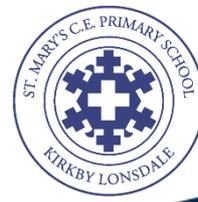




Newsletter



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St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents and Families of our School Community

This week we have been celebrating Candlemas making t-light holders and reflecting on the festival of Candlemas. During this time we have thought about how we can let our 'light shine' and how we can discover, nurture and then share our talents.

We of course cannot forget the snowy conditions this week. Thank you for your understanding as we needed to close early on Wednesday. We make every effort to stay open but there are times when we need to make these decisions.

We have also appreciated the various emails that have come to school to support the improvements we are making to school. It is clear that this is the right time to improve our dinner provision and we value your support. Dolce staff will be available during parent consultations if you wish to talk to them.

On Friday, all children received letters to arrange appointments for parent consultations. I did find one or two letters in the cloakroom – so please ask the children to get another form from teachers if they have not brought them home on Friday.

We have had a huge amount to celebrate this week not least the amazing home projects. The effort is clear to see but importantly, the children talked with interest and excitement about their learning and how they produced their projects. Thank you for your support with these.

Finally, we would like to say a special goodbye to James in Year 5 who has moved away this week. I know he will be missed in our school and especially by his friends. We wish James and his family continued success with their new move down south!

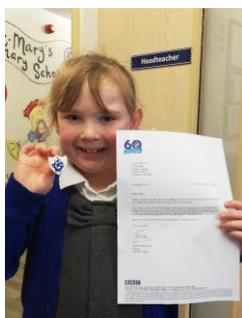
Hoping you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones

Ben Greenep Winter Run – Junior Classes

Each year at this time we host our winter run which provides a great opportunity for the children to represent their house. Whether the children are natural runners or not, this is a chance to shake off the cobwebs and have some fun together. The children all know about the race and should have taken home their PE kit to wash and get ready for the race. Children can bring base layers on Wednesday and appropriate footwear and gloves/headgear for the race. Warm juice and biscuits will be provided – if your child has an allergy you may want to send them with an extra snack. The race was going to be on Thursday however we have moved this to Wednesday afternoon.

Congratulations to Anne J



We have excellent news – Annie has received a Blue Peter badge last week. We couldn't be more proud of her. I know that quite a few children at our school like to try and get their Blue Peter badge and Annie is a great inspiration to them.

I wonder who will be the next person in our school to get a Blue Peter badge? In a strange coincidence I am actually writing this newsletter from Media City and have just walked through the Blue Peter Garden and past the studios! I wish I had got a Blue Peter badge when I was at primary school. Well done again Annie.

Lost Property

We have an unbelievable amount of lost property at the minute including wellies, gloves, socks, football boots, coats and PE kit items. A lot of items do seem to go astray when the children take part in Football on Mondays too. We will be displaying all items this week and asking the children to see if they have items that need returning to their owners this week.

Families new to school

If you are new to school and you would like to know about any events, systems or routines at school and you are not sure, please ask staff or colleagues at the office. We know how confusing a new school can be and whilst we try to explain the quirks of our school, we sometimes forget, especially if you have joined half way through the academic year.

We hope the children are settling in and have made some good friends.

Year 2 Great Fire of London

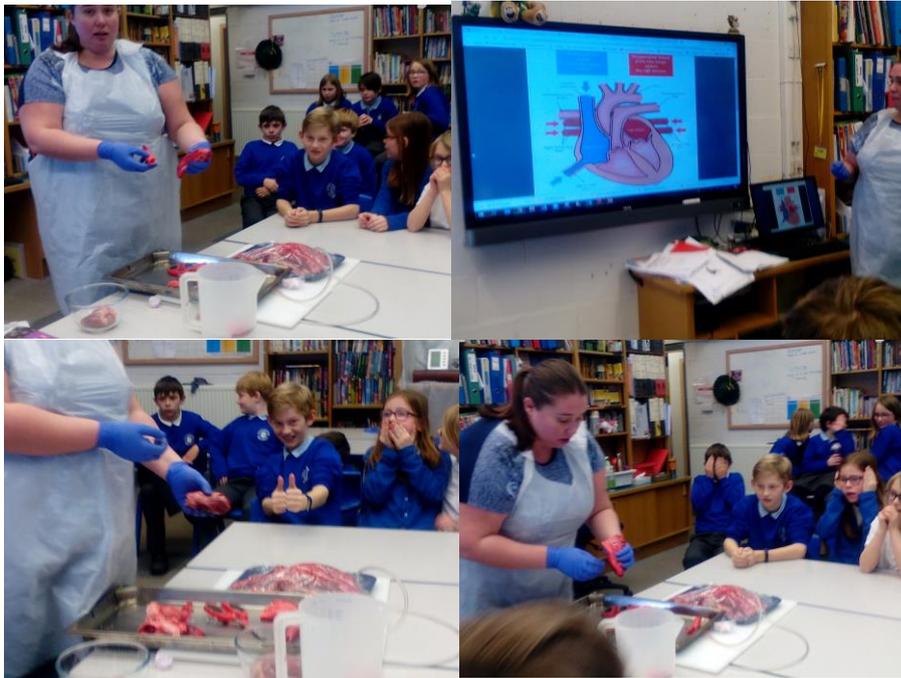
This week in the rain, our Year 2 children recreated the Great Fire of London. Initially the children built their own home and buildings. Then they took these to the Fire Station in Kirkby Lonsdale. We were very grateful to Firefighter Craig Bradshaw who looked after the children at the Fire Station.



Learning about the heart – Year 6

As part of their science topic the children in Year 6 have been learning about the heart and how blood is transported around the body. A highlight of this topic is actually seeing examples of hearts and organs. We were exceptionally pleased to have Mrs Gates in school this week to demonstrate and share this with the children. Thank you again for your help Mrs Gates!!

One of the special aspects of learning are those all-important first hand experiences which create memories. I suspect his lesson has certainly done that.



There were some interesting reactions in the class to this lesson!

Home Learning Projects

I mentioned earlier, that there were such an array projects which were celebrated during Home Learning Day on Monday. From superb shields and Fairy-tale castles in Year 1 to Great Fire of London Projects, Kirkby Lonsdale models, monopoly boards (Y3) as well as natural disaster models in Year 4. In Year 5 there was an amazing aroma of spices as well as models of the Taj Mahal and maps and buildings. Well done to Year 6 who created various technology presentations and models of technology development since the 1950s. Here are a few pictures ..





Have fun in the snow ...

