



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter

Friday 22nd November



What an exciting few days it has been! The children were thrilled to see the snow coming down on Thursday and it made for lovely creative activities in the morning. This involved paper snowflakes, snow scenes and exploration of snow for the younger children.

It has been great being able to explore the variety of books in the book fair and I am sure the children have been talking about the books they enjoyed. On Monday 2nd December you will be sent book recommendations, compiled by your child's class and teacher, to help with ideas for suitable books if you are thinking about Christmas gifts. Don't forget Christmas bedtime stories 5-6 on Thursday 5th December. Have a lovely weekend

School Updates

Next week we are inviting our parent/ carers for Mass on Tuesday the 26th at 9.10 am

★ ★ Bling Your Bike to School! ★ ★



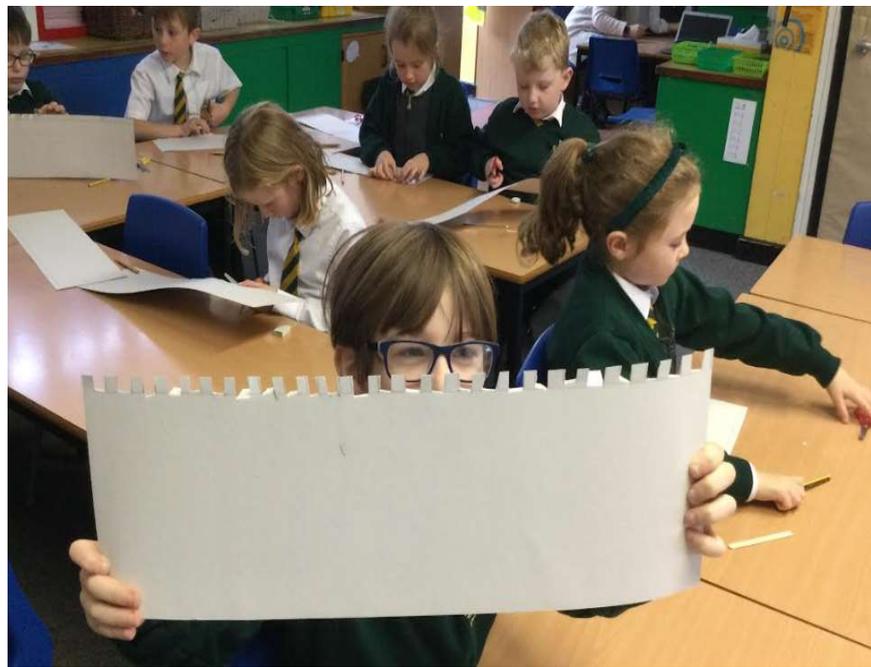
Cut your carbon

If have a cut the carbon checklist that will be attached again in the newsletter please can you bring them in on Friday the 29th

The theme for Bling Your Bike this year is 'fabulously festive'! Get as creative as you like, but please make sure your bike or scooter is safe to ride. Don't obstruct the brakes, wheels or steering with your decorations.

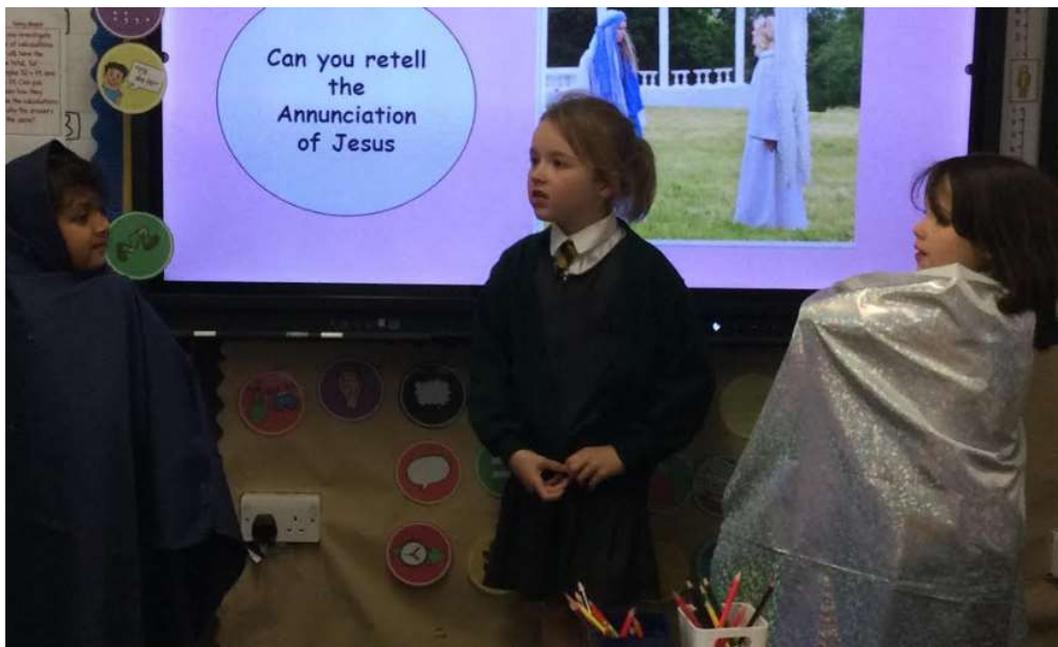
Come and join us for breakfast from 8.30am on Friday 29th November. We look forward to seeing you then!





Anning

We have had a great week in Anning class. We have been learning how to add two 2 digit numbers using dienes in maths. We have been retelling the story of the Annunciation of the birth of Jesus in RE. We have also been accurately measuring and cutting cardboard to create the battlements on our castles in DT.



Haycorns

This week Kingston class have been participating in Nursery Rhyme week in collaboration with Maurward class. Each day we have focused on a different nursery rhyme, Hickory Dickory Dock, Wheels on the bus, The grand ol' duke of York, Row Row Row your boat, and Little miss Muffet. They have been learning the songs, and participating in different activities throughout. They plan to end the week by performing these nursery rhymes to our parents Friday afternoon.



Competitions

Rotary Young Photographer Competition THEME – ‘WONDERFUL WATER

Our children have been invited to take part in a Rotary Young Photographer Competition. The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- experiment with photography
- use digital and/or traditional methods of photography
- demonstrate interpretation of the topic
- express personal ideas through the medium of photography

Task and rules: To produce one photograph based upon the theme, ‘Wonderful Water’. Mobile Phones or cameras may be used. Each entrant MUST provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of the artwork to the theme. This can be submitted alongside the photograph. The name and age of the child must be recorded with the photograph. The photograph must be submitted via Digital Format and be at least 1500 pixel in size on the longest length. The entries and supporting information sent electronically MUST NOT EXCEED 15Mb per email sent. Please Note: Photographs which incorporate images of people under 18 years or vulnerable adults must be accompanied by consent forms for the use of those photographic images. Please submit your entry to the school office by **Wednesday 8th December 2024**

Rotary Young Writer Competition THEME – ‘WONDERFUL WATER

Our children have been invited to take part in a Rotary Young Writer Competition. The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- be creative
- use their writing skills
- write with imagination and creativity

Task and rules: To produce a handwritten or typed story in prose or poem entitled ‘Wonderful Water’. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, as long as the piece relates to the theme and all entries must be legible. We are looking for original pieces, not copies, which match the theme of the competition. Competitors must not use any apps which produce any part of their submission, if detected the entry will be disqualified. Prose entries should be up to a maximum 550 words. Poetry entries should be up to a maximum of 40 lines. Entries that exceed these maximum numbers will be disqualified. No pictures and/or drawings are to be part of the entry.

Judges will consider: Imagination relative to the subject, the ability to engage interest, the ability to be consistent in the power of argument, relevance to the Theme. Please submit your entry to the school office by **Wednesday 8th December 2024 with the name and age of your child on the back.**





Upcoming Events

Year Group	Event	Date
Whole School	Eco Schools - Cut your Carbon Month	November
Whole School	Mass –School Hall 9.10-All families Welcome	Monday 26 th November
Whole School	Bling your Bike to School	Friday 29 th November
Whole School	“Meet the Donkey” –PTFA event	Monday 2 nd December
Whole School	Christmas Story Night. 5-6pm	Thursday 5 th December
Whole School	PTFA Christmas Shop	Monday 9 th December
Whole School	Carol Service -6pm	Tuesday 10 th December
Haycorns/ reception	9.15 am EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 10 th of December
Shire/ Anning /maiden castle/Iceni	Nativity 2pm/6pm	Wednesday 11 th December
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Iceni	Dance Performance –Thomas Hardy School 3.45-6.30- Further info on google classroom to follow.	Tuesday 17 th December
Whole School	Christmas Meal – Book via Local Food Links	Wednesday 18 th December
Whole School	School closes for Christmas Holidays	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Holiday		
Whole School	Return to school	Tuesday 7 th January

Have a good weekend. *P.Fearn*