



Weekly Bulletin 25th November 2022

Headteacher's Message

This week children in school have been working with OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists) who have a vision of 'Creating a more sustainable world where all children can thrive' and have considered how they can play their part in protecting our environment. They learnt about climate change and its impact. It has been a great opportunity for children to reflect upon what they can do to protect the world in which we live. Our Y6 have also enjoyed learning about Japanese culture with the visit of students from Teikyo University. This was an enriching experience for the children and we thank Durham University for working with us.

I also draw your attention to our Advent Eucharist on Thursday 1st December at 9:05am. This will be led by Fr. Peter, the Worship Choir and children from the Year 6 Worship Group. You are warmly invited to attend.

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things going on in school. For example, news from our ECO team, Worship group, V.I.P. (Very International People) and SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group). This week our focus is on ART and Mrs Armstrong has shared an update below.

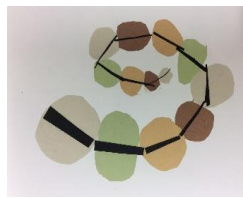
Best wishes,

Mr Rumbles

Art

During the Autumn term, children across school have worked on a broad range of art schemes. They used their sketchbooks to great effect; collecting and developing ideas, and practising drawing techniques.

Year 2 children looked at the amazing artwork of English sculptor and photographer, Andy Goldsworthy. They focused particularly on his love of spirals and circles using natural materials.



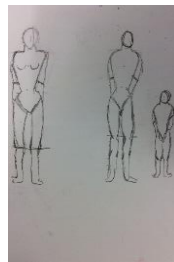
'Greek Architecture' was a new project for 2022 in Year 4. Children did observational studies, made prints and sculptured clay tablets depicting the key features of classical columns, friezes and pediments.



In Year 5, children worked with Mrs Armstrong on another new project which looked at the lost world of North East artist, Norman Cornish. Children learnt about his life as a miner and artist. They did sketchbook studies of the people and places represented in his famous paintings.



Meanwhile, Year 6 children explored the artwork of Henry Moore. In sketchbooks, they studied the abstract ways in which the artist portrayed the environment and human form. Their particular focus was on using light and shade to create mood.



Christmas Arrangements

Below are details of the various Christmas events that will be taking place in school.

FOSS Christmas Fair

Thursday 1st December

The Christmas Fair runs from 2.30pm-4.30pm. There will be cake and craft stalls, face-painting, photo opportunities with a Donkey, Santa's Grotto, a Christmas Treasure hunt and more. If you arrive before the end of the school day for the start of the Fair, you will be able to collect your child to take to the fair. For those who are picking up at the normal pick-up time you will be able to collect your child from the usual exits.

If anyone can help with donations FOSS are looking for the following:

- *Cakes to sell at the cake stall - please drop off at School on Wednesday 30th November or Thursday 1st December in the morning*
- *Kids Christmas jumpers - we are running a Christmas jumper stall at the fair*
- *Bottles and bottle bags for the mystery bottle stall*
- *Books for the book stall*

Any donations you can give would be much appreciated. We will also have our ever-popular raffle and, whilst we already have some great prizes, we would be very grateful for some more prize donations. If you have a prize you would like to offer please email FOSS.Shincliffe@gmail.com.

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 8th December

Our Kitchen team will be cooking a traditional Christmas lunch for the children and staff to enjoy. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch and they do not usually have a school meal, please inform the School office by Monday 28th November. This will also be Christmas Jumper Day and our School Council are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper. If you don't have a Christmas jumper you can wear Christmas colours like red or green. All other uniform must still be worn. Children are invited to donate a suggested amount of £1. The collected donation will be sent on to the Save the Children charity.

Christmas Parties

Week beginning 12th December

The children are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes on the day of their party. Please ensure that they still have sensible shoes and a warm coat. The children will have party games and fun activities and be provided with a snack. As well as this, each child will receive a gift of a book thanks to the support of FOSS.

Monday 12th December PM – Y3 and Y4 Party

Tuesday 13th December PM – Y1 and Y2 Party

Wednesday 14th December AM – Reception Party

Wednesday 14th December PM – Y5 Party

Thursday 15th December – Y6 Party

International Christmas and Craft Week

Week beginning 12th December

This year, we will be focusing on the different countries from around the world that are represented in our School community. Each class will be taking part in a range of activities to help learn about the Christmas traditions of their chosen country.

Christmas Nativity Performances and KS2 Singalong

We will be holding nativities this year and there will be 2 tickets per family and each performance will begin at 10am on the 6th and 7th December. Reception parents, please continue to support your child in learning their lines.

The Singalong for KS2 will be on the 8th December beginning at 2:45pm. Parents are invited to come and join KS2 in singing a variety of carols and Christmas songs.

Christmas Cards

We know that the children enjoy sharing cards with one another. We request, therefore, that all cards are brought into school between Monday 5th and Friday 16th December. They will then be distributed by our Year 6 children. Alternatively, there will also be an opportunity for children to post a message to the rest of the school on our eco-friendly Christmas tree located in the hall.

Christmas Carol Service

Father Peter, Y6 Worship Group and the Worship Choir will be leading our Christmas Service, helping us to reflect on the Joy and Peace of Christmas. The service will begin at 10am in school followed by refreshments afterwards provided by FOSS.

Diary Dates

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

Wednesday 30th November – Y4 Durham University Computing Science Activity Day

Thursday 1st December 9:05am – Advent Eucharist

Thursday 1st December – FOSS Christmas Fair – 2:30pm-4:30pm

Tuesday 6th December – Nativity Performance Reception and KS1 - 10am

Wednesday 7th December – Y3 Visit to the Great North Museum

Wednesday 7th December - Nativity Performance Reception and KS1 - 10am

Thursday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 8th December – KS2 Singalong – 2.45pm

Friday 16th December – Christmas Community Worship – 10am

Tuesday 20th December – School closes for Christmas holiday

Thursday 5th January – School re-opens

Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th January – Y6 Residential Visit to Robinwood

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Christian Values

We are exploring the value of Wisdom this half term and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Fr. Peter, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils.

Further information on the values of Wisdom:

Just like most faiths, the Christian tradition lays emphasis on the need to 'get wisdom' as a mark of spiritual maturity. Wisdom isn't about what you know (this is knowledge/information) but about what you do with what you know - the application of your knowledge. Being wise doesn't necessarily have anything to do with age or intellect. The Bible has specific books of wisdom in which, through poetry, story and proverbs, advice is given on how wisdom might be developed.

The Book of Proverbs says:

"Wisdom is worth much more than precious jewels."

Some things to think about:

- How do we gain wisdom?
- What helps you make a wise choice?
- Who do you think is a wise person and why?
- Wisdom is about being prepared to listen to the advice of others, thinking before you speak and choosing silence over words. Wisdom involves considering others, deliberating over the issues, reflecting on the long view and considering all possible consequences. How good are you at doing these things? What would help you do better?

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