

# St. Francis' News

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## KS2 Carol Concert



On Friday KS2 children gathered at St Francis' church to celebrate the birth of Jesus and this wonderful and Holy season. Through traditional carols and modern readings they told us the story of the birth of our Saviour. Year after year we are very privileged to have so many talented singers and

actors fill the church with their voices and our hearts with a message of hope and joy. This year more than ever we needed this message of hope to uplift our spirits and remind us that God is with us through these difficult times. As usual our children delivered so we would like to thank them for their effort and resilience.



## Important Dates

**Tuesday 4th January 2022**  
INSET day

**Wednesday 5th January 2022**  
Children back in school

**Monday 10th January 2022**  
Citizenship fortnight begins

**Monday 7th February 2022**  
Internet Safety Week

**Tuesday 8th February 2022**  
Safer Internet Day

## Going for Gold

Congratulations to all the children that through hard work and dedication have achieved Gold this half term. Keep up the good work.

## KS1 and EYFS Nativity Plays



The younger children in our school also reminded us through song, dance and drama what Christmas is really all about. In two traditional versions of the Nativity they spoke and sang of the long journey Mary and Joseph took, the visitors who followed the star and the star that guided them all the way to find the baby who came to bless and save us all. Their performances left us with the message of Hope and Joy that is what makes Christmas so special.





# Remembrance Ceremony



The Junior Leadership Team and the School Council took part in a very poignant Remembrance ceremony at Central Park in East Ham.

Together with other Newham schools and representatives from the British Legion, they honoured those who died in wars so that we may be able to live in peace and harmony.



## Our choir is back!

The fabulous St Francis' Choir performed four of their favourite songs to a very appreciative audience of parents and tea-time club.

It was the first choir performance in a year and a half - it was a complete celebration of hope and a beautiful reminder of one of the many things we do so well in our school. Well done to the choir!

## Attendance for the this half term:

Gold:	4K	96.3%
Silver:	4J	96.1%
Bronze:	5B	95.8%

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.

## Architecture in school

Year 5 were supported by professional architects from Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (who designed Chobham Academy) to create their own model buildings.

On Friday 3rd December, 22 of the Year 5 children attended a special celebration event at the prestigious East Wintergarden Hall on the Canary Wharf estate where they were awarded with medals and were 'highly commended' for their model making.



## Anti bullying week

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week. Children at St Francis' have been busy exploring what bullying is and most importantly, how they can help stop it. Amongst other things, they wrote promise cards and wore odd socks to remind ourselves that we are all unique.

