

ST WILFRID'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2023

A message from the Mr North...

I wrote in my October newsletter that I hoped the children would be rested before an incredibly busy half term ahead - I wasn't wrong. Christmas at St Wilfrid's is like nothing I have experienced at other schools. It is easy to forget how busy we are preparing to celebrate Christmas. From nativities to carol concerts, from the Christingle services to the pantomime, school has been alive with the joy of Christmas. Staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure that this time of year is special for the children - I'd like to thank them for their efforts this year

As the year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. It has been a joyous and eventful year at St Wilfrid's, filled with growth, learning, and precious memories.

The Christmas holiday is a time to reflect on the blessings in our lives and to cherish the moments spent with loved ones. We hope that you have the opportunity to create beautiful memories with your family and friends.

Warmest regards,

Mark North
Headteacher

Romans 15:13:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

UPCOMING DATES

January

4th and 5th Inset days - school closed to pupils

8th Children return to school

15th Fire engine visit to Foundation Stage

25th Year 3 church service 9:45am

29th F2 & Year 6 weight & weight check

February

2nd Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop

6th Children's Mental Health Week

8th Year 5 (group) Nott Alone mental health event

9th Break up for half term

19th Spring 2 begins

27th Year 5 boys basketball event

29th Year 4 swimming starts

March

1st Secondary school offer day

15th Disco

28th Year 5 church service

29th Bank holiday- school closed

April

15th School reopens

25th Year 3 Mayan workshop

Remember to check out our social media pages for updates



@STWILFRIDS COFE
March

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7th World Book Day

TREASURE ISLAND

On Monday afternoon this week, all the children (& staff too!) watched the panto performance of Treasure Island. Chaplins Pantos came to school for the afternoon and performed in the school hall. I have to say it was absolutely brilliant. There was a huge amount of audience participation and the children right the way down to Foundation engaged really well. A huge thank you to the PSA (Parent School Association) who funded the event. It certainly got us all in the Christmas spirit.

The Panto has been fully funded by the PSA (Parent School Association).



FOUNDATION



We were so proud of our youngest children in school performing their 'First Nativity' last week. They did so well at remembering songs, lines and actions, not to mention being on stage in front of a huge audience for the first time - they did incredibly well!



Everyone had a part to play and they were all fantastic!



Thank you also to all parents and families for attending and supporting this event.

KEY STAGE ONE NATIVITY



Key Stage One put on a wonderful nativity for the school and parents. They impressed us with their confidence at speaking in front of everyone and their amazing vocal performances. I think it is safe to say they did us all very proud.

KEY STAGE TWO CAROL CONCERT



Key Stage two performed their carol concert and St Wilfrid's Church on Wednesday. What blew us all away was how amazing they sounded when they all sang together. Well done to the children who learnt their words, some of which were very tricky and were able to speak with such confidence.



Thank you to all staff involved. Events like this don't just happen- it takes a lot of time and effort from multiple people to ensure things run smoothly.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR GAMES

Year 5 & 6 worked incredibly hard to make their fair games for the Christmas Fair this year. They worked collaboratively with each other to achieve some great results.



YEAR 6 DAART

A few weeks ago, Year 6 held their DAart (previously DARE) graduation. As part of the Year 6 curriculum, children learn about the awareness of drugs and alcohol as well as discussing issues such as peer pressure and bullying. Parents came in to watch their children graduate and put on one of the best presentations I have seen on this subject. They made it thoroughly entertaining but most importantly informative.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

St Wilfrid's children didn't let us down for Christmas jumper day! Right across school, we had a vast array of designs on display.

In addition to it being jumper day it was also Christmas dinner. A massive thank you to Jane and Karen in the kitchen who began preparations for lunch that day at 8 am.



CHRISTINGLE

Foundation and Key Stage 1 went to St Wilfrid's church to celebrate Christingle. The children learnt that the red ribbon stands for the blood of Jesus and God's love, the sticks stand for the four seasons and the fruits or sweets stand for the fruits of the Earth.

SPRING TERM ONE CLUBS**Monday****Basketball with Mr Devivo**

£3.00 per session, per child. Total cost is £15.00 to be paid in full, in advance. Please speak to the office if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals.

Tuesday**Yoga with Claudia**

Paid pupils - <https://stillnessinmotion.as.me/?appointmentType=56118136>

If your son/daughter is eligible for a Free School Meal (not a Universal Free School Meal which the children in Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 are entitled to) please use this link.

Pupil Premium - <https://stillnessinmotion.as.me/?appointmentType=56118158>

Thursday**KS2 Writers Club**

This club is now full however if you wish to be added to the waiting list please speak to the office.

KS2 Table Tennis

Mr Devivo will be running an Table tennis After School Club for Years 3, 4 5 & 6. 3.30pm - 4.30pm every Thursday for 5 weeks. 11th, 18th & 25th January and 1st & 8th February. £3.00 per session, per child. Total cost is £15.00 to be paid in full, in advance. Please speak to the office if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals.

Minecraft Club

running from 3:30- 4:30 every Thursday for 5 weeks from 11th January 2024. The club is open for Years 3-5. The club costs £3.99 per child per session and is paid for half termly in advance. Please use the link to book a place. <https://www.milittlepad.com/>

Friday**KS2 Choir** with Mrs Wood & Mr Clapham

Choir has now moved to Fridays. Please speak to the office if your child wishes to join.

CLASS NEWS

Foundation loved getting into the Christmas spirit with Christmas Jumper Day. They even did some maths, sorting the jumpers according to colour, pictures, designs and Christmas characters!



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Year 1 have been investigating moving parts in books for their Design & Technology project. The class then shared their finished books with Foundation Stage children who loved playing with them. As part of the project, the children has to design a mechanism for their book which either slid from side to side or up and down. After they completed their work, they had to evaluate what went well and what they would change.



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Year 3 have been looking at shape poetry as part of their English lessons. To inspire us, we went outside and did a sensory walk around the school grounds. We had a really nice time and our poems were great as a result!

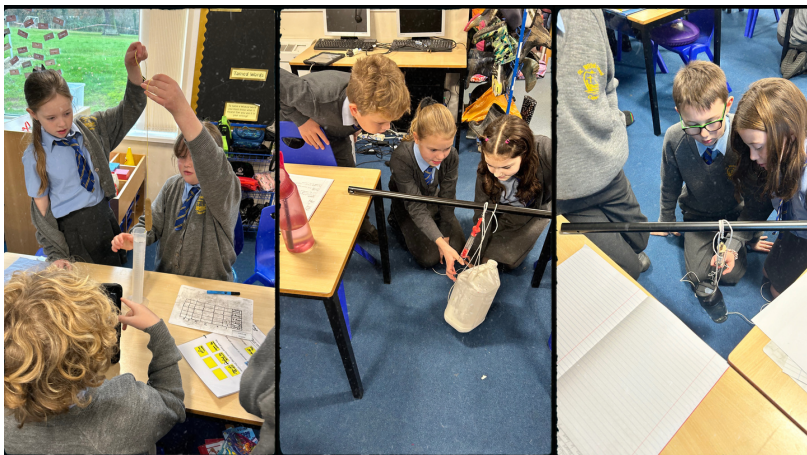


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Year 5 went on their residential to PGL Caythorpe Court in November with Mrs Sisson and Miss Morton. Activities included canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, zip wire and aeroball (to name a few). We had an excellent disco which the children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed- particularly the dance off between Noah and Stanley! We were really well looked after and well fed. Despite the cold weather, all the children had an excellent time and represented the school incredibly well.

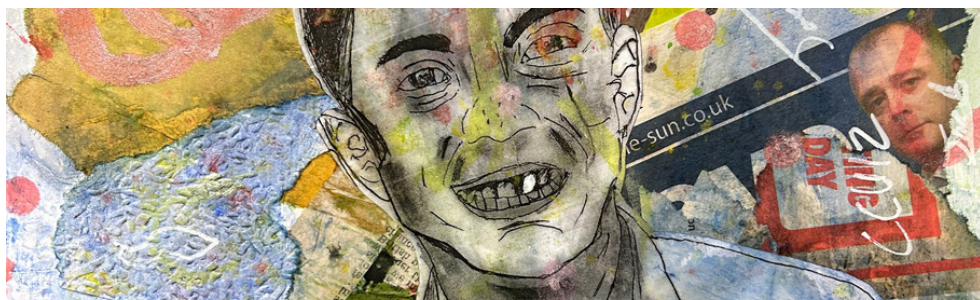
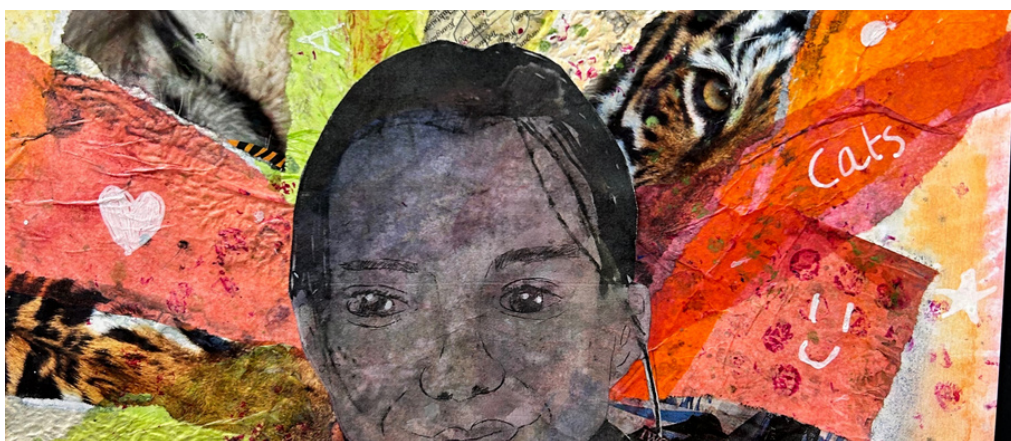


We have also been exploring forces in science this half term. The class have done a series of independent investigations where the children are in complete control of how they answer a question. Investigations in to gravity, air and water resistance are some of the examples of areas covered.



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Year 6 have been studying the work of artist Mike Barrett this half term on the theme of 'identity'. The children used acrylic paint along with collage techniques to layer their art work. Once they had layered, they finished off using ink and pen to add definition. The results were brilliant!



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School Crossing Patrol Vacancy



Calverton and the surrounding areas- we have a challenge for you!!!
We all know that we'll get through our won body weight of
heroes/celebrations/ roses over the Christmas periods all we're asking is
that you save those tubs and bring them into Core if you can.
Our recycling champion Sue will then drop them off at the local Green King
Pub to help with their project to raise money for MacMillan.

Please spread the word with friends and family...

Thanks so much- Sam, Becky and Jane

We're open 9 till 3:45 Monday- Thursday