



St. Francis Catholic Primary School

December 2019 - Extra



Look at what's been happening

'I am a sign of God's love'

CATHOLIC LIFE

A Little Nativity



On Tuesday 17 December the children in EYFS performed 'A Little Nativity'. The children worked hard to learn their parts and all of the songs. They looked amazing in their costumes; thank you to the parents for providing these.

The children did an amazing job as always, thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

Well done!

We've had a tremendous response to making a family Nativity scene. Here are a few of them:



Well done and thank you to everyone who has entered this competition, fantastic entries. The winners have been announced in assembly today.

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderful time performing their Nativity, Angel Express.



KS2 performed beautifully at their Christmas Carol Service and continue to remember the real meaning of Christmas, **Our Lord, Jesus Christ**





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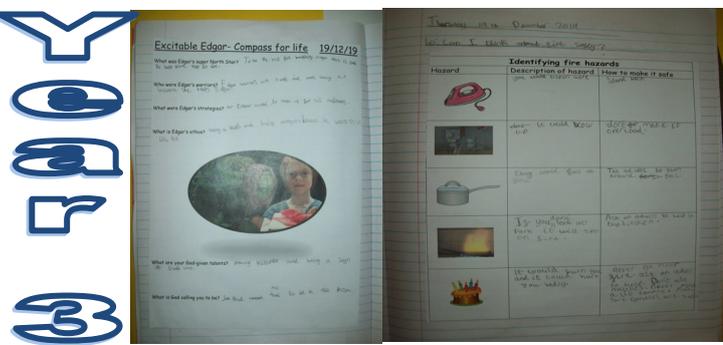
YEAR



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Y2



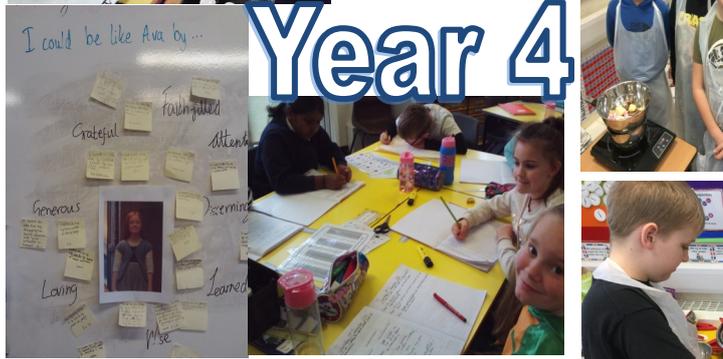
Y3



Y5



Year 6



Year 4



Yesterday the Nursery children went on a treasure hunt, and made Edgar out of junk modelling. Sang joyful songs and learnt about fire safety. They also tasted the Christmas pudding found on the treasure hunt.

YR had a fabulous time making masks.

Wanted posters made by Year 1 children looking for missing Edgar and also writing character descriptions of Excitable Edgar.

Year 2 have written emotive words about Edgar onto snowballs

During Excitable Edgar day Y3 have linked in our compass for life and have been thinking about Edgar's cardinals and how they can link these to our own goals and ambitions.

Over the last few days, Y3 have analysed the story of Excitable Edgar as a fable and planned their own fable based on this structure. as well as learning about fire safety, and identifying hazards in the home.

Year 4 have also learnt about fire safety at Christmastime and how to prevent a fire happening at home during this time as well as writing their scenes in groups for their whole class play script for the John Lewis advert.

Year 5 have had a great morning, recreating the John Lewis advert using Stop Motion animation . Look what fun Year 6 had baking and rolling around!



On Monday 9 December, children in EYFS and KS1 posted a letter to Father Christmas by walking to a local post box. The children loved writing their letters, having a lot of fun in their English lessons, then carefully posting them. We are still waiting for a response!



The whole school enjoyed an afternoon filled with fun and entertainment with a Theatre company who mixed traditional fairy tales to make a whole new story.



Early Years Parent Craft Workshop



On Friday 13 December parents and carers of children in EYFS were invited to join us to complete various activities. We made snowman baubles, paper plate angels and ate mince pies amongst other things. Thank you to all those who attended, it was a lovely morning.

Year 4 Carol Service—St Thomas of Canterbury
On Tuesday 10 December, Year 4 went to St Thomas of Canterbury Church to join the celebrations of Advent and Christmas. At the Carol Service the children sang 'Come Join the Celebration' beautifully. One child said, "I thought that the carols were really nice, everyone tried their best. I enjoyed doing my reading." Another child said, "I thought it was well set-out. I enjoyed singing in front of people and doing my reading in front of people."

Reading at St Francis

Well done to all of our avid readers across both Key Stages and EYFS! Our children are regularly collecting their stars for reading and no doubt looking forward to their termly rewards for doing so.



You may have noticed we are now using the 'Oxford Reading Tree' scheme to support our assessment of reading. Your child will work through the colour bands until they are a free reader. You can access more information about ORT through the following link:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/oxford-reading-tree-levels/>

Our children continue to regularly use our school library and local library bus. Thank you for your sup-



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs next term start week beginning Monday 13 January

Tuesday—Dance	Y4, 5 & 6
Thursday—Football	Y3 & 4

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How good is your attendance?

Please ensure your child attends school unless they are too unwell to do so.

Overall attendance last week

KS1 CLASS 2	96.0%
94.5%	
KS2 CLASS 4	95.9%

Wow, what amazing things have been happening. Well done everyone for making this special time of year, extra special! Here's to you all having a wonderful Christmastime and a very peaceful new year. Looking forward to seeing you all back and ready to go at the start of **the Spring Term on Tuesday 7 January 2020.**

Miss D Richards



Our school Bambinelli's are ready for their blessing

What a beautiful Mass this morning for our final school Christmas event this year.

Christmas 2019 & New Year 2020 MASSES

December

Tues 24th	Carols	6:30 pm
	Christmas Mass	7:00pm
Wed 25th	Christmas day Mass	10:00 am
Thurs 26th	Mass of St Stephen	11:00 am
Sat 28th	Mass	7:00 pm
Sun 29th	Mass	11:00 am

January

Wed 1st	Mass	11:00 am
Sat 4th	Mass	7:00 pm
Sun 5th	Mass	11:00 am
Sat 11th	Mass	7:00 pm
Sun 12th	Mass	11:00 am