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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM

DATE: 2ND FEBRUARY 2024

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

This week ended with our Y5 children leading us in a Christingle Service. Christingle is traditionally celebrated on the feast of Candlemas which is the 40th day after Christmas and the official end of the Church's Christmas-Epiphany season. In their service the Year 5's explained that Christingles remind us of the light that Jesus brings into the world. They also challenged us all to use our gifts and values to spread the light and love of Jesus in our homes and communities. We are very lucky at Send to have children who already share their values with us in this way.

Thank you to Miss Rockwood and the Faith Council who lead a special Candlemas worship this week for our EYFS and Y1 children. It was great to hear how confidently and clearly you read out loud and was a wonderful way to enrich our worship offering in school.

It is with sadness that I need to let you know that Mrs Sarah Fowler is leaving our staff team. Mrs Fowler has been a valuable member of our team for many years as both a Learning Support Assistant and ELSA. Mrs Fowler is very sad to be leaving for personal reasons and I am sure that you will join me in sending her our best wishes for the future.

Finally, a plea for any dressing up outfits that your children have grown out of! Please drop them into the office before Thursday for the PTFA Swap Shop.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day in School & Y3 Visit to synagogue

Wednesday 7th February -Sportshall Athletics (YR)

Thursday 8th February - Sportshall Athletics (Y5 am/ Y2 pm)

- After school PTFA Dressing up costume swap shop in The Den

Friday 9th February - **INSET Day school will be closed for children.**

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Monday 19th February - return to school

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

N Acorn - Finn

R Conker - Ivy & Fatima

Y1 Elder- Louis & Sienna

Y1 Willow - Isabelle & Elodie

Y2 Birch- Max & Callum

Y2 Cherry - Darcie & Lillie

Y3 Elm - Albie & Teddy

Y3 Fir - Peggy & Elwood

Y4 Maple - Megan & Bertie

Y4 Cedar- Oliver & Blake

Y5 Beech- Noah &

Evie, Isla R, Fraser, Eva!

Y6 Oak - Scout & kai

Y6 Sycamore - Rocco & Tyler

Values Champion:

(Given to children for demonstrating our school values)

R Conker - Amayah

Y1 Elder - Zac

Y1 Willow - Dominic

Y2 Birch - Hughie

Y2 Cherry - Isla

Y3 Elm - Layla

Y3 Fir - Lela

Y4 Maple - Joshua

Y4 Cedar - Christian

Y5 Pine - Felix

Y5 Beech - Jakub

Y6 Oak - Tom

Y6 Sycamore - Annabel

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Latin Competition

This week, **Hajirah, Paul, Andrew, Alicia and Eyleen** from Y6 visited George Abbot Secondary School to take part in a Latin Day for Y6 children in our local schools. In the morning they had an introduction to Latin, learning to read and say some words. Then there was a team competition - they had to work together to translate a short play and perform it to the judges and in front of parents!



Our team worked brilliantly together, listened well to the introduction and performed with gusto, being awarded 1st Place! They are now going on to the next stage of the competition. The team performed the play in assembly this morning, (the story of Odysseus escaping the Cyclops) and we can see why they were awarded their trophy. Well done to you all!

Cross Country Team

Well done to our Cross Country team for their performance this week too. It was a long and challenging course, with the finish at the top of a hill! You did brilliantly and should be very proud. Thank you also to Mrs Stafford who gives up her morning each week to coach our runners and to Miss Whetlor for attending. Your support is very much appreciated.



Talents outside school

Well done to **Harriet in Y3** who shared her gymnastics awards for her beam skills and **Charlie in Y2** who shared his Man of the Match trophy with us. What great skills you are developing - keep up the great work!

If your child has an achievement from outside school that they would like to share with us, please do let us know.

Costume Swap Shop

In readiness for World Book Day the PTFA are holding a fancy-dress swap shop. Bring your unwanted costumes to school asap and give them to your teacher or drop them into the box in the school office.

On Thursday 8th February at pick up. visit us in The Den and choose a new one, for FREE!