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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday, despite a late start from the coach company, our Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a wonderful experience at Yorkshire Sculpture Park. They had a workshop looking at the different sculptures and artists, completed leaf rubbings, Y4 made a clay sculpture of an Octopus inspired by artist Marialuisa Tadei and Y3 made sculptures of animals they would like to be. What a fun day had by all!

The season of Advent has arrived and our preparations have begun. The children are busy rehearsing their songs for our Carols by Candlelight. In the press you will be aware that many schools are cancelling Christmas nativities and concerts due to the number of rising cases of Covid-19 and the concern over the new variant. However, our plan is to hold a concert outside for you to come along and enjoy. Our risk assessment will ensure that we minimise any potential risk.

On Tuesday, Miss Simmons took our Head Boy and Head Girl along to a full council meeting at the Town Hall in Manchester. This was to launch 'Our Year 2022; The Year of The Child'. During the meeting, councillors from across the City pledged to ensure 2022 is filled with experiences and activities to put the child at the heart of our City. We look forward to exciting opportunities for our children.

We are pleased to have made a link with the Children's Adventure Farm Trust who offered us 50 places over 2 days. The children had a wonderful day enjoying the outdoors, feeding animals, sitting around a campfire and toasting marshmallows. We hope to be offered this experience in both the Spring and Summer Terms so that all children will have enjoyed this by the end of the school year.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Kelly

Congratulations to our Gold Award winners!



Reflection

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent when we light the second Purple candle.



In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about John the Baptist calling people to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. John alerted the people of the need to change some of their ways and to the fact that Jesus was coming.

Yesterday our children, joined CAFOD's Light up the world national assembly. They were tasked with making a pledge to help others and share the light of Jesus this Christmas. Spend time talking to your child this weekend about their ideas. You can also watch the assembly together as a family.



Advent Prayer

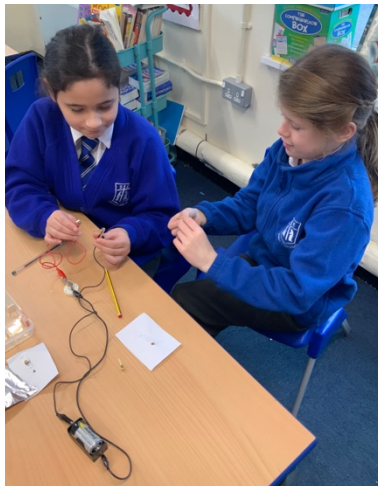
Merciful God,
you sent John the Baptist
to preach repentance.
Forgive us for the times
when we have done wrong,
when we have hurt other people
and damaged our earth.
Lead us to make a change,
to live differently,
preparing a way
and making your paths straight.
Amen.

In the Spotlight: Year 4



At the beginning of this half term, we started our History topic all about the Vikings. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about Viking life in Britain and the interesting saga of Ragnar Lothbrok and his hairy trousers.

In Science, we have been learning about electricity and have made simple circuits, switches and carried out an investigation into conductors and insulators. These skills have helped us in our Design Technology project and we are looking forward to making and designing our very own torches.



Our new topic 'Lightning Speed' will see us learn all about the internet and how it helps us to communicate. This links to our Literacy lessons in which we have been busy writing biographies about Sir Tim Berners Lee - the inventor of the world wide web.



Following on from our previous learning about Andy Goldsworthy and environmental art, we went

on a trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. It was exciting to see the impressive sculptures in real life and learn more about making art in the environment.



It was lovely to see so many of the children in Year 4 make their First Holy

Communion this term and we are excitedly getting prepared for the Christmas season by learning some new songs and carols.



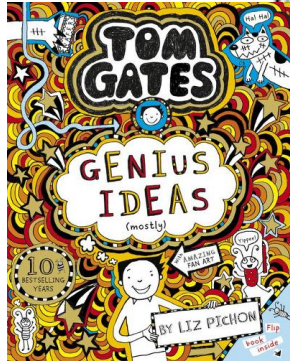
First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. Thank you to Mr Knight and Miss McCrea who prepared them so well for this special stage in their faith journey.

The children were able to enjoy a beautiful service followed by a celebration in school afterwards. Special thanks to Fr Stephan for celebrating this special occasion with us and to all the staff who supported them. It was lovely to receive lots of positive comments and grateful thanks from parents and guests on the day.

Library Corner

This week's Librarian Book Review recommendation is from Rufus in Year 6. He recommends 'Genius Ideas' by Tom Gates. "I like this book because it's funny and very entertaining. Tom Gates is a popular author with all of our class as most people have one of his books I would recommend this book for ages 8+"



Speak to one of our Librarians if you have any suggestions to improve our school Library.

Polite Reminders

School Premises

Dogs are not allowed on the school premises. Please do not enter the school grounds with a dog, even if the animal is being held or on a lead; dogs are not to be brought past the school gate. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Winter Weather

Please may I remind you that the children MUST bring a coat every day to school. The weather is changing every day and we try to get the children out as much as we can, even if it is drizzling.



Attendance WC 29th November

Year	%
Nursery	87%
Reception	94%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	89%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	97%

Attendance Matters



Well done to Year 4 with 99% attendance!

Whole school attendance last half term was **92.5%** which is below our target of 97%.

There are **188** pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

This week we only had 11 children late! Congratulations to **Year 4** with the best punctuality, all pupils were on time every day.

Rights Respecting

Article of the Fortnight

There are two articles that provide a particularly strong link this week:



Article 1 – Definition of the Child

Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

Article 4 – Implementation of the Convention
Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.



Top Tweets



Please look at the tweets below, they give a great sense of what St. Elizabeth's is all about! If you don't already follow us on Twitter, you'll find us at @stelizabethsM22.

A live feed also appears on the front page of the website.

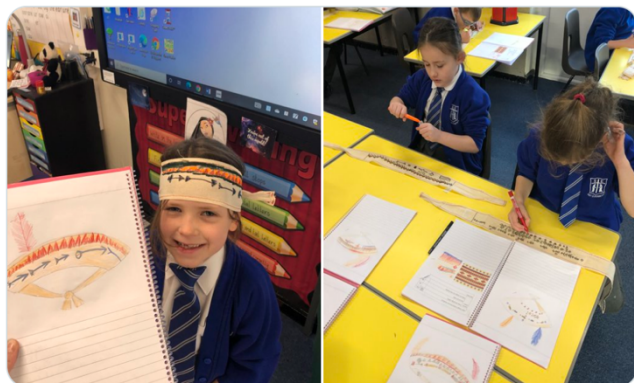


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Year 2 are beginning to make their Pocahontas inspired headdress. They followed their designs very carefully. Next week, they will sew feathers to the headdress.



#DesignTechnology
#LearningMeansTheWorld
@DimensionsCC



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We had the BEST day @CAFTcharity yesterday.

Thank you to the incredible staff and volunteers. We cannot wait to come back and make more memories.



#ThankYou
#HappyMemories



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Today we lit our first Advent candle, the candle of hope.

Our Advent journey has started. Let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome Jesus, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God.

#AdventJourney
#StayAwake



St. Elizabeth's MCR @stelizabethsm22 · 1 Dec

It was an honour to attend @ManCityCouncil full council meeting to listen to the plans for #OurYear2022 The Year of the Child

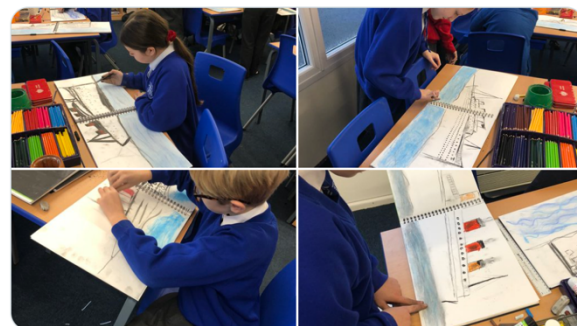
Congratulations to the young people who presented speeches campaigning for children across our city.

#ProudMancunian
#FutureLeaders
@LordMayorOfMcr



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What a morning in Year 6!!! Amazing Art with Andy Leigh. Can you tell what we are creating? #masterpiece #SHOWSTOPPER



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It's not often we have a playground covered in snow!

#LetItSnow
#WinterWonderland



Dates for your diary:



December

Thursday 9th Year 4 & 5 Swimming

Friday 10th Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 15th EYFS Carols in the Classroom

Wednesday 15th Carols by Candlelight & Christmas Markets (further details to follow)

Thursday 16th Christmas Party Day, children invited to wear party clothes

Friday 17th School closes at 1:15pm



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Flash back to last week when our Year 3 and Year 4 children had a wonderful day exploring @YSPsculpture

They particularly enjoyed seeing the work of Andy Goldsworthy after studying his work as part of their Art topic.

#Sculpture
#WalkTalkMake
#FutureArtist

