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Religious News

Churches around the world celebrated the beginning of Advent on Sunday and, in school, we marked this on Monday with a Collective Worship where Mrs Senior introduced Advent, what it is, how long it lasts and the significance of the Advent Wreath. In recognition of the new liturgical season, all classes have now replaced the green liturgical colours with purple and crib scenes and wreaths are in evidence around school. Classes throughout school are also studying topics all linked to the events of the first Christmas. In hymns, we have continued practising a selection of both traditional and new carols and hymns which will be incorporated into our services. As identified on our calendar, these services will take place on the last day of term, 20th December. Our EYFS and KS1 service will take place at 9.15am in the school hall to be followed by the KS2 service at 10.15am in Church. All parents are invited to these services.

*I think God made the world, but how did He really actually
do it?
David*

ROBINWOOD ADVENTURES!

Last week, I was fortunate enough to accompany 58 Year 6 children on their residential to Robinwood Activity Centre in Wrexham. The action started extremely early on Wednesday morning with the coach departing at 7am and then we had three action packed days before we arrived back shortly after 4pm on Friday. In the course of the three days, I was extremely proud of the strength of character shown by children who threw themselves into a wide range of activities and challenged themselves to try new things and overcome many of their fears. Whether it was conquering the giant swing, the high ropes, the trapeze or sleeping away from home, the children should be very pleased with all their achievements. It was also really wonderful to receive so many compliments from the staff at the centre about the manners, behaviour and application of the children.

Special thanks to Mr Holliday who organised and led the trip and to Mr Van der Gucht, Mr Gomersall, Miss Brace, Mr Greenhalgh, Mrs Sokee and Mrs Hibbert who accompanied the children. These trips are only possible with staff support and the understanding of their families. Many thanks.

Achievers Of The Week

This week, we have recognised the achievements of pupils who have demonstrated a positive attitude to and engagement in Religious Education.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates this week:

Nursery: Jude W

FS2 Poppy –Mae L, Grace B

Y1 Oriyah D, Tobias V

Y2 Fred L, Esme H

Y3 Lewis B, Ewan B

Y4 Anya J, Zade S

Y5 Nieve L, Chloe S

Y6 Isaac A, Lucy K

Next week, our certificates will be awarded for Art, Music or Drama!

POLITE REQUEST

Please can I ask parents to check the letters which have been sent from school, this week's newsletter or last week's newsletter for times and information relating to all the events which are coming up next week. This would really support the office staff and ensure that they are available to answer and reply to other queries. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this.

ATTENDANCE Week of 25th November

FS1am	94.64
FS1pm	97.73%
FS1 (30)	100%
FS2Q	94.58%
FS2M	98.33%
Y1S	96.67%
Y1P	100%
Y2F	97.92%
Y2D	95%
Y3W	95%
Y3FH	93.75%
Y4M	99.57%
Y4AW	100%
Y5B	96.25%
Y5G	97.41%
Y6V	100%
Y6B	97.41%

Our whole school attendance was 97.31%. Congratulations to Nursery and Year 1P who won the attendance cup in EY and KS1 and to Year 4AW and 6V who won the KS2 attendance cup.

SPORTING UPDATE

We had 24 children in action on Monday morning at the Aire Valley Sportshall Athletics Event. Mr Holliday was extremely impressed by the behaviour and attitude of all who participated. Congratulations to the yellows for finishing first and qualifying for the Bradford Games next year. Well done everyone!

NEXT WEEK IN BAILDON

9th Peace Museum 6B
10th Peace Museum 6V
10th Reception Nativity at 2pm
10th Reception Nativity at 6pm – children to come back to school at 5.30pm
11th Nursery Carols at 11.45am and 2.45pm
12th Tom Palmer Skype Call to Year 6
12th KS1 Nativity at 2pm
12th Choir singing at Hillbro Nursing Home
12th KS1 Nativity at 6pm. Children to come back at 5.45pm
13th Christmas Dinner – children invited to wear Christmas Jumpers (**we are not asking** for any Charity donations)
13th Year 4 Carolling in Baildon Village
13th Year 3 Signs of Christmas in Baildon

PTFA UPDATE

Thank you to the PTFA who have been extremely busy recently organising the Christmas cards and gifts as well as the Winter Fair, all of which were very successful. Following a few issues in recent years with personalised cards, this year was a real triumph and the quality of the cards and gifts was fantastic. I am sure that there will be some very pleased people to receive any of these. The winter fair was a huge success with a packed hall from beginning to end. Special thanks to Mrs Armstrong and Reuben who entertained all present for the entire duration of the fair, being joined for approximately half an hour by the choir who were magnificent. Thanks to all the people who organised the fair, to Nathan who organised the food and to all who manned stalls. Particular thanks of course to everyone who attended and supported the fair financially. After expenses, the raffle and the fair realised a fantastic profit of £2565.14. At the beginning of the year, the PTFA gave school £6500 to spend on iPads and on the Nursery / Reception outdoor area. We are delighted that we have now received delivery of 16 new iPads, some of which have been paid for with part of the donation and we are busy assembling quotes for the outdoor work.

WHAT AN HONOUR!

In the summer term, we welcomed a researcher into school who was undertaking research into Cultural Education on behalf of the Arts Council and our school is featured as a case study in the report which was published recently. Following the publication of the report, we were delighted to receive an invitation to present at 'Towards a Creative Curriculum', a dynamic new conference from Barbican Guildhall Creative Learning and RSC Education which is designed to help teachers and arts professionals working in schools develop a curriculum that successfully embeds the arts within the new Ofsted framework. The report recognises the strength of our curriculum and is a real endorsement of the emphasis we place on Music, Art, Drama and, particularly our work through the Shakespeare in Schools Programme. I am extremely grateful to all the staff who continue to drive developments across all the arts and support and we look forward to presenting in London in early January. Well done everyone on this wonderful achievement!