



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

A Message from Mrs. Blicow...

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year everyone! While we have only been back just over a week, we have managed to pack in so much since our return from the Christmas holiday, beginning with marking the end of the Christmas season with a lovely service to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which was conducted by Deacon Michael.

Some of our children travelled to Benham to take part in a very competitive (but friendly) game of bocce; musical fun was had, for Year 3, as they started their ukulele lessons and finally, an exciting trip to Birmingham and Young Voices, with Year 5 and 6, where we sang and danced the night away.

We are all excited and thrilled to enter a new year with a lot of hope and positivity and as we look forward to another busy and fun filled term, we have asked the children to dream big and have faith in themselves, knowing that if they put their minds to it they can achieve anything.

*Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Blicow*

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Young Voices



Now in its 25th Year, Young Voices was created for the primary purpose of advancing the education of children by developing their skills and understanding of music and singing as well as supporting the teachers and other providers of education in this field. After rehearsing a variety of popular songs from musicals, jazz, rock and pop, over the last few months, the children from Years 5 and 6, travelled to the Birmingham Resorts Arena to perform as part of the largest children's choir in the world. With guest stars including, 'MC Grammar' and the teenage drumming sensation, Nandi Bushell, the children, and staff who went with them, danced and sang their hearts out, in what was a spectacular night.

Term Dates

Term Begins
Thursday 4th January 2024

Ash Wednesday
Start of Lent
14th February

Half Term
19th – 25th February

Year 4 St. David's Day
Thursday 29th February

Parents Evening
Tuesday 12th and Wednesday
14th March

Term Ends
Thursday 28th March (3.15PM)

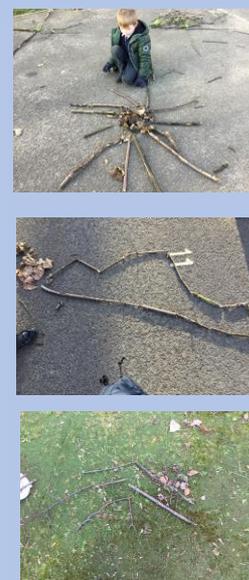
The Baptism of The Lord



With Readings and prayers, prepared by our Year 6 children, Deacon Michael, from St. Patrick's Parish in Duston, delivered a beautiful service, as we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of The Lord, officially marking the end of the Christmas Season and a return to Ordinary Time. This Feast Day also marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and through His Baptism we are reminded that when we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance.

Transient Art In Year 1

Linked to their Geography project, Bright Lights, Big City and their Science work on Seasonal Change, the children of Year 1 have been looking at weather symbols and making their own 'Transient Art' creations (art that can be moved, changed and cleared away.) Can you guess what weather symbols the children were recreating?
(A: Sunshine, clouds and lightning)



Boccia Competition



This week, a group of children were selected to represent the school at a 'Boccia' competition. Similar to the popular French game petanque, the aim of the game is to throw a ball closest to the 'jack' which is a smaller ball. Our team, having never tried the sport before, played very well and finished third in their group. Well done everyone.



The Parable of The Talents

This week we were delighted to welcome back Mr. Wyn Williams, who with his felt characters and wonderful backdrops, retells many of the stories from the New Testament. The Parable of the Talents, teaches us the lesson of the story being that we should put our talents to good use and not hide them away. That we should all 'Shine our light.'



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