

*"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."*

### *A Message from Mrs. Blicow...*

Dear Parent/Carers,

What another great week we have had at school. There is so much fantastic learning going on in all the classes and it is wonderful to see the progress that everyone is making.

It's even better when visitors to our school, are full of praise for the school and our children.

This week we were delighted to welcome two of our Governors, who on a tour around the school, were amazed by the standard of work and answers the children were able to give about what they had been learning in their Religious Education lessons.

The children took pride in explaining the role the Faith Ambassadors play in the school, while the many displays demonstrated the Catholic ethos of the school, from the Cafod Club's work to collect items which were distributed to people in need at Christmas, to the work done by the Mini Vinnies, entertaining the elderly in the community.

It reminds us all what thoughtful and generous children and families we have in our school.

*Have a wonderful week*  
*Mrs Blicow*

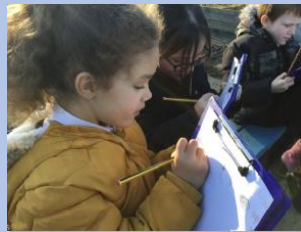
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## Science Learning Focus

In Science this week, Year 4 were learning about 'Sound'. They set up and carried out a range of comparative and fair tests to try and prove or disprove that sound can be muffled by inserting a material into the sound wave's path, which will then absorb sound waves, dampening the sound. They then used a sound meter to test out the effectiveness of different materials.

While in Year 2, the children went on a bug hunt in the school garden, as they learn about different habitats, recording their findings as they went along.



## Term Dates

### Lent Term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Year 4 St. David's Day Assembly

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

### Half Term

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - 3.15pm

### School Returns

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

### Term Ends

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 3.15PM

## Follow Me, Follow Me

Worship and liturgy assemblies in school had a very similar message, 'Faith'. Reflecting on last Sunday's Gospel, according to Matthew, we listened to and acted out the story of Jesus calling some of his apostles to leave their fishing nets and everything they owned behind and become 'fishers of men'. Something which must have taken a great deal of faith in Jesus to do.

We also learned that we too need to listen and have faith when God calls us to do something.



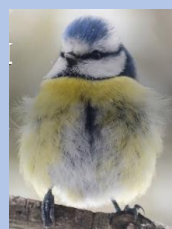
## The Cube

The Cube, a popular television programme, which tests the contestant's skill, agility and ability to stay calm when under pressure, was the inspiration for the latest event in the Pacesetter Games this week. Working in teams, fourteen children representing St. Mary's, had to work together to crack codes, solve clues and overcome a series of obstacles in order to win points. What a great time they had and what wonderful ambassadors they were for our school.



## RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch Weekend

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! They are asking everyone to spend just one hour between Friday 27 and Sunday 29 January counting the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts! Last year, almost 700,000 people took part. If you would like to submit your data to the RSPB, simply search online for, Big Garden Birdwatch Weekend. Have fun.



## Saul's Journey



We continued on the journey with Saul / Paul, as Rev. Roger told us how he summoned up all his faith and courage to stand up to disbelievers in his efforts to spread the 'Good News' about Jesus.

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