



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

This week we saw the wonderful performance of our Nativity Play from the Foundation & Key Stage 1 children. Everyone who came to see this magical play agreed it was both heart-warming and captured the true spirit of the Christmas Story. Here are just a few comments we received from delighted parents:

'Just brilliant, the best yet!'

'The singing was amazing. All the children sang together and it was so obvious that they all enjoyed it'

'It could have been a John Lewis advert!'

'It was lovely and we thoroughly enjoyed it from the beginning to the end!'

'The best singing I've ever heard'

The retiring collection across the three performances raised an impressive £442.69 for Stamford Foodbank– thank you so much. A very big thank you to all the St Gilbert's staff for their hard work in making the performances so memorable and to Ruthie Hudson and Sarah Davenport for the amazing scenery!

Upcoming Events

- 08/12/2018** **Christmas Fayre**
2pm-4pm
- 10/12/2018** **EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party**
1:30pm-3:00pm
- 13/12/2018** **Bags2School** Please drop off by 9:00am in the staff car park where a member of the PTA will be there to collect
- 14/12/2018** **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

Attendance!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Each week we announce the attendance percentages for each class, recognising improvement and the class who has achieved the best attendance!

Congratulations to Tigers Class who had 99.05% attendance this week– keep it up!

Foundation Stage

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Foundation Stage! Our classroom has turned a little sparkly already with decorations going up and glittery creations being made.

The children each made a salt dough decoration this week, using their **creative skills** to decorate them in bright Christmassy colours. In the writing area they have been putting their phonics to good use, writing their Christmas lists to Santa. It's great to see them really keen to write and to write for meaning. We also have our very own stable! The children have loved dressing up and playing in the real straw, which has fired their **imagination** and helped them to act out the Christmas story.

Weren't they amazing in their Nativity performance? They worked so hard to learn their song, showing **determination**, overcoming nerves, and putting on their best smiles. We really hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Key Stage 1

What a wonderful week it's been! The children in Year 1.2 and Foundation Stage have demonstrated an **amazing aptitude** for singing and acting in all of their Christmas performances this week! Their **hard work and dedication** towards entertaining their audience has been incredible, and it has been a joy to watch them **improve and perfect** their performance. Well done to everyone - they were Superstars!! We would also like to thank our kind parents for making the most beautiful backdrop and stars for the show. It was just the perfect scenery for the performance!

In Literacy lessons this week we have been reading 'Grandad's Secret Giant' by prize winning author David Litchfield. Through this story the children have been learning about how important it is not to judge people on first impressions and how to **value others** regardless of their differences. The children responded very well to the story asking and answering questions to **deepen their understanding** of relationships with others. They have been thinking about what would happen if there were a different ending to this story, **developing their ideas** through drama and retelling the story.



Please may we ask that you do not allow your children to walk along the wall surrounding the playground. The wall can become slippery in damp weather and we don't want any child to have a fall

Thank you.



Key Stage 2

We have had a very busy week in Year 3/4. The children have been using their **problem solving** skills and have worked as a **team** to tackle a challenge which involved creating the tallest tower using only midget gems and cocktail sticks. They had to think about strength of shape and include everyone's ideas to investigate which way would work best. The tallest tower created reached 41cm! Well done 3/4.

Year 3/4 have also been writing some amazing poetry, using their imagination and creativity. The children looked at a variety of poems, identifying similes, metaphors, rhyming verse and couplets. Poems were then written, based on Winter and The Grinch. The poems which the children wrote were truly inspiring and great fun!

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On Tuesday, Year 5.6 had a fantastic time at the Imperial War Museum Duxford. This was in preparation for their World War II topic they will be studying after Christmas. Highlights of the day included getting up close to over a century of aviation with hundreds of aircraft and objects on display, seeing aircraft take to the skies and even stepping on board Concorde!

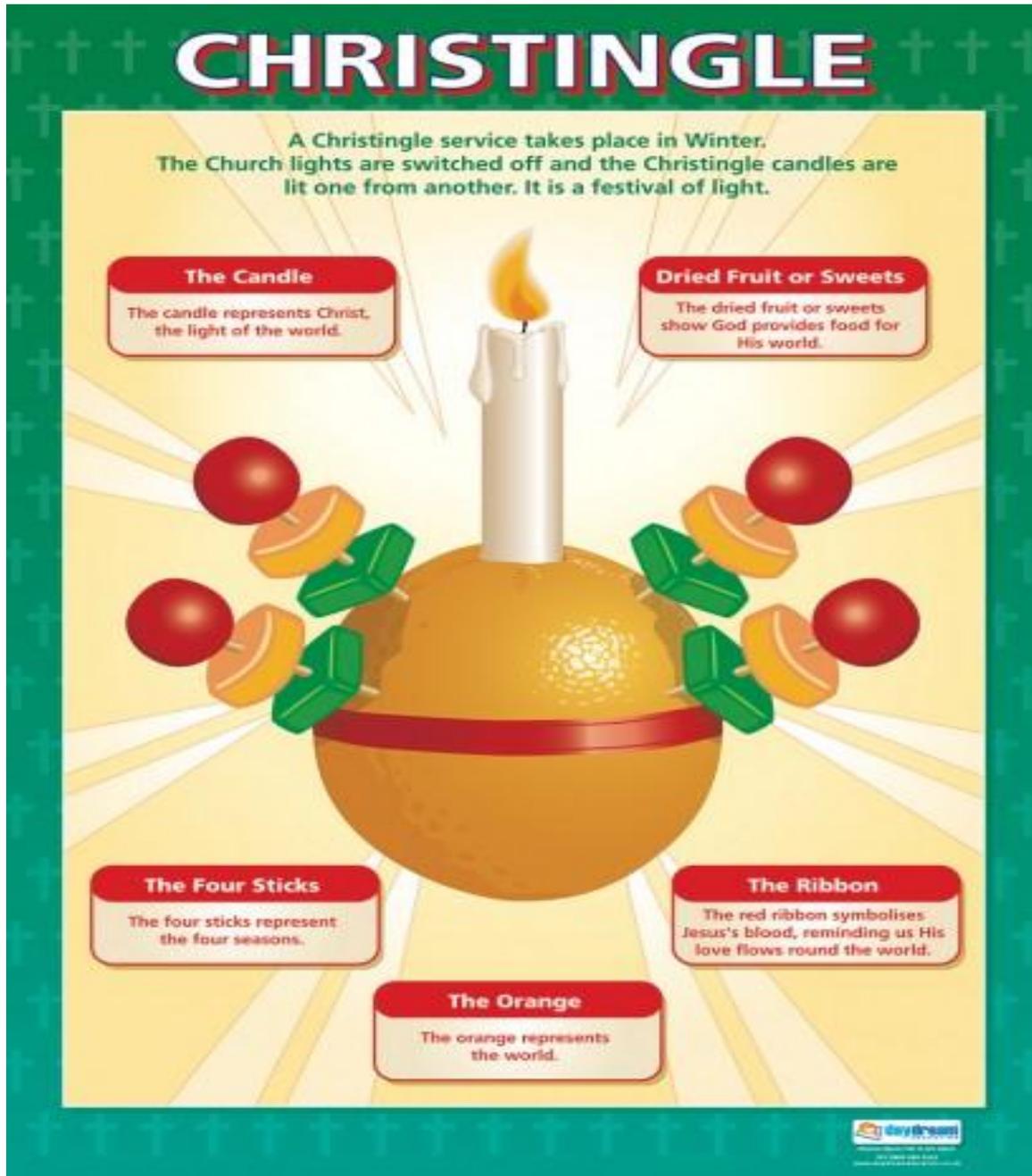
In English, the children used the **skills** they had learnt last week to write instructions on how to make volcanos. They included lots of **higher level punctuation** including colons to introduce a list, bullet points punctuated correctly and great adverbial openers within their method. They are looking forward to making the volcanoes and erupting them next week!

Finally, we have been busy practising carols in preparation for our services in the last week of term; we know they are going to **make all of us proud**.



On Monday 10.12.18 we will have a visitor from The Children's Society to help lead our Collective Worship. The Collective Worship Committee have written special prayers and our school choir will be singing.

All the children will come home on Monday with a build-it-yourself Christingle collection candle, we hope you will engage with Christingle and fill it with your loose change. Any donations will help to support vulnerable children. These collection candles can then be either brought back to school by Friday 14.12.18 or brought to the Christingle service at All Saints' Church on Sunday 16th December.



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