



FCJ PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas 2019

Res Non Verba

Lights, Camel, Action!



Lights, Camel, Action! Join the jam-packed cast of nativity celebrities as they celebrate Jesus' birth with a dazzling dance show.

The Bethlehem Broadcasting Company has recorded a dazzling dance show (available to buy) to celebrate the special occasion of Jesus' birth and the cast was jam-packed with nativity celebrities. Personalities, including some funky camels and a disco star, came together again to recall their roles in the miraculous story. It was a Christmas celebration like never before, with dance styles ranging from tango to line dancing and ballet to disco. The judges gathered their scorecards, dancers waited in the wings and the audience assembled for Lights, Camel, Action!

It was great fun – a marvellous variety of songs and spectacular dancing, but always... strictly the nativity!

Hope



Hope inspires and enables us to persevere in the face of difficulties. It empowers us to fulfil our aspirations and grow towards spiritual, intellectual and emotional maturity.

Nativity Plays at FCJ

Reception Nativity – Wednesday 4th December

We Three Kings.

The three kings: Melchior, Balthazar and Casper on their way to visit the baby Jesus.



Year 1 – Thursday 5th December

It's a Party

More than two thousand years after the Christmas story first began, the celebrations still continue. Whilst Mary and Joseph made their way to Bethlehem, we followed the progress of the angels as they delivered invitations. Those lucky enough to be included on their guest list, attended a most unconventional party. The invitations were unusual... the guests were unlikely... and the venue was unconventional. But what a party!



Year 2 – Tuesday 3rd December

The Inn-spectors

The inn-spectors are in Bethlehem and they were not pleased. A stable is no place for visitors and their new born baby: it really is a health and safety nightmare! Can the inn-spectors be convinced that the stable really is fit for a king?



The Mysterious Plant

This term Reception learnt about how plants grow and what they need to help them to survive. The children grew a mysterious plant, all they knew is that it was a bulb. So far there is one plant pot with shoots coming out. The children discussed what plants need to grow; Mr Douse thought he could let it grow in his shoe but Reception knew we needed soil, sun and water in a safe environment! Keep an eye out on Twitter to find out what the mysterious plant is!



Strange Dancing Plants

The unusual *Desmodium gyrans*, also known as the 'Dance plant', is another of the few plants in the world that visibly – and quickly – moves its leaves when

exposed to touch, sunlight, warmth or even small vibrations – hence the reaction to music and sound



Exploring Money



Year 1 have been really busy in their maths learning this term. The children have looked at and discussed the different coins, focusing on their shape, colour and value.

They explored how to make a range of amounts using 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p and 50p coins. The children role played 'shop keepers', paying for their items with the exact money.



Before the Pound

The livre was the currency of Jersey until 1834. It consisted of French coins which, in the early 19th century, were

exchangeable for sterling at a rate of 26 livres to the pound

Dragons and Castles

Year 2 had a fantastic creative day celebrating the end of their topic 'Dragons and Castles', where they came dressed as someone from the medieval times.

They had a special visit from Cally Noel who brought in medieval instruments that would have been used to entertain guests that came to the castle.



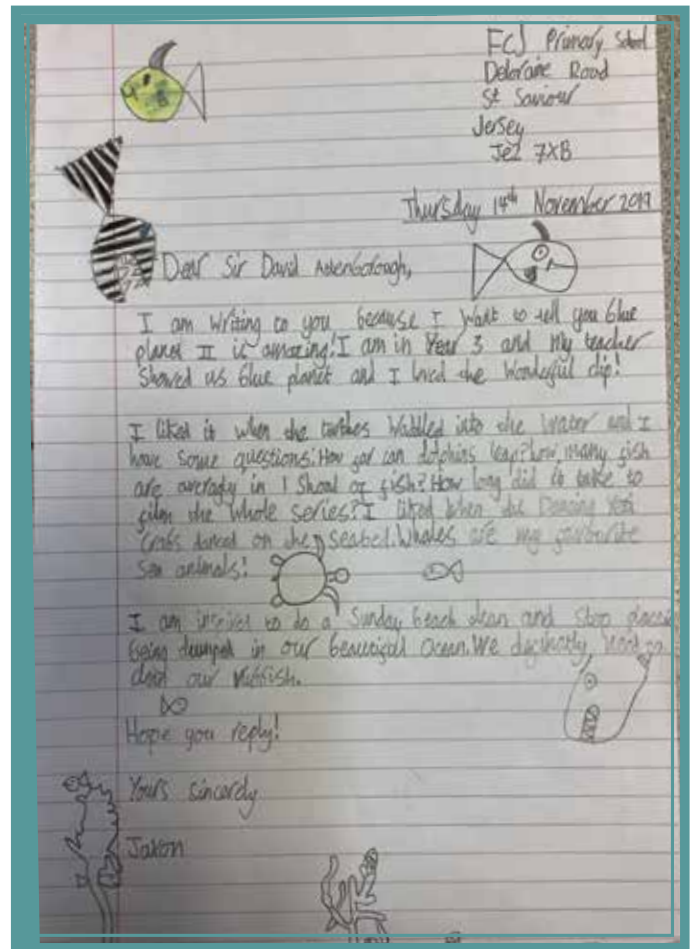
The Medieval Period

In the history of Europe, the Middle Ages (or medieval period) lasted from the 5th to the 15th century. It began with

the fall of the Western Roman Empire and merged into the Renaissance and the Age of Discovery.



Celtic Patterns



Year 3 have finished off their topic on the Iron Age by creating Celtic patterns from salt dough. They have also made posters about the Iron Age and the building and use of hillforts. These are displayed in our classrooms. In our English lessons the children wrote letters to Sir David Attenborough about how much we enjoyed his television programme 'Blue Planet 2'.



Celtic Patterns / Knots

Celtic knots are a variety of knots and stylised graphical representations of knots used for

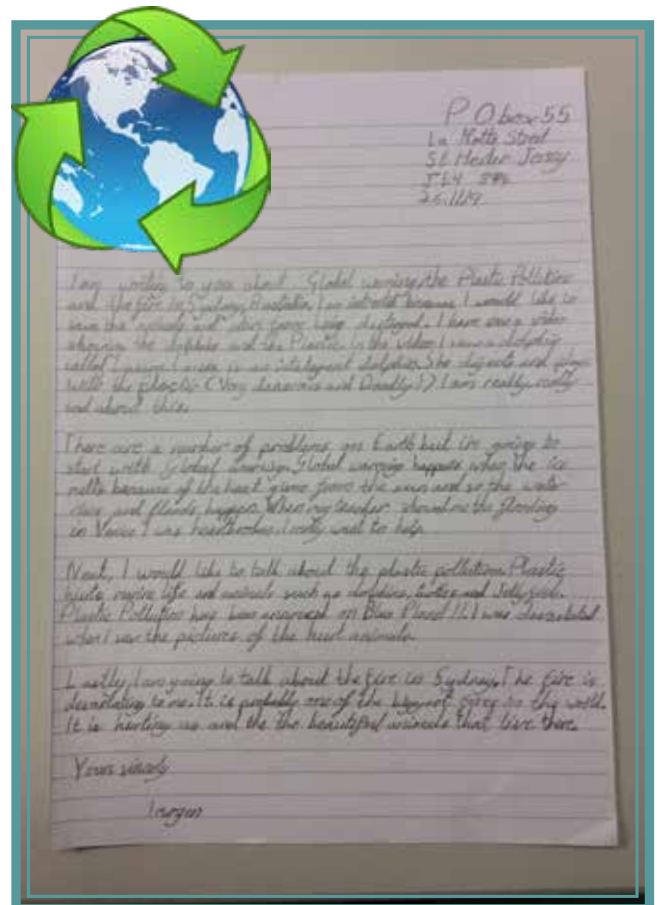
decoration, used extensively in the Celtic style of Insular art.

Dear Minister...

In Year 4, we have been writing emotive letters to the Environment Minister telling him about the plastic in the ocean and how we are not happy about it.

We planned, wrote and edited our letters to ensure they were the best that they could be. During the editing process we used a thesaurus to up-level words so that they were formal and concise.

The children were able to identify features of a letter and include them in their own, which helped to convey a strong message using their feelings to support their ideas. We are really proud of our published pieces on our composition wall.



What they do?

The Environment Department's aim is to safeguard Jersey's natural and historic environment by giving guidance to planning

and building in Jersey.

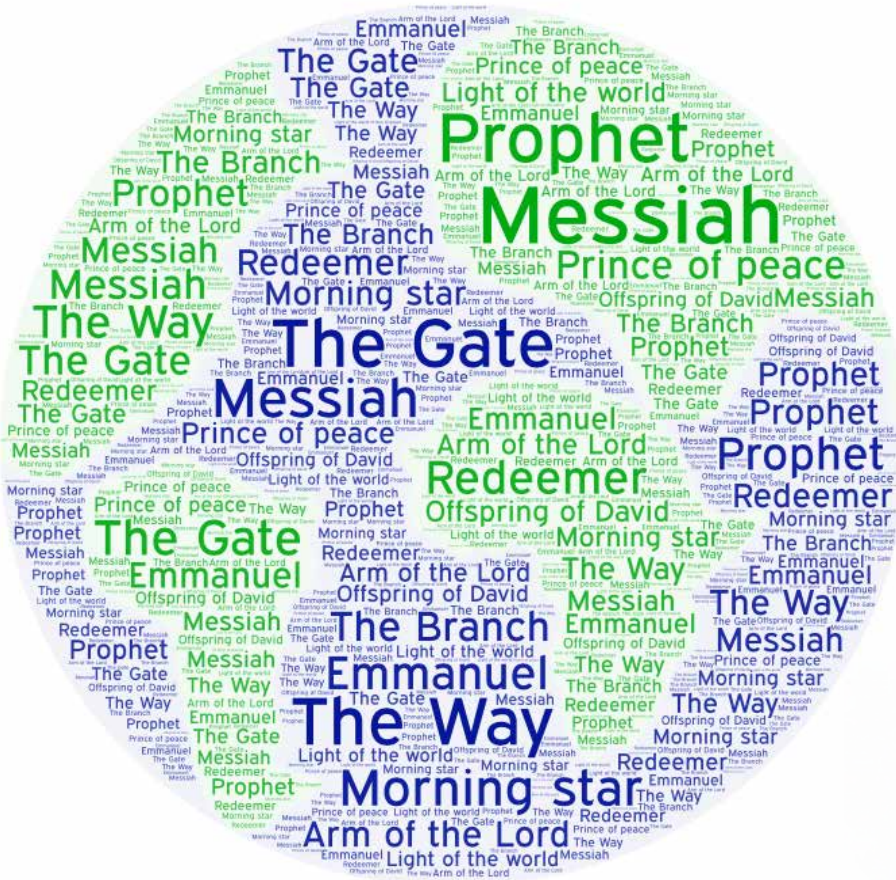
Pictured - John Young
Environment Minister.



Advent

During our RE unit of work on Advent, Year 5 children have really enjoyed exploring the different names of Jesus. They have developed their Bible referencing skills by searching for different Scripture and identifying the name used for Jesus.

The children then used a Wordle generator on their iPads to create eye-catching Word Clouds showing the different names. How many can you spot?



Did You Know?

There are 198 different names and titles of Jesus in the Bible and they are listed in Cruden's Concordance,

first published in 1737, and continuously in print ever since.

War Tunnels

Year 6 had an amazing experience visiting the Jersey War Tunnels as part of our Jersey Occupation topic.

The War Tunnels is always a great trip where children get a hands-on experience of what life was like here in Jersey during the occupation, as well as a wider knowledge of WWII.



As you can see, we enjoyed trying on helmets and reading the vast amount of information that there was on offer!

This was a great trip that was enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to those parents who helped to support the trip and make it a big success.



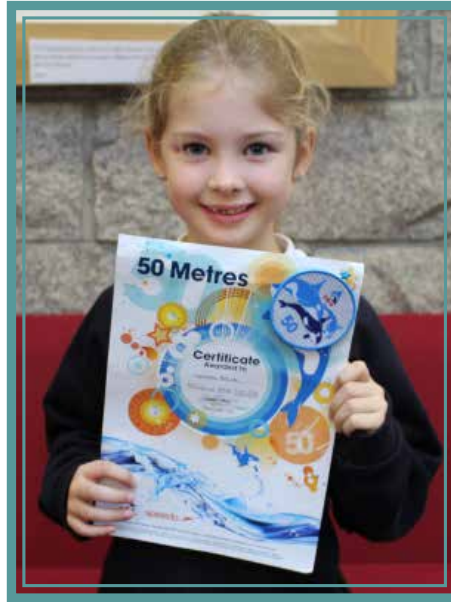
Hohlgangsanlage 8

Hohlgangsanlage 8 (often abbreviated to Ho8, also known as the German Underground Hospital or the Jersey War Tunnels) was a partially completed

underground hospital complex in St. Lawrence, Jersey, built by German occupying forces during the occupation of Jersey during World War II.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Have You Anything to Show?

Let a teacher know so we can all celebrate your success!



Rights Respecting School

On November 22nd, FCJ (along with many schools worldwide) celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. It was a fantastic day where our children took part in a variety of activities that directly linked to their rights. Our Ambassadors planned and led a fantastic and informative assembly, and the Year 5 and 6 children even taught mini lessons to our younger children. A day full of true companionship! A really important part of the day was where the children learnt about the 'Jersey Children First' campaign, where the Government have made a series of pledges to support and protect young people in Jersey. All children then wrote their own pledges about how they can act to protect and promote the rights of children globally. We have made a 'Wall of Pledges', and are so grateful to the parents and staff who shared their own pledge.



The children were so interested in the pledge concept that two of our children wrote a letter to Senator Sam Mezec (Minister for Children and Housing) and he subsequently came to visit us on Monday 16th December. He led our KS2 assembly, where the children asked many interesting questions. Our Rights Respecting Ambassadors team took Senator Mezec on a brief tour of the school, so that he could see our Wall of Pledges. He was very impressed and said he can't wait to return to FCJ when we achieve our Gold Rights Respecting Award!





TEACHING AND LEARNING:

- Our lessons are fun and engaging so that we enjoy our learning in a creative way. We learn practical skills that will help us in our futures.
- We use technology to help us learn.
- All children know what they are learning and why.
- Our teacher marks our work to help us know what we need to work on next. We can have a voice by responding with our Purple Pen of Progress.

Our School Priorities:

Faithful Companions of Jesus

FCJ's Rights Respecting Ambassadors have produced this child-friendly version of our School

Development Plan. This helps us understand what the school is working on and how we can all help to make it even better! This links to Article 12 of the UN CRC.



How can you help?

- Use our voice to let the adults know your ideas and feedback.
- Actively take part in school life. Join in with focus groups and committees.
- Enjoy your learning and make sure your work is of the highest possible standard.
- Keep showing our school values to help develop our school community.



PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT:

- We are all proud of our work and we have high expectations of our learning and presentation.
- Work is challenging and allows pupils to achieve at a greater depth of understanding.
- Children who need support in learning receive this from our amazing teachers and Teaching Assistants.
- We celebrate our achievements through awards and assemblies.

Hope
Companionship
Dignity

BEHAVIOUR, WELL-BEING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- We learn about our rights in school and can show them in action.
- Our values and rights help us make good choices.
- Behaviour throughout school is very good.
- We understand our global FCJ family and the Gospel values that help us develop spiritually.
- We are all happy and healthy!

Justice
Excellence
Gentleness

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT:

- Everyone has a voice and is listened to.
- We will continue to develop the Rights Respecting Ambassadors and School Council so that children have a say in decisions that concern their education.
- Leaders help make our school even better and make changes that help us.
- To lead our school in the light of Jesus' teachings.

NEW

Subject in Focus

MUSIC

Music is a highly valued subject at FCJ. All children are given the opportunity to fulfil their musical potential and to explore their God given talents. Each class in the school receives half an hour of Music teaching every week from a specialist Music teacher and it is also integrated into other curriculum subjects. Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Singing Assemblies and extra opportunities such as Recorder Ensemble, Choir and peripatetic music lessons are also offered. We also enjoy participating in School Productions, Jersey Sings and competitions like the Jersey Eisteddfod.



Our FCJ Core Values are at the heart of all we do at FCJ and Music lessons are planned with these values and four Essentials at the centre:



- * Performing – We enjoy working together in companionship and encourage and support others to show excellence when showcasing their talents
- * Composing – We share our creative ideas with gentleness and value everyone's opinions with justice
- * Transcribing – We persevere with hope and aspire to learn more about how music can be represented in a variety of ways
- * Describing – We appreciate a wide range of music and listen to everyone's thoughts with respect and dignity.

Music gives an outlet for self-expression, uniqueness and communication of thoughts, ideas and feelings.

Studying music boosts your **creativity**.

The study of music improves **coordination** between your hands, eyes and body.

Making music is **FUN!**

Listening to music and performing it are great ways to **relieve stress**.



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In class, we study a variety of musical genres and enjoy making Music in a variety of ways. We have fun together, learning, exploring and expressing ourselves using our voices and instruments. Each term we learn a variety of new songs and we also try to sing in different languages. In Key Stage 2, we also enjoy learning to play the recorder and using technology like our Ipads to enhance our Music lessons.



At FCJ, we believe that studying Music has so many positive benefits. It can:

- * Boost creativity
- * Provide an outlet for self-expression, uniqueness and communication of thoughts, ideas and feelings
- * Develop team work, problem solving, discipline and self-control through performing with others
- * Help us to have a more positive mindset through listening to and performing Music.

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Eisteddfod Awards



Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 children who participated in the French Eisteddfod this year! They each worked so hard to learn a French poem from memory and performed brilliantly. We are so proud of you!

Special congratulations to Alex and Ruby who were runners up in the Year 5 class, and to Mary who won the Year 6 trophy and was awarded a platinum certificate. WOW!

Eisteddfod Celebration Assembly



We held a special assembly on Wednesday 4th December to celebrate everyone who had participated in the Eisteddfod this year.

All the children enjoyed the range of performances from our Recorder Ensemble (pictured above), vocalists and pianists as well as French poems and other Speech and Drama performances.

Thank you for all of your hard work in preparing for the Eisteddfod and for performing in our assembly. We are so proud of your achievements!



Children In Need



All the children enjoyed their day celebrating Children in Need. A number of events were organised to help the children understand about those less fortunate than themselves. We raised a total of £367.15 and enjoyed taking part in the National 'Keep Fit' hour hosted by Joe Wicks.



PUPIL OF THE MONTH



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the pupils who have received
this award.

We are very proud of you all!



Library Space Chase



This year children throughout the school took part in the Library Reading Challenge "Space Chase." Their mission was to read six books over the summer holidays, collect special stickers to add to their folder and share with the librarians about the books they read.

It was such a joy to see so many of your children receive their medals and certificates in school all presented by Library Linne.

Headteacher's Award November



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FCJ PRIMARY NEWS

Thank You

Molly's Grandma, Sue Griffin, has been very busy knitting a blanket. This blanket was sent with our shoeboxes to Romania to keep a pensioner warm in winter.



Nut Allergies

Please remember that we are a nut free school. We have several children with extremely severe and even potentially life threatening allergies. Thank you for your support in keeping all our children safe.



Christmas Tree Festival



This year FCJ has entered two Christmas trees for the Christmas Tree Festival held every year at St. Peter's Church. One tree was created by the children in our Reception classes. The other was designed and made by the Bicentenary Team celebrating our special anniversary and our commitment to children as a Rights Respecting School. At FCJ, we encourage the children to think about the rights of children around the world. Our special Christmas tree highlighted some of the rights that we are praying about in school.

This year we invited families to take a picture of themselves with the FCJ trees. All families that tweeted their photograph were entered into a prize draw to win a festive treat.



FCJ PRIMARY NEWS

Congratulations!

Congratulations Mr and Mrs De Gruchy who are delighted to share that they will be expecting their first baby in the spring.



Healthy Snacks

Please support us in our efforts to become a healthy school, by only providing your child with wholesome healthy snacks. Fruit and vegetables are ideal. We ask that parents do not send children to school with fatty or sugary snacks such as crisps, sweets or chocolate.



School Matters!

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Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Punctuality and Attendance matters at FCJ Primary School. Each child should be striving for 100% attendance. Research highlights that a child with 94% attendance misses 10 days of school, equivalent to 60 lessons of missed learning.

Uniform

Over the Christmas holidays, please ensure your child has the correct winter uniform ready for their return in January. The winter uniform is detailed below.

- * Blazer
- * KS1 Winter Pinafore
- * KS2 Winter Skirt
- * Winter Coat
- * Girls' Winter Hat
- * Fleece Hat
- * Scarf
- * Navy Cardigan
- * Ties
- * Jumper
- * White blouse or shirt



You can order all of our uniform from Lyndale sports.

<https://www.lyndalesports.com/schools/fcj>



THE 1938 MARY JACOMB TROPHY

Open to Juniors aged 18 and under as at 1 January 2019

Sunday 3 November

Venue: St George's Preparatory School, La Hague Manor, La Rue de la Hague, St Peter JE3 7DB

Registration: 12:30 - 12:45

Opening speeches/tournament rules: 12:45 - 13:00

Rounds 1 - 7: 13:00 - 16:00 (there will be a snack break after round 4 - 14:30 - 14:50 approx)

Parents to arrive for collection no later than: 16:15

Closing speeches and prize presentation: 16:15

The tournament will be using chess clocks. Each player will have 10 minutes for all moves.

There will be trophies for winners in under 7, under 9, under 11 and under 13 age categories. There will be medals for the top 3 in each age category (subject to 5 in each section minimum) and trophies for the top 3 girls who do not win a trophy in any of the other categories.

Participants are asked to bring a snack for the afternoon snack break. No NUTS please. A pop up cafe will be available.

T&Cs

Graham Mooney, FIDE Arbiter notes, rules and some suggestions below:

- Each player should shake hands with their opponent both before and after the game.
- Whilst winning is nice, equally as important is being courteous and respectful to your opponent.
- Normal chess rules will apply with each player having 10 minutes to make all moves.
- Touch move is in operation. Should you touch your own or an opponents piece and not say "adjust" or "j'adoube" then you must move that piece or capture your opponent's piece if it is a legal move.
- Each round will last no longer than 20 minutes, with a further 5 minutes between rounds for the next draw to be made. If you finish your game early then please remain silent until all other games are complete. There will be 20 minutes for a snack break and toilet breaks can be taken in between rounds. All players will play between 6-7 different opponents over the course of the afternoon. For any players that have never played in a chess tournament before, you should not worry, as, after a few rounds, you will get used to it and the adults from the chess club are there to help you.
- The organisers have responsibility for the children in the playing hall only.

ENTRIES PREFERRED BY FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2019. PLEASE CONFIRM FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SCHOOL REPRESENTED AND EMERGENCY CONTACT

Email: info@jerseychessclub.com **OR text Graham:** 07829 700 438

FEAST DAY MASS

On Friday 6th December we celebrated Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, led by Father Benjamin.

Our school family came together in prayer and song for this blessed event. Our school Altar Servers, led by Miss Ollivro, proudly attended to their duties and our readers all did an exceptional job of their tasks.

This was a very special Mass, as it was the last event held in the current school hall before the next phase of the building work begins. It was a wonderful way of giving thanks to God for all the happy memories made in the hall over many years. In our bidding prayers, we gave thanks for the builders and asked God to bless this next phase of building work.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



This year's Christmas Bazaar took place on Friday 29th November and there was a wonderful festive feel around the school! The atmosphere in school was fabulous, especially with the new addition of Christmas helium balloons!

A massive thanks goes to everyone who was involved, especially the parents who; helped sort through the items, set up on Thursday night, made many delicious soups for our helpers, counted the money, manned a stall throughout the day and packed up at the end. We obviously could not hold these events without everyone pulling together and a big thanks goes to our new group of dedicated PSA members who met prior to this event to discuss the Bazaar and also future events for the children to enjoy. Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle prizes. Just over £240.00 was raised and will be spent on the children. Well done!

So once again, thank you very sincerely for giving up your time for the children to enjoy this special annual event and Happy Christmas to you all.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Christmas Raffle

This year there was a plethora of fabulous prizes to be won in the Christmas raffle. Thank you to those of you who donated a prize and congratulations to all the lucky winners.



Headteacher's Award December



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Bicentenary Team



The FCJ Bicentenary team is now established and were very busy this month planning and preparing for some big events including the Christmas Bazaar and the local Christmas Tree Festival.

The team created candy canes with a special message about the true meaning of Christmas, which they sold at the Christmas Bazaar. The team took responsibility for manning the stall throughout the day and all candy canes were sold out after all classes had visited the Bazaar.

The money raised is being sent to the FCJ Sisters overseas fund to support their missions around the world. It was lovely watching the older pupils working alongside the youngest members of our school community with such gentleness and companionship.

In the new year, the team intend to begin work designing and planning a new FCJ prayer book (which each child receives when they begin Year 3). We are also hoping to lead 'Morning Thought' on the BBC Jersey radio.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Amelia took part in a festive horse riding show with her mum accompanying her dressed as Joseph.

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English and Phonics Badges!



CONGRATULATIONS!

It has been a really successful time for English this term. We recently introduced a series of five English cards throughout the school. The children have been working so hard to read and then spell the words on their cards achieving certificates and stickers along the way.

It has been an absolute delight to have awarded so many children with our Phonics Badge for recognition and recall of all 44 phonemes taught and our first Bronze Badges and Gold Badges for reading and spelling. We are looking forward to the next group of children ready to be tested when we come back in the spring term. Happy learning!



Capital Project Winners!



Congratulations to all the winners of our Mitchell's poster competition. There were some wonderful posters, which included safety posters as well as planned designs of how our new nursery and classroom should look. The winners received a tasty festive treat and a very special tour from Mr Highfield and Mr Hearne from Mitchell Construction. The children were excited to see the progress of the newly created areas and were amazed at the changes!

What better way to round off a very productive term of building work than to get the seal of approval from the most important people in the school! Well done to all our winners!



Gymnastics Awards!



SPORTS

Netball



Well done to all of the girls who have been at Netball this term. The girls have braved the weather and they have all been developing their skills on the playground. Keep up the hard work girls.

Our Netball Team have continued playing excellently. We have won two out of our five matches. The girls kept persevering and supporting one another with their teamwork. Hopefully this winning streak will continue into the spring term!

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