



**IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE**

COLLABORATION - CONNECTIVITY – INDEPENDENCE – INNOVATION – QUESTIONING – REFLECTION - RESILIENCE

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all the contributions towards the foodbank that came into school as part of our Harvest celebrations this week. It is not too late to bring in items as we will be taking them to the food bank next Thursday. It was good to see so many families at the harvest assembly this week and lovely to see the confidence of Adventurers as our newest learners when they spoke in front of everyone.

**CHANGE to EYFS Christmas performance**

**Please note that the date for the EYFS production (Nursery to Year 1) has changed from the Tuesday to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at the same times in the church.**

**Christmas Cards**

The children are in the process of creating design for their Christmas cards this year. Next Thursday they will bring home their creations and you will have the option to order products with their personal design online. This is a fundraiser organised by the parents and friends.

**Bag 2 School**

**£206.00** was raised in the 'Bag 2 School' event yesterday. A huge thank you to those parents who collected from far and wide. This was a record amount for the school.

**Local food links**

I have attached a competition flyer for any children who would like to take part. The task is to design a Christmas card and winning entries can win a family ticket entrance to either the Tank Museum or Monkey World.



**Biathlon Triumph**

Congratulations to Patrick and Woody whose performance at our first biathlon event last year secured them an invite to attend events further afield. Success yesterday for both athletes may well secure them a place at Nationals this year.

We look forward to the next team event for our year 3 and 4 pupils and wish both boys all the best as they won't hear about qualification till January!

**A snapshot of learning for this week:**

**Explorers** have been busy looking for hedgehog homes and enjoying the sensory nature of the hedgehog touch tray! The week was enhanced by a video of a hedgehog found by Maida's dad and some truly impressive bread making today!!



**Adventurers** have been exploring Harvest and what a Harvest Festival is all about. We used all of our ideas to decorate Harvest themed letters and write our own acrostic poem. On Wednesday we shared our wonderful poem with the rest of the school and parents and attended our own Harvest Festival. The Adventurers presented their poem with confidence, nice clear voices and smiles...and we certainly couldn't feel any prouder! We particularly loved singing along to Cauliflowers fluffy!



**Voyagers** have been labelling parts and functions of trees as well as finding out all about Northern Ireland which culminated in a '15' bake today. The children were particularly interested in the history of the Titanic in the Belfast docks.



**Navigators and Pioneers** have been retrieving information from non-fiction (information texts) using the organisational devices to help find what they need. In theme, the children they have been using their generated questions and research to create an interactive class display.

#### A snapshot of learning for next week:

**In Explorers we will be** basing our learning around the theme of pumpkins .

**In Adventurers we will** be trying to answer our question,' What is History?' by exploring Black History Month. We will be making links to one of our favourite five texts, 'Look Up' and finding out more about Mae Jemison, the first African American woman in space. Get ready space explorers!

**In Voyagers we will be** visiting Scotland and identifying human and physical features on a map.

**In Navigators and Pioneers we will be** writing in first person for a diary account of a visit to a rainforest. In art we will be looking at how we get foreground, middle ground and background detail in our work. In geography we will be looking at the relationship between the tropics and biomes.

**Upcoming Dates**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Shoebox Assembly to launch Christmas appeal**

**Year 3 and 4 Fun Run @ St Michael's Middle School 4pm**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October Year 1 maths information evening 6pm**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October INSET DAY**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October HALF TERM**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October INSET DAY**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Back to School**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Parents Evening in school (see calendar on website)**

Kind regards,



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