

St. Francis' Catholic Primary Newsletter

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Christmas Celebrations

On Tuesday 17th December Year 2 performed the traditional Christmas Nativity, "The Shiniest Star" to a packed house of family and friends. The outstanding singing and acting of all the children helped us to remember the true meaning of Christmas.



Key Stage 2 celebrated Christmas with a Carol Service, held in St Francis Church on the evening of Wednesday 18th December. There was wonderful singing, accompanied by children playing a variety of musical instruments. Mrs Kempster and Mr Reily also performed, Winter Wonderland, in a quartet. Finally pupils, parents and staff gathered down stairs for mince pies and beverages and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Important Dates

20th December 2013

2:00pm

Last day of Autumn term

6th January 2014

First day of Spring term

7th January 2014

First day of Spring term for
Nursery

28th January 2014

9:00am

Internet Safety Workshop
for Parents

3rd February 2014

Science week

14th February 2014

Last day of half term

24th February 2014

School closed for staff
INSET

This issue we are focusing on our Year 4
School Council Members.

School Council

Hershilley 4B -
We have had meetings with the class to discuss how to make the school a better place.



Keandre 4B- In School Council we are making progress to improve our school.



Joaquin 4W

- We discussed with our class mates what they wanted to play with in the playground. Some children also suggested they had lockers instead of pegs.



Julia 4W - works well with Joaquin, but was unavailable to comment as she was out with the school choir. It is super to see her taking an active part in school life.



Sing out for joy...!

On Friday 29th November the school choir travelled all the way to Brentwood to perform at the Catholic Youth Service's Christmas Concert. The choir performed their solo piece, *Sing Out for Joy*, fantastically. They then joined 14 other Catholic Schools from the Diocese to perform *What's it all about?*, a musical version of the nativity story written especially for them. Well done!

Anti Bullying Week

Anti bullying week was held in school, during the week beginning 18th November 2013. The focus this year was primarily on being safe when using the Internet and Cyber-bullying. Each class completed lots of different activities, from making posters, reading stories and role playing on line dilemmas.

Whitney, from 4B, learnt that you should never give people your confidential information and keep your password safe. Kai, in year 6 advised children to be careful when adding friends you don't know to Facebook or Twitter, because they could be fake. He said if pupils are worried they should tell an adult.

Finally it is important that parents should also understand the need to support their children in not only the benefits but also the risks and responsibilities of using information technology. So please attend our Internet Safety Workshop for Parents on the 28th January 2013 at 9.00am.

Year 5 Visit Europa Centre

The year 5 children were immersed in the Spanish language for almost three hours. Pupils were divided into groups of 6, each one led by a native speaker who modelled language in a way which was accessible to the children. Children visited an airport check-in, clothes shop, green grocers, doctor's surgery and a post office. During each of these sessions they were expected to use their own Spanish and learn new vocabulary as modelled by the leaders. The visit ended with a Punch & Judy show which the children enjoyed very much because they recognised a wide range of the Spanish vocabulary used. The trip enthused pupils and teachers, and Spanish lessons taught since the visit, have felt more meaningful and purposeful.



Attendance for the this half term:

Gold: 5R 97.6%

Silver: 3C 97.5%

Bronze: 3B 97.1%

Attendance **must** be 100% because **any** absence affects children's learning and the more they miss the harder it will be for them to catch up.

Going for Gold

These pupils have been on Gold since 5th November 2013.

6K: Oluwatobi Akinsete, Crystal Cabral,

6CD:

5S: Bryana Findlay, Manuel Leye Huerta, Georgina Odunsi and Victor Seday

5R: Samuel Akinsete, Chester Cardinez, Prince-Manuel Commodore, Atinuke Fakunle, Joseph Foley, Laura Ihegbu and Jerom Kaantharasan,

4W: Darin Asimeng and Diego Lopez-Baugarte

4B: Maria Ciachrowska, Chinedu Elo-Chikezie, Janelle Glen, Daisy-Amerie Plante and Natacha Santos

3C: Faustina Aniagoh, Nathaniel Baldwin and Tia Killen

3B: Nikita Balkaityte, Anthony Ewusie, Nikaiyah Findlay, Akinbo Joseph, Natan Miron, Nathan Ofosu, Josiah Oppong, Andrew Rabuya and Ajani Rowe-Fuller, Jenifer Santos

2DH: Richard Akah, Alisha Deshong-Williams, Alero Edomi, Uchenna Elo-Chezie, Lea-Chelsea Kaldjob Bohopo, Victoria Mateus, Sandresa Murphy, Mahli Oppong, Wladyslaw Szewczuk and Shayan Willets

2D: Liliana Czapora, Alex Ikpefu, Jeremy Ledda, Kimani Lesforis, Renee Okhwarobo, Ronald Osei-Bonsu, Nicole Sadowska and Dariusz Wiktorski

1G: Morireoluwa Awosedo, John Carios and Maja Kowalik

1K: Euale Eshete

RV: Gabriel Naumiuk

