



Newsletter

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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.



Week 4 of Advent focuses 'Love'. When Jesus was born he brought a special kind of love. This love is unselfish, compassionate and unconditional. Jesus loves us just as we are.



We have missed our festive visit to St John's Church for the carols and Christingle service this year. However, Year 1 had a wonderful afternoon with oranges, red ribbons, tasty sweets and candles making their own Christingles. They learnt that the orange represents the world, the red ribbon is Jesus' blood and the candle symbolises Jesus as the light of the world, bringing hope in darkness. The



sweets are all God's creatures. We hope we are all back in church next Christmas singing and celebrating together. There is a Christingle service for 2020 from the Church of England on YouTube if you would like to watch it.



Although this year has been very difficult, it has been heart-warming to hear so many stories about the kindness of people. We would like to thank Dunelm who sent surprise gifts for Morgan after he was nominated for his courage and positivity. Despite enduring many operations over the years he always has a smile on his face and never moans about anything!



CHRISTMAS KINDNESS



Middlesbrough Football Club Under 18's have been so kind and thoughtful sending us Christmas parcels to share which include a football strip! Key Stage 2 children were asked who would like their name put into the hat to receive one. It was lovely to hear some of the older children say that they wouldn't put their name in as they thought other children would

appreciate it more and they already had so much.

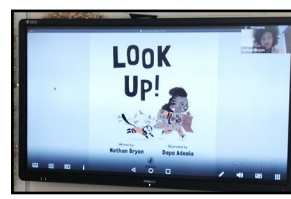


You can view all the children from our 2 year olds to Year 6 on the home page of our website, performing their Christmas extravaganza. They really missed not having a live audience of mums and dads and we didn't want you to miss out! A big thank you to Mr Ramsay, our Creative Director, who videoed the children and put the show on the road!



Reading

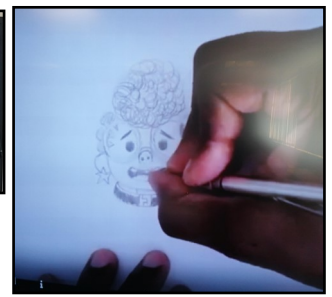
Well done to those children in Reception who received their Library award and prize this week for borrowing 10 or more books from our Reception Library. Lots of the other children in the class are excited too as they have almost reached 10 borrowed books and will receive their award next term.



LOOK UP!

The children enjoyed a virtual visit by the authors of "Look Up" Nathan Bryon and Dappo Adeola.

The children enjoyed listening to the story about not spending too much time on your mobile phone and took part in a draw along led by the illustrator. Look at their efforts! The question and answer session gave the children a real insight into the work of author's and illustrators.



Sleeping Beauty

We all enjoyed a live streamed performance of 'Sleeping Beauty' this week. Lots of "Oh no he didn't" and "Oh yes he did" shouting was to be heard around school. It was heart-warming to see the children participating in traditional festive entertainment—Thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Homemade Snacks for Santa

Year 6 continued their Christmas celebrations by making mince pies as part of their food technology. They made the fillings from scratch using traditional ingredients and took them home



to bake. Now they will be able to make their own treats for Santa on Christmas Eve!



SUPER LEARNER

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Rec	Lochlain Slater—for working hard on his fine motor skills and using scissors independently.
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Year 1	Josie Potter— learning to persevere and practise to learn her doubles and near doubles.
	Jessica Taylor— super reading using Tommy Tracker, Chunky Monkey, and Sharp Eyed Owl . Well done.
Year 2	Kaiden Rowley—for fantastic enthusiasm in science lessons.
	Jimmie Davies—super presentation in all of his written work.
Year 3	George Smith—for making a super effort with his reading this half term. Keep it up George!
	Roman Harris—for always trying his best and showing excellent creativity and resilience.
Year 4	Ava West—for fantastic writing in English and sharing brilliant ideas with her friends.
	Lily Brady—for confident fluent reading in class.
Year 5	Maizieann Smith—hugely improved attitude to learning.
	Meisha Hunter—super progress in writing.
Year 6	Clara Grzywaczewska—Working hard all term. Never complaining and always approaching school positively.
	Toby Riley—An excellent first term as Head Boy. Approaching the role with a mature attitude and being very helpful.

The DfE need schools to continue to support Track and Trace from when we break up on Friday 18th to 24th December. So if a pupil or member of staff tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please email us



admin@stjohnsceacademy.co.uk to let us know as they may have been infectious whilst in school. This information will be strictly confidential but we will then alert other people who have been in close contact for example the rest of the class bubble who will then need to self-isolate. Emails will be checked once per day at 10am and parents will be contacted through a Parent Pay text if this is the case. **Please do not email class teachers through the Class Dojos; they will not be looking at emails during the holiday period and it is important they have a proper break for their health and well-being.**

Please do not inform us of any positive cases after the 6 days but wait until the school re-opens on the Tuesday 5th January.