



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 10th December 2021

Newsletter 07

Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

Sports Hall Athletics

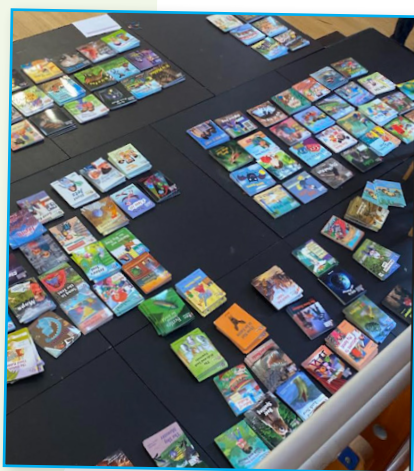
Well done to all of the children who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics competition at Wellsway school on Monday. All of the children represented the school brilliantly as they competed against other schools in a wide variety of activities: Relay races, obstacle course runs, chest push, javelin, vertical jump, standing long jump, triple jump and speed bounce. We are so proud of you all!



Thank you

A huge thank you to the PTA who contributed to over 700 new phonics books for the school. Our Early Years and Key Stage One children now have a huge stock of books to help them progress with their early reading. The whole school saw the books being sorted and everyone was eager to read them. We have some great titles which the children can't wait to get stuck into including "Odd Fish", "How to Draw Cat and Dog" and my personal favourite "How to track a T-Rex". Thank you for your support, we couldn't have done it without you!

Mrs Roberts



House Points Winners

Well done to **Sapphire** House who were winning last week and managed to hold their lead this week. As the final winners of the term, all members of **Sapphire** house get an extra multi day on the last day of term next Friday - well done!



Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Cherry** Class last week and **Cedar** Class this week for best attendance!



Outside Achievements

Well done to **Alfie (Y5)** for achieving his Level 6 Learn to Swim award and for being awarded Man of the Match in football training this week.

Congratulations to **Quinn (Y2)** who recently joined a new football team and was awarded Man of the Match.



Headteacher's Award

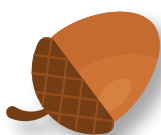


Well done to children in all years for their Headteacher Award nominations over the last two weeks:

Conker Class:	Ellis, Melissa
Chestnut Class:	Milo, Hugo-Fox
Cedar Class:	Bevan, Bella
Willow Class:	Jake, Nevaya
Cherry Class:	Ophelia, Natalya
Maple Class:	Miya, Max
Redwood Class:	Max, Jack



Acorn Class



Class News:

Acorns Class has been feeling very festive the past two weeks. We found photographs of our nursery and discovered that there were lots of little elves in the photos. We were lucky that one of the elves stayed with us, his name is Buddy. Each day he has been giving us an elf mission to complete - such as: Designing and making Santa's sleigh, as his had broken down; using the 'Reindeer Food Guide' to subitise the number of spoonfuls of reindeer food each one would need; designing another suit for Santa as his old one had shrunk in the wash; and creating new maps for Santa so that he could find our houses on Christmas Eve.

We have been learning about "The Christmas Story". We made Baby Jesus models and Angel Gabriel decorations. We even dressed up, sang and pretended we were different characters from the story.'

We have loved creating different Christmas crafts and cannot wait for you to see them!

Mrs Clements



Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

Respect:	Toby Y3, Spencer Y4
Trust:	Mrs Stockley (nominated by Rufus),
Friendship:	Mila and Toby Y3, Rebecca Y4, Evie, Roman and Dexter Y6
Courage:	Ben and Nevaya Y3, Jake Y4
Creativity:	Evie Y6
Compassion:	Hugo-Fox Y1, Georgia Y3, Spencer Y4, Bella, Phoebe, Max, Alex & Cerys Y5, Jackson H, Rufus and Dexter Y6

Conker Class



Class News:

We have had a very busy fortnight.

We have now finished learning new phonic sounds for this term. Can you believe we have been taught 36? Mrs Vivian has been so proud of how many we can remember at speed. Look out on Seesaw as she will let you know which ones you could help us with over the Christmas break.

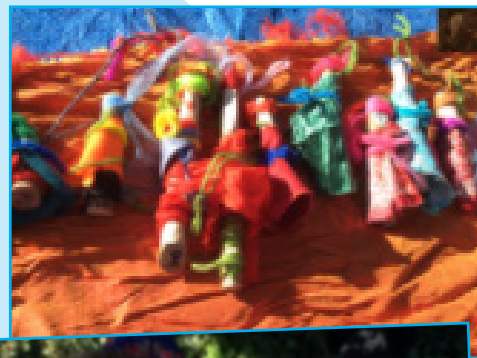
We have been using our fingers and real objects to look at number bonds to 5 (eg 4 and 1, 3 and 2) as well as thinking about *one more* and *one less* and which is the bigger or smaller number.

We have been opening an Advent calendar daily to find a new character for the Nativity story and a new Christmas story book to have in class. Our favourite so far has been "*The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas*"!

In Outdoor Learning, we revisited the Nativity story whilst drinking hot chocolate and then we each made a Wise Man. We think our creations looked amazing.

We have also been learning some new songs to celebrate Christmas. We are hoping to have a special video for you for the end of term!

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

Chestnut Class has been working very hard this term and it paid off for them today because their Nativity performance was outstanding. Everyone was so proud of them and how they oozed confidence and sang along to every song.

We were also over the moon with our new wheelbarrow which has been generously donated to us. A wheelbarrow without holes, it was like Christmas came early!

This week, we have been getting into the Christmas spirit by reading the story book: "*Father Christmas Needs a Wee*". The children were set the challenge to make Father Christmas a delicious drink. Firstly, they had to taste test fruits and juices, noting which smells and flavours they enjoyed. Then they had to write a recipe explaining to Father Christmas what was in their drinks - we had creations such as '*tangy grapefruit*' '*citrusy lemon*' or a '*sweet raspberry*'. Lastly, they actually made their drink and of course, got to enjoy drinking them!

In Maths this week, we have been investigating 3D shapes - specifically: *cubes*, *cuboids*, *square based pyramids*, *spheres*, *cones* and *cylinders*. Chestnut Class has made various models and creations, identifying the 3D shapes used.

Finally, this term we have been focusing on *Van Gogh* and his painting of "*Starry Night*". After studying the painting, we put our own pictures together to make a replica of the painting.

Miss Southwell

Cedar Class



Class News:

Cedar Class has been working very hard this term, they have been writing about *"The Christmas Truce"* in English and they have been doing some complicated addition and subtraction in Maths with Miss Tomes.

In RE, they have been using their art skills to design and make their own Nativity scenes using recycled lollipop sticks. They have shared the Christmas Story and then reenacted it to explore how the characters would be feeling.

In the classroom, Cedar has been mesmerised by our new friend Henrick who has travelled all the way from Iceland to stay with us and look out for secret super learners.

Cedar's *"Prickly Hay"* performance was outstanding, the children really demonstrated their creativity and courage. I was blown away by how professional they were on stage and how some children even learnt other parts last minute to save the show!

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class



Class News:

Another couple of busy weeks have flown by in Willow Class.

In Science, the children have continued to explore light. We have thought about how shadows are formed and looked at the terms *transparent*, *translucent*, *opaque* and *iridescent*. The children then used opaque materials to make shadow puppets.

The water cycle has been one of our focuses in Geography. The children made their own models of the water cycle and were excited to see them in action as they hang in our window. They also located major rivers of the world using Google Earth.

In PE with Mr Lucy, the children have thoroughly enjoyed getting all of the gymnastic apparatus out and I know he has been very impressed with their developing skills.

Mr Pollock



Cherry Class



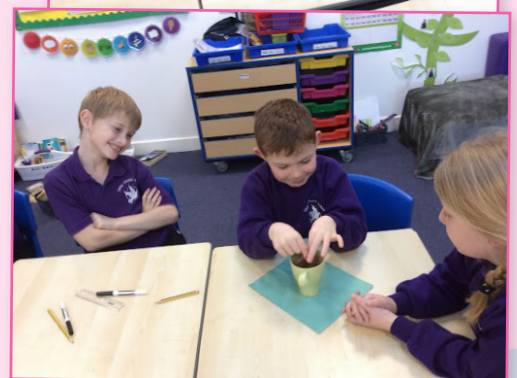
Class News:

This week has been another very exciting week in Cherry Class! In Science, the big question was: "*Does the thickness of a biscuit affect how many times it can be dunked?*". In other words, which biscuits make the best biscuits for dunking? You can probably imagine the fun we had testing all the different types of biscuits! We tried our best not to eat them. The results were very surprising - ask your child which biscuit won first place.

In English this week, the children are really enjoying the heartwarming book: "*The Dog That Saved Christmas*" by Nicola Davies. Jake, the boy in the story, absolutely hates Christmas until a dog comes into his life quite by chance. This week, the children have been analysing the impact the dog had on Jake and trying to explain why. They have also each written a report into how pet dogs should be cared for. They are looking forward to finding out what will happen next in the story but also a bit worried the dog may have to go back to her rightful owner.

Our weekly swimming lessons are having a huge impact on Cherry Class! I have seen several children learn to swim unaided and it is so wonderful to see their confidence grow. Going as a class really does give them that extra encouragement to try their best to develop such an important life skill.

Mrs Jefferies



Maple Class



Class News:

Maple Class has been writing balanced arguments this week based on our class text: "*The Explorer*". We have been looking at *generalising phrases* and *relative clauses* to help us write the arguments for and against. We hope to finish the book next week ready for our new text next term. In Maths, we have been calculating the perimeter and area of rectangles, compound and irregular shapes. Next week, we are looking forward to some Christmas Maths!!

In Science, we have explored *pulleys* and had a go at making our own pulley system to help us lift a heavy object. We have also been thinking about balanced and unbalanced forces - we used our knowledge to design and build a clay boat that had to float. Using key vocabulary such as *upthrust* and *displacement*, we evaluated our designs and had another try. Nearly half the class were able to get their boat to float - a great achievement!

Gymnastics and target games have been our PE focus this term and our skills have really improved, with high springboard jumps, beautiful tuck jumps, accurate curling and people almost landing a front somersault! Well done Maple Class, it has been great to see your progress.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Roberts



Class News:

Redwood Class

It's been another productive couple of weeks for Redwood Class. Last Monday, we took a trip to Bath to learn about the Georgians. We had our very own tour guide who took us around the Georgian architecture which is still visible in Bath today. We also had a 'Meet the Georgians' workshop inside No.1 Royal Crescent where we had a tour around the house and wrote an invitation using a quill and ink!

In English, the children have written some excellent, and very informative, non-chronological reports about the Galapagos Islands. Our Art lessons have been a little different recently as we have been working on something very exciting. Farah Downing, a professional author, has been working with Redwood Class on Wednesday afternoons to produce the illustrations for the wonderful story that the Year 5 children in Maple Class have written.

Year 6 has also been getting in the festive spirit, decorating our classroom and practising our Christmas carols for our virtual Carol Service.

Miss Treasure



Dates for your Calendar 2021/22 - Term 2-3

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 17th December	Extra Mufti Day for Sapphire House members	
Friday 17th December	End of Term 2	
Monday 3rd January	UK Bank Holiday - School Closed	
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY - School Closed	Whole School
Wednesday 5th January	INSET DAY - School Closed	Whole School
Thursday 6th January	Term 3 starts	
Wednesday 12th January	Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements	

Thought of the week

In our classes, we have been exploring the role of the angels in the Nativity story.

We have shared the story: "An Angel Just Like Me" by Mary Hoffman, about a little boy who wants to find an angel that looks just like him. It is the story of African American boy Tyler's search for an angel that looks like him to put on the family Christmas tree. This has made a great prompt for encouraging our children to think about the stereotypes and assumptions they make about the Christmas Story and about the wider world they live in.

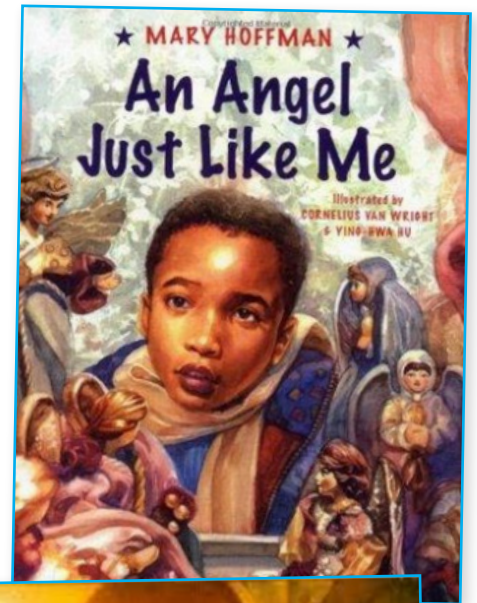
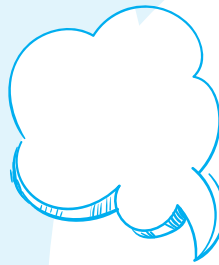
We have also looked at artwork representing the angels in the Nativity and are creating our own angels that look like or represent us.

The word 'angel' comes from the Latin angelus, meaning 'messenger'. We can all be messengers of good news and hope. You might want to talk more about what messages the angels bring in the Nativity stories?

If God sent an angel or messenger to the world today, what do you think their message would be?

A message of hope and encouragement? A warning about things that need changing in the world?

We would love you to keep your eyes open for images of angels on Christmas cards or in books and share them with us.



Office News:

School Lunches

If your child is having a school lunch, this must be booked on ParentPay by a Thursday for the following week. Food is ordered on a Friday based on the number of lunches booked, and whilst we do have a small margin for bookings made over the weekend, we cannot accommodate many.

Staff Car Park

Although there is no access to parents to the carpark at the end of the day, please avoid parking on the double yellow lines. There was an incident last week whereby children walked out into the road to go around a vehicle parked on the double yellow lines, which meant they were in front of an approaching car.

Brownies

For girls
aged 7 to
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Brownies offers girls the opportunity to try new things, make new friends and discover more about the world around them and themselves.

Find out more about Radstock Brownie Unit at
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Register your daughter at Girlguiding.org.uk/joinus



Join us on Monday 20th -
Thursday 23rd December

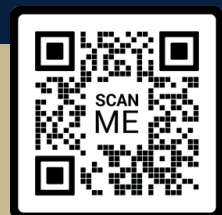
Registration
open from
1st December

Free holiday
activities for
children & teens
(Age 5-16) and
families



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