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Children in Need



Thank you so much for your generosity for Children in Need – we managed to raise £61.15p and we have had a good day in school. Class 2 have been working on their beautiful tree poems, early years' children made cakes and practised counting with beads and class 1 children had a treasure hunt for children in need linked pictures and words.



Update on our plans...

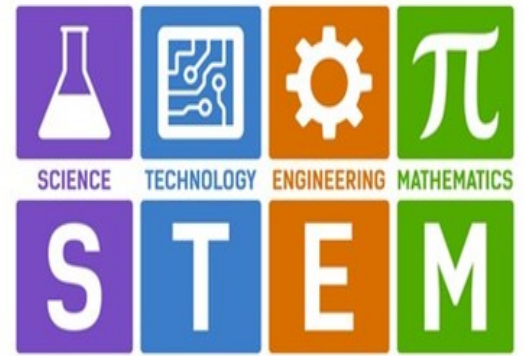
We have begun learning our songs for our Christmas performance. The children seem to be picking them up very quickly as they are catchy and we are looking forward to putting it all together. One of the songs ends with a chorus which invites audience to join in – we were wondering if we could include any brave family members who wanted to join us for filming that song outside at school? Either in the background or singing off camera! We could film it a little while before picking up time to make it easier. Let us know what you think when you are dropping off or picking up next week. We will let you know timings for that when we have the songs ready to record and if anyone has expressed an interest in joining us.

Unfortunately, with rising cases of Covid we have decided to cancel our planned trip to the Maltings to watch the panto live. We will investigate watching a virtual panto in school instead. We have decided it is too big a risk to everyone's Christmas at that point in the year. Other schools in our partnership are making similar decisions.

We will look at what will happen with our Christmas church service nearer the time. It might be we are able to do something outside or we do it in the church but with limited numbers / no congregation and/or we film that too. We will talk to Charlotte (Lowick's vicar) about church restrictions and guidance when we know more in December. We are trying to find the best balance for our children and for all of us during this tricky time.

STEM Day – Tuesday next week (23rd November)

We will be having a special curriculum day for STEM (which stands for science, technology, engineering and maths) focused on exploring materials. The staff have been planning some exciting activities. We will be doing one STEM day each term. This term the children will be rotating between challenges – building strong structures, helping teddy get across the water and stay dry, an egg drop challenge and a Makey Makey banana piano investigation.



Dates for your Diary....

Thursday 25th November – Cheviot ceramics at Stay and Play and we are also going to run a **late night shopping film club evening** where we keep the children until 6pm so you can do some secret shopping – we ask for a donation of £2 towards giving the children their tea

Thursday 2nd December – Boogie Beats party at Stay and Play

Friday 10th December – Christmas jumper day for Save the Children

Wednesday 15th December— Christmas panto is now cancelled

Friday 17th December– Break up for the Christmas Holidays

Mixed Up Art Project

A film about our interactive arts project called Mixed Up is now uploaded to our website. You can see it here: https://www.lowickholylislandschools.org.uk/website/mixed_up_art_project/584019 or look under the Photos / Video Gallery tab.



Spellings

Year 1: **The 'V' sound at the end of words**

Eg have, live, give

Year 2: **Words ending 'il'**

Eg pencil, fossil, nostril

Year 3: **The suffix 'ly'**

Eg sadly, completely, usually

Year 4: **The suffix 'ous' rule**

Eg humour– humorous, glamour-glamorous

Thursday next week (25th November) - late night film club

Please look out for the email from our office about our late night film club to help you do a bit of shopping – please let us know if you want your child to stay for that. The film we will be watching will be My Neighbour Totoro. **Pick up time will be between 5.50pm – 6pm** and we are asking for £2 to cover the costs of feeding the children their tea.



Eco Club News

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Shoebox Appeal, the boxes are ready to be sent off and I will update you as soon as I receive a message from 'follow your box'.

This week to tie in with the appeal we discussed poverty and what it means. We talked about extreme poverty in third world countries as well as the poverty in our own country, and read a book called 'No Money Day'. We thought about what it must be like to not have enough money and how we can help those living in poverty.

We also summarised what happened at COP26 and talked about some of the pledges made such as further cuts to CO2 emissions, use of coal and increased funding for poor countries.

We are continuing with our 'Switch Off' work in order to save energy and are rotating monitors each week. I will keep reading the meter and let you know how we are getting on.

Miss Easten

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