

Purple Pages

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Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'

Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'

Message from the Headteacher

St John's Mini Police had their first session this week. They began with an introduction to how positive their role will be within our community and how they are there to develop themselves but also support others. They received their uniform and had their photos taken for the ID lanyards.



This year's anti-bullying theme was 'Make a Noise about Bullying'.

We kicked off the week with 'Odd Socks Day' and all classes have been involved in activities to raise awareness. The photos on following pages show some of the brilliant activities happening around the school.

Once again we have ended our week enjoying hot chocolate with some amazing Achievosaurus! Well done everyone for all your fantastic efforts this week!

I know it's only November but, whilst we had our hot chocolate and biscuits today, we talked about Christmas wish lists! We heard about Lego sets, toy dogs that walk and a lovely idea to limit physical presents this year but to spend the time together as a family enjoying Christmas activities!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Monks



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: PEACE



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Parent Reminders

Christmas Dinner Bookings

Christmas dinner this year is being held on Wednesday 13 December - bookings are now live, so please make your selections via ParentPay. The vegetarian option is roasted vegetable parcels and the ice-cream dessert option is chocolate and vanilla. If you have any queries about allergies or dietary requirements, please email the office.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations toward the British Legion's Poppy Appeal - we will let you know the total once we receive confirmation.

Thank you for your support!

Dates for Your Diary

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| 25th Nov | PTA Christmas Fete |
| 5th Dec | Acorns Nativity 1.45pm (in school) |
| 6th Dec | Yr 2 Carols by Candlelight |
| 7th Dec | Yr 1 Nativity (5pm) |
| 8th Dec | PTA Elfridges (during school) |
| 12th Dec | Yr 4 Learning Celebration morning |
| 13th Dec | Christmas dinner |
| 13th Dec | Christingle (in church after school) |
| 14th Dec | Yr 6 Learning Celebration morning |
| 15th Dec | Christmas services in Church |
| 19 Dec | Last Day of Term 2 |



Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!



Top Doodling Class

Rowan Class

Well done!

Congratulations to all
the pupils in the
green zone!

| | Star of the Week | Star Readers |
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| Acorns | Jensen Lottie | Lyra Leo G |
| Ash class | Daisy L | Aubrie |
| Birch class | Toby | Daisy |
| Chestnut class | Bella | Sophia S |
| Elm class | Orri | Aurelia |
| Hazel class | Charlie | Indigo |
| Holly class | Amelia S | Ezra |
| Maple class | Sophie | Luca |
| Oak class | Eva | Jack S |
| Pine class | Dougie | Ella |
| Rowan class | Reid | Rocco |
| Sycamore class | Ronnie | Isaac |
| Willow class | Charlie | Jayke |



Here are this week's Forever Sport Stars of the day:

Year 6 Sycamore - James and Erin
 Year 6 Willow - Jayden and Freddie
 Year 5 Pine - Poppy and Dougie
 Year 5 Rowan - Jacob and Seth
 Year 4 Maple - Eden and Sophie
 Year 4 Oak - Elsie and Henry Dingle
 Year 3 Hazel - Evie and Harry
 Year 3 Hollie - Tommy Hurst and Daisy
 Year 2 Elm - Emilee and Orië
 Year 2 Chestnut - Harry and Eva
 Year 1 Birch - Sofia and Jasper
 Year 1 Ash - Myla and Casey

Great work!

Out of School Achievement



On Saturday, Rhodri helped the local Royal British Legion to place the wreaths on war hero's graves in Midsomer Norton. He was very humbled to be allowed to help. It allowed him to learn about the different types of people who helped and lost their lives. One such grave was of a young lady and normally most think of the men whose lives were lost. He would love to find out more about the lady.



Reading in Year 3

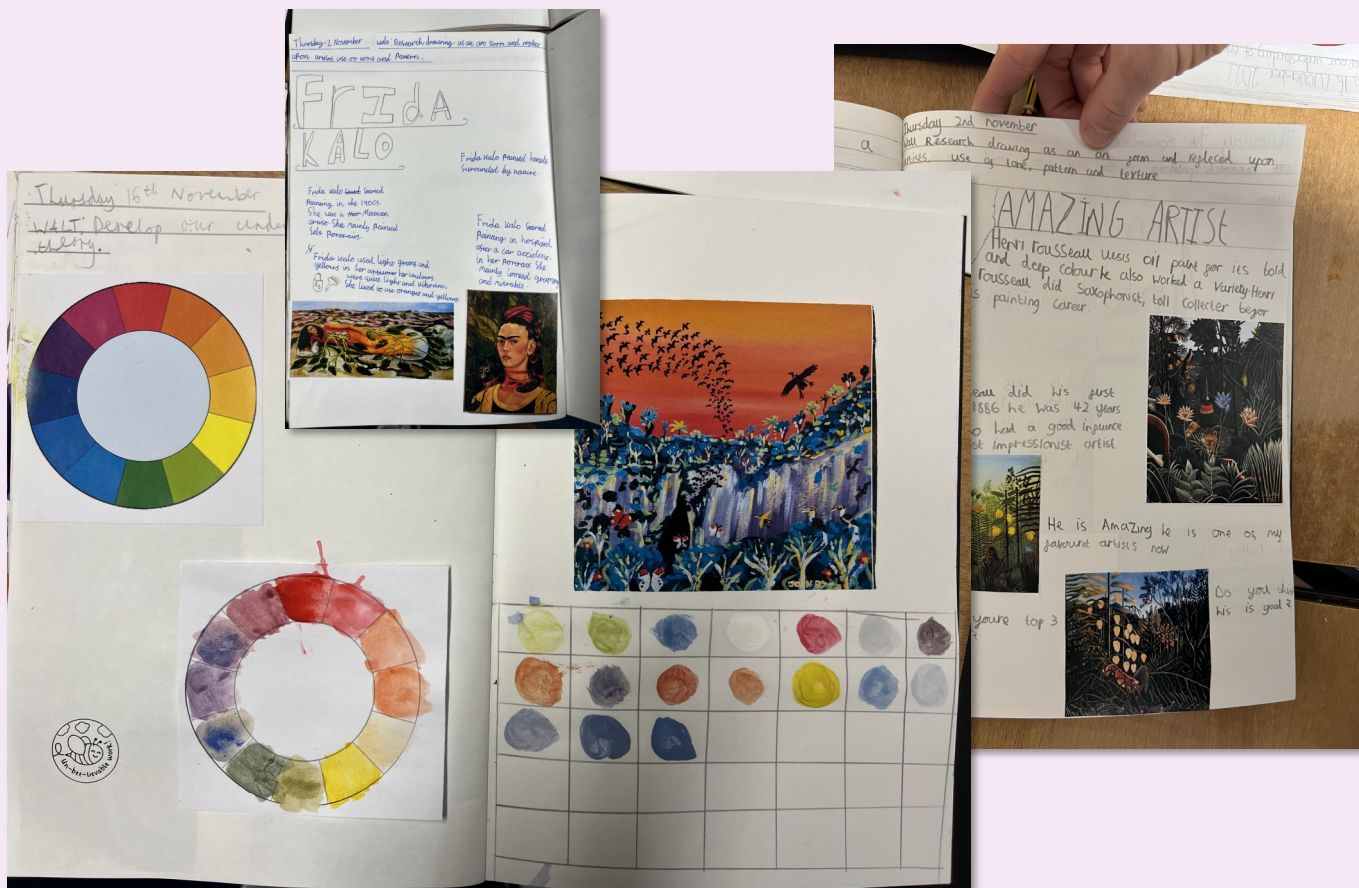
Year 3 had a lovely afternoon last Monday visiting the Midsomer Norton Library. We enjoyed listening to two wonderful picture book stories and then browsed the shelves to find something to take back to school.



Learning in Year 5

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 5 have been appreciating different artists who paint and the work that they produced. The children produced some amazing research pages on chosen artists!

The children then looked at colour theory this week and created a colour swatch from paintings created by the artist we had learned about in the previous weeks.



Christmas Tree Festival

We are very excited to have been invited to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church.

Children have made decorations to reflect St John's School, and Ethos Committee will be taking the tree and decorating it in church. The festival will be held from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd December.

Friday 1st Dec 10am-4pm and 6-7.30pm (mince pies and mulled wine)

Saturday 2nd Dec 10-4pm (Refreshments available)

Sunday 3rd Dec 12.30-3.30pm (Refreshments available) followed at 4pm by a Candlelit Advent Carol Service

It will be a lovely celebration of the Midsomer Norton community at Christmas time and we hope you will be able to visit the church and enjoy it!



Remembrance Day Art in Year 2

We put this together over two weeks. First we looked at blending paints together and made the background using only red and yellow paint. The following week we used black paper to make the hill and silhouette of the cross and red paper for poppies.



Anti-Bullying Week

This week, we have joined forces as a school to make a stand against bullying. Our focus, aligned with the Anti-Bullying Alliance's theme 'Make a noise about bullying', was to encourage open discussion and a collective effort to prevent bullying.

We have talked about what bullying is and what we all should do to prevent it. Teachers have delivered this theme in a range of creative ways. Children have been encouraged to consider what bullying behaviour means to them, how 'banter' can turn into something more hurtful, as well as thinking about what we can do to stop bullying behaviour from happening.

A big thank you to our School Council who kicked our week off by delivering a fantastic whole school assembly.



PTA Update

Christmas Fete - 25th November 11am - 2pm

The Christmas fete is only 1 week away! Invite your friends and family to come along and enjoy the day.

A reminder that Santa slots and passports will be sold next week. Santa slots will not be available to buy on the day of the Fete, so to avoid missing out please purchase next week, after school in the Pottery Room.

Raffle tickets need to be posted into the PTA post box by Friday 24th November. If you require more tickets, these are available from the school office.

Elfridges slips also need to be returned by this date.

Thank you for all the donations we have been given so far. We will be removing the blue bin after school on Wednesday 22nd November.

Christmas Cards & Gifts

Although the deadline for purchasing personalised Christmas cards and gifts has passed, the suppliers have extended the deadline until 24th November. See previous instructions on how to order.



LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

20 Nov

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 21 Nov
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 23 Nov

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Winter Wonderland Late Night Opening

Friday 24 Nov

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 25 Nov

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For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.
Visit bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

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A festive poster for a Christmas Fete. The background is red with white snowflakes and green holly leaves. At the top, there are white and gold Christmas decorations. The text is white and reads: "St John's CofE Primary, Redfield Road, BA3 2JN", "Christmas Fete", "Come and join us", "NOV | 25 | 11-2PM", "Santa's Grotto & Woodland Trail, Tombola & Stalls, Hot Turkey or Pigs in Blanket Rolls, Hot Drinks, Fun Games, Choir performing Carols, Raffle, Kids Passport Available £5 (save £1 if purchased)". At the bottom, there are illustrations of wrapped gifts and Santa hats.

