



HILLINGDON NEWS

What a busy week we have had at HPS! The children have enjoyed preparing for the Christmas Fayre next week, making arts and crafts ready to sell to family and friends. Read more below about the items each year group is making...it's certainly been a hive of creativity and the children are very proud of the different items they have made. It has also been Assessment week; walking around the school it was fantastic to see children taking the assessments seriously and trying their best. They were certainly challenging, but it was wonderful to see the children persevering and determined to succeed. Alongside the assessments and Christmas Fayre preparation, the children have also been involved in RE week. The children have explored the Christian tradition of Christmas and have reflected on similarities and differences between different faiths. As always it provides interesting and thoughtful discussions, with each of the year groups taking on different key questions. The Year 5 focus upon the significance of light in the Christmas story, was picked up in our Carol Concert on Thursday by Reverend Alan. Excellent to see these links being made across the different events and activities from what had truly been an inspiring and full on week!

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Singing All The Way!

On Thursday, over 400 HPS children made their way down to St John's Church for our Carol Concert. We were overwhelmed by the number of parents, family and friends who came to the church to support the event. It truly was a fabulous event and each of the children should feel very proud of themselves for their beautiful singing and excellent behaviour throughout the concert. A special well done to our featured singers, readers and the one and only Atina who kick started the morning's festivities with her rendition of 'Once in Royal David's City'. Atina represented the school marvellously, singing out each note and

enjoying every moment. We can't wait to get together as a whole school on the last day of term for 'Carols on the Playground' and to sing our favourite songs again. We hope to see lots of you there.



Holiday Activities

HOLIDAY HOOP CAMP

Includes **FREE** pizza with **FROSTY** on Friday!

Win prizes!

DAY CAMPER £20
2 DAY CAMP £35

9AM-3PM AGES 8-18

22 & 23 DECEMBER 2016

St Bernard's Grammar School
1 Langley Road, Slough SL3 7AF

15 mins from Brunel

Limited spots - book a place now!
Contact Coach Pete Deppisch on 07946 588913
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Rev Alan invites Hillingdon Primary School children & parents to . . .

Christingle & Carols

Christmas Eve
3.30pm & 5pm

Light your Christingle!

Follow the star!

Come as you are or with prop/costume. Some also available.

St. John's Church
Royal Lane
Hillingdon UB8 3QP

the children to bring in chocolate or sweets in their original wrappings to go on the tombola stall. We are also asking for donations of small gifts that will make suitable presents for a mum, dad, grandma, grandad or carer. These will also go on one of our stalls for children to buy and wrap. It will help us a great deal if these can be brought in by Tuesday morning 13th December. Please bring any cake donations on the day to your child's classroom.

Reminder:

A reminder that our traditional Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 15th December in the main hall from 2.15pm until approximately 4.30pm. We will have various stalls including crafts made by all the children, cakes, refreshments and a chocolate/sweet treats tombola and a raffle. Santa will also be visiting the Hillingdon Primary School Grotto. In order to raise funds for the fayre and have prizes on the tombola we are asking



Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - During RE week the Nursery children have been learning about the nativity story. They have read the Christian story, acted it out, made angel decorations and played nativity lotto. They have also been busy practising for their Christmas songs.



Year 1 - As part of RE week, Year 1 have been thinking about the symbols of the Christmas story such as light and gifts and how the story influences the way we celebrate Christmas. We used these symbols as inspiration to design our own stained glass windows. We really enjoyed looking at the real stained glass windows in Thursday's church carols service, too!

What a show! 1E & 1K put on a marvellous nativity play for their families and made us all so very proud! They learnt lots of lines and songs and did some fabulous acting. 1M are looking forward to their performance on Monday.



Year 2 - Year Two have had a wonderful week exploring the big question of 'Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas?' We have investigated the story of the birth of Jesus, making story dice to help us retell the story. We have looked at where the traditions of gift giving started, which was with the Three Wise Men. We discussed how there are times in other religions where people give gifts, like Eid and Diwali.

Alongside R.E week, we have also been very busy elves making traditional sweets for our enterprise project ready for the Christmas Fayre next week - we are so excited! We'll see you there!

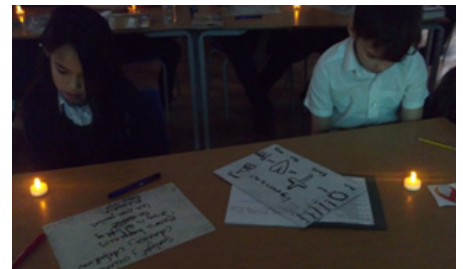
Year 3 - It has been a hugely exciting and productive week in Year 3. For RE week the children have been focusing on the question: Why is the Christmas story important to Christians? The children were able to give deeply thought out explanations as to why Christians celebrate Christmas and what they think is the most important aspect of the Nativity story. It was also interesting to hear how Christmas compares to other religious festivals celebrated by children in the year group. As part of RE week the children acted out the Christmas story, created a non-fiction report and designed Nativity themed silhouettes. On Thursday the children had a fabulous time singing carols and getting into the Christmas spirit at St John's Church. A huge thank you to all those parents who supported in the event.

Throughout the week the children have also been designing and making products to sell at the Christmas Fayre. They designed the sweets they wanted to make and used their designing skills to create boxes for them to sell them in. Next week the children are very excited to start making the sweets and then selling them at the Fayre on Thursday.



Year 5 - What a week it has been! Year 5 have been designing, making, discussing, debating and writing throughout the week! At the start, we were introduced to our Christmas topic on light. Year 5 walked into a peaceful classroom on Monday afternoon where small, glittering tea lights sat on every table. We discussed the significance of light and what it meant to Christians at this time of year. As year 5 reflected on the topic of light and the Christmas story, they thought about different morals seen throughout such as; humility, determination, faith and generosity. Year 5 were able to draw on similarities between different faiths and we all learnt more about each other's cultures and beliefs.

Alongside learning about Christmas, year 5 continued to work on their ideas for the Christmas Fayre. We are all incredibly excited to sell our creations next Thursday and we hope you will come visit our stall to purchase and sample our chocolate goods!



Year 6 - Year 6 have been learning all about Saint Nicholas this week. This work began with an interesting workshop by Reverend Alan from Saint John's Church where the children learnt all about Bishop Nicholas who was made a saint due to his secret acts of kindness to help the poor and the sick. They have been researching the history of St Nicholas and his effect on some of the ways that Christians celebrate Christmas today and are writing biographies of his life. The steady-hand buzzer games that the children began in science last week are almost complete and next week the children will be participating in the 'Dragon's Den' style pitch to choose the games that make it to the Christmas Fayre. They are very excited about their games and can't wait to test them out next week!