

Newsletter

News from Miss Main

This week in Collective Worship we lit the first candle in our Advent ring and we thought about Hope, which the first candle symbolises.

We also began to think about the Christmas story, reflecting on Mary, and how she might have felt when she was told the news that she was going to be the mother of Jesus. We used the account recorded in Luke chapter 1 verses 26 – 38.

As always, the children were able to reflect thoughtfully on how someone else might feel and to identify the big feelings that she may have felt. Your children not only recognised that she might have felt a bit scared, or a bit excited, but also that she may have felt the weight of responsibility of the job that she had been given.

At Christmas time it is easy only to think about presents and Santa, to focus on twinkly lights and Christmas jumpers. It was however really valuable to pause, to take some time to think about the story behind the season and to put ourselves in somebody else's shoes.

I think that, at the heart of Christmas, should be thinking less about ourselves and more about others. It is my hope that in the coming weeks, as we learn about other characters in the Christmas story, that we will all think more about other people and their feelings.

Today, during our Collective Worship time, we all really enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of 'Bethlehem Ballroom' the nativity performance by our children in Year 1 and Year 2. The children spoke confidently and performed their songs with great enthusiasm – it was a real treat.

We are really looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to performances in school next week.

Girls' Football

Our Year 6 girls have recently been part of the Witney Partnership of School's football tournament.

Although the girls didn't make it through the knockout rounds, they played really well and supported one another throughout.



Values Awards



Well done to those children who received a Values Award this week. It was wonderful to congratulate them within Collective Worship.

News from Around the School

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas fete after school today. It was wonderful to see the school so full of members of our community.

The Friends had put a huge amount of effort into organising the event and we are enormously grateful to them. We are so impressed to share that just over £2000 was raised by the fete and the raffle, money that will be used to provide all sorts of extras for your children.

There are a significant number of raffle prizes that still need to be collected, please look out for an email from us over the weekend, which will tell you if you have won a prize.



School News

Mr Grundy will not be in school for the next couple of weeks, but we are very much looking forward to welcoming him back to school in the New Year. For the last two weeks of term, Miss Main (Assistant Head) will be taking the lead in school, supported by members of the ODST team.

More News from Around the School

Today, our Year 6 children welcomed Charlie Maynard MP and his assistant into school. Last year, the children wrote to him to express their concerns about the rainforest and deforestation and to ask him what action he could take.

When Charlie wrote back to the children, he suggested coming in to talk to them.

Ahead of his visit, the children had each written a question, which today they had the opportunity to ask him. Their questions included –

- Do you ever regret being an MP?
- There are lots of empty retail buildings in Witney, what are you doing to change that?
- What are you doing about pollution in our rivers?
- Will the trees cut down to create the new Shores junction be replanted?
- What type of issues do you have to deal with?



Winter Weather

When our Year 4 children walked to their swimming lesson, it was very chilly!! It was however a beautiful walk.

Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing in school for the weather including coats and hats, and please do remember to name all items of clothing. Thank you.



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