

Welcome

Although it's still November, excitement is building for Christmas, especially in the Early Years where the children are beginning to practice their Christmas songs and Nativity plays. Year 6 are also busy making the final preparations for the Christmas Bazaar next Friday. All children are asked to bring in £1 for the event and this will be exchanged for tokens that can be used in the Bazaar. All money raised will go to the School Council's chosen charity.

Six Year 6 children have been invited to the Coram Shakespeare School Festival Gala event at the Criterion Theatre in London Piccadilly on Monday 27th November. Everyone is very excited and looking forward to the special event.

Unfortunately, at the last Friends Meeting on 8th November, no one stood for the different committee roles. The current committee will organise this year's various Christmas events - the Present Room and Christmas Jumper Day, but from the beginning of the new term in January the committee will stop and no more events will be organised - this will include discos and the Summer Fair. If you are interested in getting involved, supporting the school and helping to raise funds, please speak to one of the committee members.

Michael Dillon - Headteacher

Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying learning about different celebrations in English this half term. We started off with Bonfire Night and the children enjoyed experiencing sparklers and tasting hot chocolate for our hook into our topic of Why do we Celebrate? They also had fun making firework pictures using paint and glitter for that extra sparkle in art.

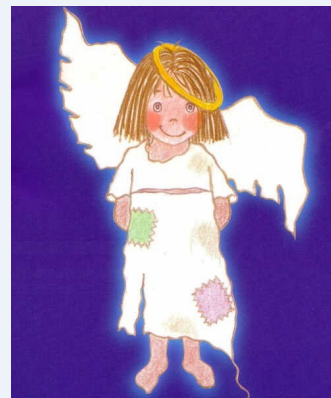
Over the last 2 weeks we have been learning about the celebration of Diwali and the children made and decorated Diya's in Art this week.



Year 2

In recent weeks, Year 2 have started to rehearse their Christmas Nativity show 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. The children have been working hard with their songs, actions and acting skills! It's feeling very festive already in our classrooms.

Florence Nightingale has captured the imagination in Year 2 and the children have enjoyed learning about 'The lady with the lamp' and how she helped change the way hospitals were run during the Victorian times. We have been focusing on diary writing as part of our English learning and really started to apply our knowledge of Florence Nightingale to this style of writing.



The Present Room

*The Friends Christmas Present Room will be on
Friday 8th December.*

*Friends are asking for donations to be sent into school the
Week beginning 20th November.*

*This year please can
year groups donate the
following items:*

- Rec - Chocolate & Sweets*
- Y1 - Accessories (socks, ties, etc)*
- Y2 - Puzzles & Games*
- Y3 - Novelty Gifts*
- Y4 - Toiletries (female)*
- Y5 - Toiletries (male)*
- Y6 - Candles*

Thank you for your support

Cookery Club

Five children from Year 4 who have consistently followed the golden rules were invited to go into the school kitchen, with Kelly and Anna to create food for the following day.



This week's Triple Thank You and Triple Star Awards

Jackson - Y5	Thank You
Ethan - Y5	Thank You
Jack - Y5	Thank You
Sophie - Y3	Thank You
Elliot - Y3	Thank You
Charlotte - Y6	Thank You
Lily - Y6	Thank You

YEAR GROUP REMINDERS

NURSERY	See Stay & Play date on dates for the diary
RECEPTION	Nativity tickets are now on sale—2 per family
YEAR 1	Performance tickets are now on sale—2 per family
YEAR 2	Performance tickets are now on sale—2 per family
YEAR 3	—
YEAR 4	Year 4 Christmas Unwrapped—St Michael's
YEAR 5	—
YEAR 6	—
SAPPHIRE	—
OTHER	Updated INSET Days - Friday 23rd February 2024 & Monday 15th April 2024

Christmas Bazaar

The year 5 and 6 children will be running their games at the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 1st December. If your child wishes to play the games, we kindly ask that they bring a voluntary donation of £1, to be given to their class teacher, on Friday morning. The money will go towards the school's nominated Charity for 2023 - 2024.

Thank you for your support—Year 5 & 6 Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY — AUTUMN TERM

Year 4 Christmas Unwrapped—St Michael's	Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th November
Children's Christmas Fair	Friday 1st December
Nursery Nativity Play & Stay & Play	Tuesday 5th December - 9.30-11.00am
Key Stage 1 Nativity Play	Wednesday 6th @ 9.30am & Thursday 7th December - 9.30am & 5.30pm
Year 5 Home Learning Exhibition	Thursday 7th December - 2.45-3.05pm
Reception Nativity Play	Wednesday 6th December @ 2pm & Friday 8th December @ 9.30am
Friends Present Room	Friday 8th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 8th December
Year 6 Home Learning Exhibition	Monday 11th December - 2.45-3.05pm
Year 2 Home Learning Exhibition	Tuesday 12th December - 2.40-3.00pm
Year 4 Home Learning Exhibition	Tuesday 12th December - 2.45-3.05pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 13th December
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
INSET DAY	TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2024
START OF TERM	WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024
HALF TERM	MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY—FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024
INSET DAY	FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024