answers.

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fighting understanding
inclusion happy **respectful** diversity
justly **welcoming** different **compassionate**
friendship **loving** fun **hopeful** tolerant
caring **kindness** **church**
welcomes **one** **peaceful** **community**
inclusive **generous** **service**
kindness **friendship** **respect** **support**
turns **perseverance** **hope** **love**
furnishes **helpful** **people** **justice** **equality** **place**
open **diverse** **trust** **accepting** **honesty**
quiet **nonviolent** **family**

extinction **bullying** **death**
killing **sexism** **homophobia** **murder** **animal** **discrimination**
happening **conflict** **climate** **violence** **hate** **cost** **crisis**
getting **health** **media** **depression** **and** **crisis** **zone**
lower **global** **addresses** **pollution** **pollution** **wars** **war** **change**
inflation **bullying** **pollution** **wars** **war** **change**
unlike **animals** **poverty** **warming** **environment**
society **Bills** **poor** **poverty** **warming** **environment**
living **rejection** **homelessness** **homeless** **stabbing** **littering**

Thames

The full report is available at <https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/projects/nylg>

A huge thank you to our Language Leaders who led a collective worship on Christmas around the world.

We all enjoyed hearing how other cultures celebrate Christmas and singing Cascabel (Jingle Bells) in Spanish!

PTFA

The Christmas Fayre was a fantastic success, raising in excess of £1600 - the first time it's run since 2019! Coloured donations returned, with some unique offerings, which were complied into beautiful hampers - and were added to the school raffle on the day. Festive fun was had by all, Santa even made an appearance - supported by his Elf (Mr Sanders). A big thank you to everyone who came!!



During Anti-Bullying week, the story of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1-10) generated questions about bullying and, in this story, who the bully REALLY was. This led to discussions of forgiveness and new beginnings; knowing that there is always the opportunity to start again.



During the World Cup, we explored how children and visitors are made to feel welcome at our school. The story of The Woman at the Well (John 4) helped to explore the concept of hospitality and diversity.

Advent & Christmas.

We explored some of the journeys made in the Christmas story and how these can help and inspire us on our journeys in life:

Mary's journey to visit Elizabeth - an invitation of HOPE

Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem - an invitation to SEARCH, Shepherds Journey to Visit Jesus - an invitation to FOLLOW, and



Year 5 & ^ Football Match- Cup

The year 5/6 football team completed their first cup game of the season against Gatehouse from Dawlish.

With lots of new team members, after our last cohort of year 6 children left, we made a positive start, quickly going 1-0 up with a great finish from Maxwell C. Gatehouse replied soon after to make it 1-1, but the team started to get into a rhythm with some excellent passing and brilliant individual skill.

We eventually ran out 4-1 winners with a hatrick from Maxwell C, assists from Leo N and captain Cache P. Stanley M, in goal, made some great saves in a hectic last few minutes.

Onto the next round!



Achieve, Believe, Create

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