



FCJ Primary School

December 2024

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.

The Nativity of Jesus



Year 3 have been creating their very own Christmas scenes.

We hope you can spot all of the different characters.

If you made your own Nativity at home please share it with us on our FCJ X @FCJPrimary

Christmas Crafts

& celebrations



Pre-School have been very busy the last few weeks in the run up to Christmas. They have been creating Christmas crafts, cards, cakes and also sharing their homes with our travelling posadas. Christmas is a magical time of year! However, the children have been thinking of those who are less fortunate than themselves. They have shown the FCJ value of Companionship by making Christmas decorations for St Thomas' church on Christmas Day. We hope that all our families have a happy and healthy Christmas break.

Reception Christmas Shop

Reception have been very busy as usual! They have painted the nativity scene using Dick Bruna as inspiration, remembering to include all the main people from this very important story. They have been shopping in the 'Reception Christmas Shop' when they purchased all the things they needed for their Christmas shopping! Finally, they made some delicious Rudolf chocolate Krispie cakes, using pretzels for the antlers, glace cherries for the nose and marshmallows for the eyes. What a lot of wonderful learning we have had!



BIBLE STORIES



Year 1 have been learning all about the Christmas story in their R.E. lessons. They have made a story cube to help them to retell the story with each other and then at home with their families. Each side of the story has a different part of the story as it is told in the Bible. They have also been learning all about the journey that Mary and Joseph took. They had to imagine what they should pack to take on the donkey and what they might need along the way.

CASTLES AND KNIGHTS

YEAR 2

had a celebration day for our 'Castles and Knights' topic. To start with the children created a symmetrical shield. They looked at what a shield included and designed them to represent their family.

The children had a visit from Jersey Heritage who taught them how to be a good Knight.

They learnt about their training, what they wear and how they behaved. Year 2 loved trying on all their equipment to see how they protected themselves. They also learnt about the story of a Knight called William Marshal and acted it out with props.



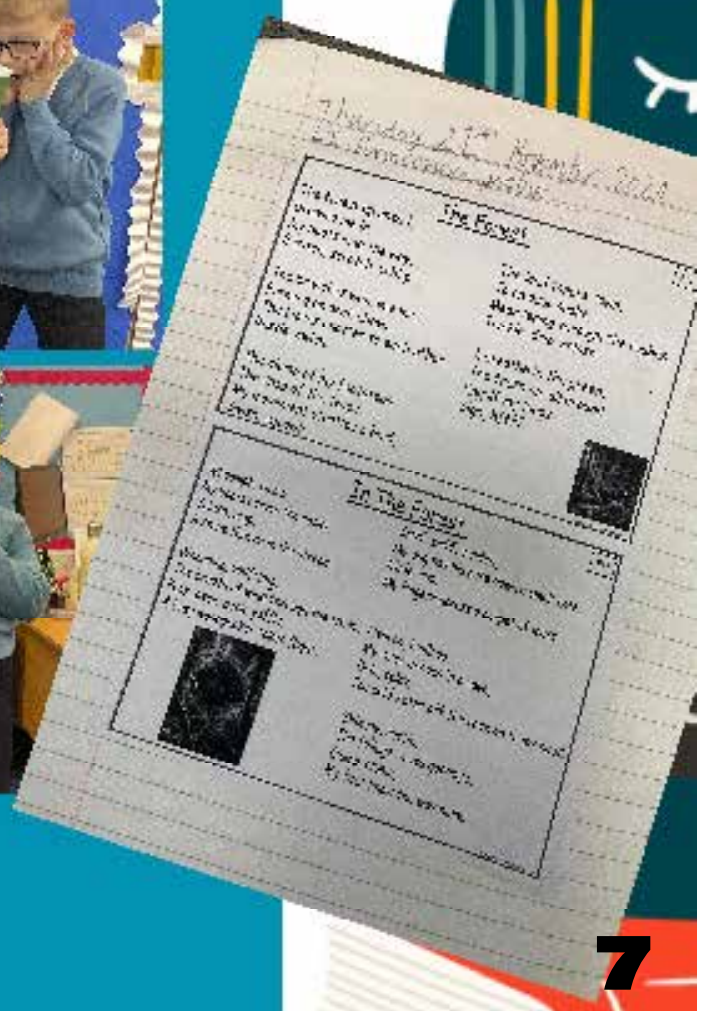
CASTLES AND KNIGHTS



The Year 2 children learnt about modern castles and how they compared to Jersey castles. They loved exploring how castles have changed on our island and had a fantastic day.



A vertical stack of colorful books. From top to bottom: a teal book with 'Tales' in yellow; a red book with a black circle containing the number '2'; a red book with a white spine; a blue book with yellow vertical lines; a red book with 'dear' in white cursive; a yellow book; a blue book with 'NAT' in white; a red book with a yellow rectangle and 'EV' in white; a teal book; and a dark blue book with yellow vertical lines. The books are slightly offset, creating a sense of depth.

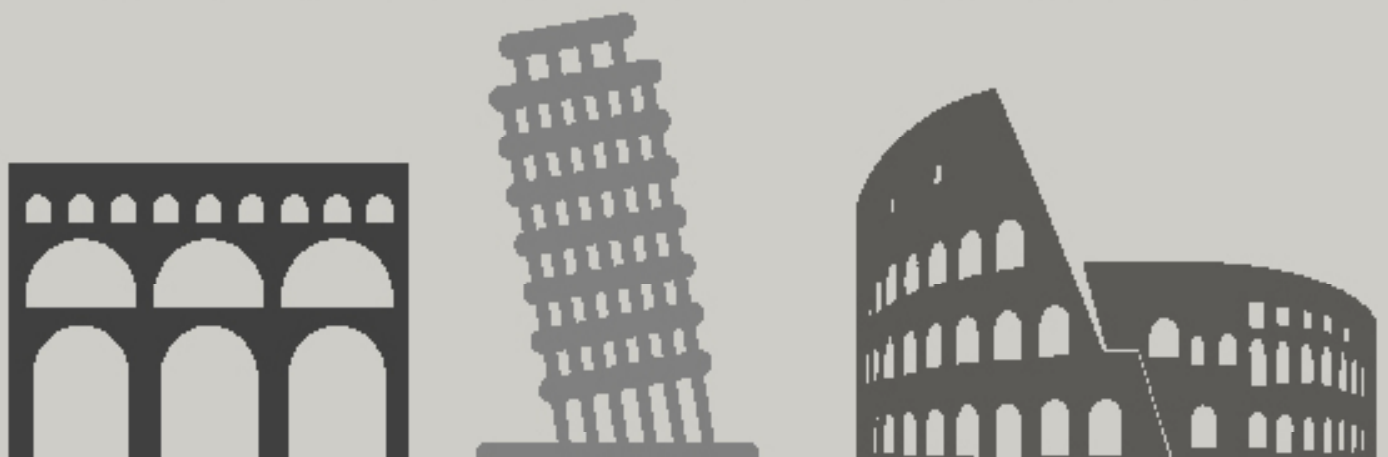


ROMAN DAY

YEAR 4



IN CREATIVE THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LEARNING ALL ABOUT THE ROMANS. THEY HAVE LEARNT LOTS AND ENJOYED PARTICIPATING IN A ROMAN DAY AT SCHOOL. THE CHILDREN WERE LUCKY TO HAVE HAD A VISITOR IN FROM JERSEY HERITAGE, WHO SHOWED THEM ARTEFACTS AND HELPED THEM TO RECREATE A ROMAN BATTLE. THEY DESIGNED THEIR OWN SHIELDS AND WORKED TOGETHER TO RECREATE THE STORY OF ROMULUS AND REMUS. THEY ALSO ENJOYED MAKING THE TORTOISE, WEDGE AND TRIPLE LINE FORMATIONS, LIKE THE SOLDIERS WOULD HAVE USED IN BATTLE MANY YEARS AGO.



St. Josph's Care Home

Year 5 were delighted to receive an invitation to St. Josph's Care Home to sing Christmas Carols and their songs from the Nativity. When the children arrived at the Care Home, they were met by the activities coordinator Delia who introduced them to the residents and showed them the way to the chapel where they performed. The children had lots of fun singing, playing instruments and handing out special Christmas cards that they had made. After they performed, the Care Home provided them with some delicious treats as a huge thank you for visiting them.



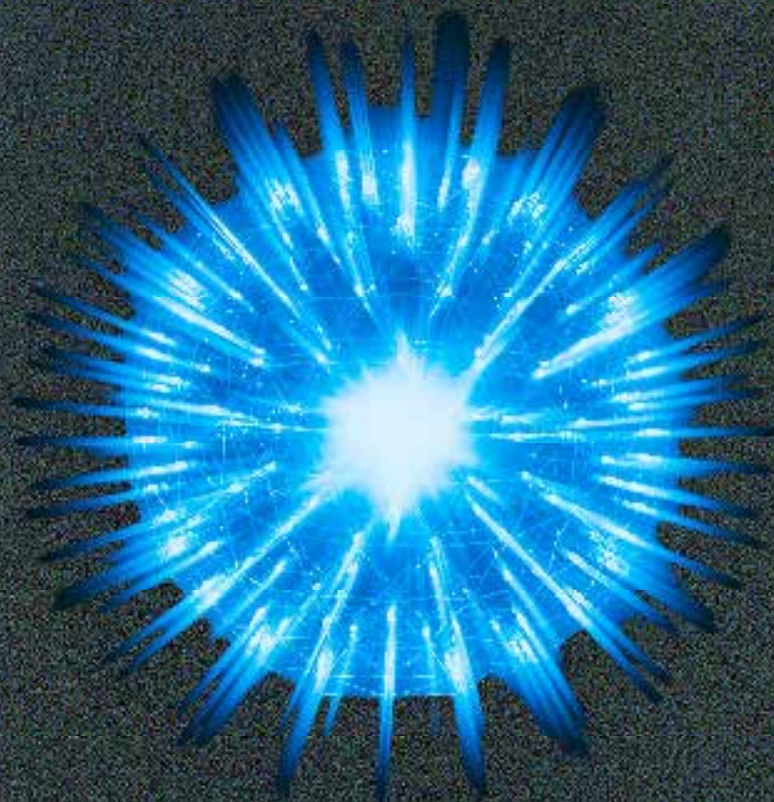
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LIGHT

Year 6

The children in Year 6 have been learning about light in science. They have proved that light travels in straight lines and have used this information to help investigate why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. The pupils have been building on their skills of scientific enquiry by carrying out predictions, observations and recordings and have enjoyed participating in numerous science experiments. We have even practised morse code through the medium of light.



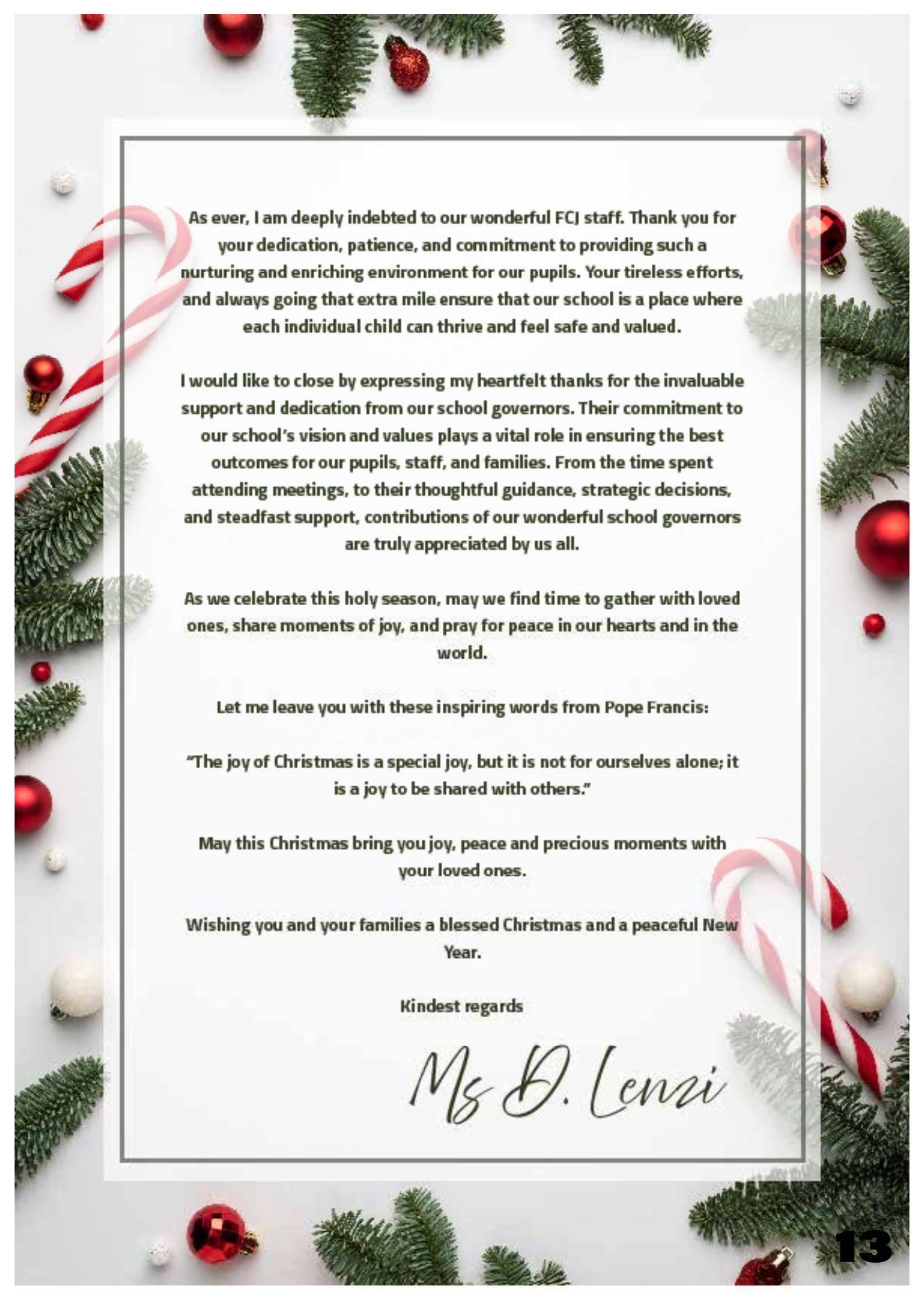
Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who makes our school community so special. This time of year reminds us of the importance of gratitude, and I am truly blessed to witness the spirit of generosity, dedication, and faith that shines brightly within our school.

To our wonderful pupils, thank you for your hard work, enthusiasm, and kindness throughout this term. You continue to inspire us with your eagerness to learn and grow, living the values we hold dear on a daily basis. Each and every one of you shone and brought so much joy and talent to our whole school community; it was an absolute delight to watch you bring the Nativity story to light.

Our Parent Staff Association (PSA), so ably led by Mrs Falla have worked tremendously hard this term. As a school community we are so grateful to them for their tireless efforts, incredible work and creativity in supporting the life of the school. Their fundraising efforts, event organisation, and enthusiasm contribute so much to the vibrant community spirit that defines our school. My sincere thanks, once again to Mrs Falla and all the PSA members for all that you do, your dedication does not go unnoticed, and it truly makes a difference!

To our parents and guardians, your unwavering support and encouragement mean so much to us. Your partnership with the school is a cornerstone of our success, and we are deeply grateful for all you do to nurture and guide our young pupils. A very sincere thank you also goes to all parents who gave so generously of their time to support with our recent PSA school bazaar. It was such a special event, made possible by the careful planning, determination, and hard work of the PSA. Having such strong support from the wider parent body meant so much, as was witnessing the happiness and joy evident on our children's faces.



As ever, I am deeply indebted to our wonderful FCJ staff. Thank you for your dedication, patience, and commitment to providing such a nurturing and enriching environment for our pupils. Your tireless efforts, and always going that extra mile ensure that our school is a place where each individual child can thrive and feel safe and valued.

I would like to close by expressing my heartfelt thanks for the invaluable support and dedication from our school governors. Their commitment to our school's vision and values plays a vital role in ensuring the best outcomes for our pupils, staff, and families. From the time spent attending meetings, to their thoughtful guidance, strategic decisions, and steadfast support, contributions of our wonderful school governors are truly appreciated by us all.

As we celebrate this holy season, may we find time to gather with loved ones, share moments of joy, and pray for peace in our hearts and in the world.

Let me leave you with these inspiring words from Pope Francis:

"The joy of Christmas is a special joy, but it is not for ourselves alone; it is a joy to be shared with others."

May this Christmas bring you joy, peace and precious moments with your loved ones.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Kindest regards

Ms D. Lenzi



Pupil *of the* Month

OCTOBER



**Congratulations to all the pupils who have
received this award.
We are very proud of you all!**

Advent Day



On Thursday 5th December we held our annual Advent Day. The day began with the whole school gathered together, to ask God's blessing on our Crib and Christmas Tree. The children then spent time in their Prayer Pal groups, thinking about the theme of Hope.

We spent time in our classes continuing our Advent learning. The children also wrote and decorated their own tree or crib blessing to be used at home with their families.



Advent

In Reception class, the children have been learning all about Advent wreaths. They have enjoyed learning the names and colours for the five candles as well as the meaning behind the evergreen. The children then created their own individual Advent wreath using box modelling resources. Whilst making them, they thought carefully about the meaning of each of the candles. Well done, Reception class!





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NOVEMBER



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Well Done!



Year 5



5P were the winners of the Jolly Jar competition and the Fundraisin' competition. A huge congratulations to them! They will receive their prize in the New Year.



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On The Ice



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HeadTeachers Award



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CONGRATS 100% ATTENDANCE



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Reverse Advent





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NETBALL WINNING STREAK



The Year 5/6 Netball Team have been on a winning streak this term! The children have taken part in 4 matches. Each child has played in a variety of positions during each of the 30 minute games. This means that the children can grow in confidence in more than one position.

They had a fun tournament at Les Ormes in November. All of the children played amazingly well and the competition was a great success!

Mrs Barraclough and Mrs Harrison are so proud of the Netball Team, they turn up every week to training and were always willing to give it a go. We hope thier winning streak will continue into the Spring Term!

