

St Peter's & St Gildas' Weekly Newsletter

15th December 2023

Message from Ms Pantelli

Dear Parents/Carers,

We started this penultimate week of the autumn term with a lovely advent mass for Y4, Y5 & Y6 at church - it was a wonderful way to start the week! We are planning a whole school mass at church next term; hopefully some of you will be able to join us.

We have had lots of fun at school this week, with a pantomime, Christmas lunch and our Infant Nativity. The Junior school children thoroughly enjoyed watching the Infant and Y3 production at St. Peter's and they were a very encouraging audience.

I'm sure you will all join me in thanking the teaching and support staff, whose efforts make possible such impressive and enjoyable events. We look forward to the Y4, Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert on Monday and the Friends' Christmas Carols in church on Saturday.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, as parents and carers, for your ongoing support of our school.

Each small action or gesture contributes to the whole picture that makes up our school community, and your continued support is recognised and appreciated.

Wishing you all a fun-filled and joyful end to the autumn term

Ms. Pantelli

Inset Day

Please note there will be an INSET day on **Monday 22nd January 2024**.

School will be closed for children on that day.

From us to you!

This week, we will be sending home a copy of Mark's Gospel as a small Christmas gift for each family in our school.

The Gospel of Mark will be used during mass this liturgical year, up until advent 2024. You can check the gospel each week - it will be referenced in the Wednesday Word, which is posted on Google Classroom every week.

Advent Giving Calendar

A reminder that we are collecting for our local food bank this Advent.

Please use the calendar for ideas, but do feel free to send in what you can, all donations gratefully received.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

At the end of this term, we will be bidding farewell to Ms. Lawrence, as she leaves us to take up a new role. Ms. Lawrence has worked at our schools for 9 years and she will be missed by both staff and children.

We wish her all the best as she embarks on a new chapter.

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Christmas Treat

A big **THANK YOU** to The Friends' whose fundraising enabled the whole school to enjoy the Panto 'Peter Pan' this week

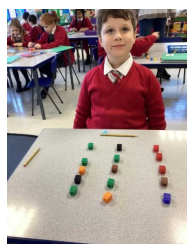


In Year 1 this week, we had some fantastic acting going on, when re-telling the Nativity story as part of our R.E curriculum.



Not a moment of learning time is wasted in Year 2. Here they are, making the most of a few moments before the dress rehearsal!

We also enjoyed our delicious Christmas lunch this week.



This week Year 3 have been working on multiplication and created arrays using cubes. The children are working hard to recall multiplication facts.

The children had great fun at the Christmas lunch. They even enjoyed the sprouts!

Thank you to the kitchen staff for making it a success.

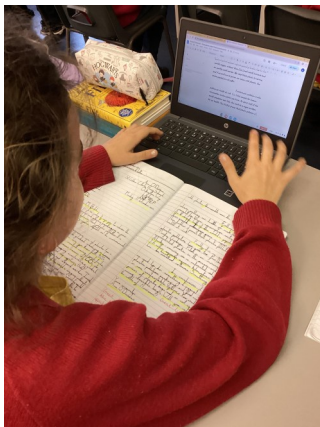


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In Year 5 we found out how to make casein - a type of plastic, from vinegar and milk in this week's science lesson plus some photos of us having a lovely time enjoying our Christmas dinner.



In English this week, 6O were writing persuasive letters to Mr Rami Baitieh who is the new CEO of Morrisons regarding the companies use of plastic packaging and it's effects on Global Warming. The children then typed their letters using the Google Chromebooks and once their work was complete they were able to enjoy time playing games on TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed.



What an amazing week we have had in 6M!

Oliver started the week by bringing in his Scrummy Yummy Chocolate Bar that he created for the Wonka competition run by Intofilm.org. He kindly shared it with the whole class!

Mmmm. Have you made yours yet?

On Wednesday we had a festive Christmas Pantomime based on the story of Peter Pan! Oh no you didn't. Oh yes we did! We really enjoyed it and it was a real treat in the middle of the week! After the pantomime we had our Christmas lunch! There were crackers, jokes, hats, charades (Mrs. Johnston is the best at this game – good luck trying to beat her!) cake and Christmas music.

And most of all there was joy!

Words by Oliver R. Connor.

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Sat 16th Dec: Friends Event - Carol Service at St Peter's Church 4.30pm

Mon 18th Dec: STG Carol Concert 2pm (Y4, Y5 & Y6) - Parents Welcome

Wed 20th Dec: Whole School Awards Assembly 2.45pm

Wed 20th Dec: Friends Event - Non-uniform Day, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine Sale with Carols

Thurs 21st Dec: Class Parties. Non-uniform Day

Thurs 21st Dec: End of Term. Early dismissal 2pm

Mon 8th Jan: Start of Spring Term 1.

Mon 8th Jan: After school activities resume

Wed 10th Jan: School Tours - Prospective Parents 10am

Mon 15th Jan: Deadline for Admissions to Reception & Y3

Mon 22nd Jan: Inset Day - school closed to pupils



School Attendance

94.8%	Whole School Attendance
96.8%	Congratulations to Year 6O for achieving first place with their attendance
96.1%	Well done to Year 4 who came second



This week's Birthdays

Evie (Y2) & Florence (Y6)

Wishing our birthday children a very Happy Birthday!

