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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

6th December 2024

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,



Tickets for the Christmas productions are still available on Arbour - 2 tickets per child. Tickets are £1 and this will include a mince pie and a drink of juice on arrival.

It makes such a difference to the children when they have a good audience so please try and join us for these events.



Breakfast and After School have been awarded a 5-star rating for food and hygiene following a surprise visit by the local authority. A big well done to Miss Waller and her team for achieving the highest award possible.

Well done!

Breakfast club is open from 7.30am until 5.45pm for any child in school, including **nursery pupils**.



Dates for your diary

Oh my goodness! There's so much happening, it won't all fit in the usual spot.

Take a look on the next page and make sure you don't miss out on anything that's coming up!



Dates for your diary



Wednesday 11th December - FS2 Trip to Playhouse

Thursday 12th December - Christmas celebration at St Mary's Church - details to follow

Thursday 12th December - Christmas jumper day - £1 - all monies raised will go to Save The Children

Monday 16th December - Church & Christingle Service - please join us at St Mary's Church; drinks from 9.00am

Tuesday 17th December AM - KS2 Christmas Concert 9.15am school hall

Tuesday 17th December PM - KS2 Christmas - 1.15pm school hall

Wed 18th Dec - School Christmas Lunch

Wed 18th Dec AM - FS1 and 2 - 9.15am Carol Singing & stay and play

Wed 18th Dec PM - FS1 and 2 - 1.15pm Carol Singing & stay and play

Wed 18th Dec PM - Y1 & Y2 Nativity - 2.00pm

Thursday 19th Dec AM - Y1 & Y2 Nativity - 9.15am

Thursday 19th Dec - Party Time - Please donate £1 to cover the children's snacks - juice, crisps, cookies. Any allergies will be catered for by Taylor Shaw. Children can arrive in party/festive clothes.

Friday 20th Dec - Christmas jumper/party clothes for our last day before the holiday.

DRAMA WORKSHOP

Year 3

Y3 were fortunate enough this week to participate in a Sheffield University drama workshop based on the 'The Tortoise and The Hare' fable. The children were part of the crowd supporting either the tortoise or the hare.

They took part in small groups activities and were able to be active participants in the story. It was a wonderful experience for the class and one we all hope we will be able to be part of again.





An amazing time at Bramall Lane

We had an amazing time at Bramall Lane on Tuesday watching the England vs Switzerland Women's International friendly match.

Final score, 1-0 to England! Special thanks to Pedro for accompanying the group and leading the cheering!



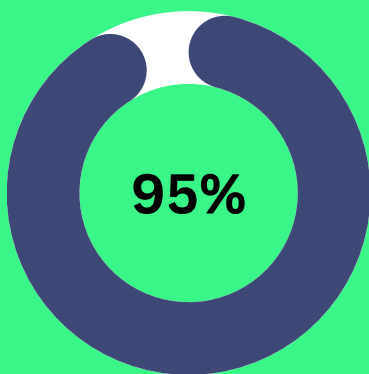


Well done everyone at the Ice Curling Event

Well done to the children who represented St Mary's at an ice curling event. They picked up the sport very quickly, and didn't fall over too much!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

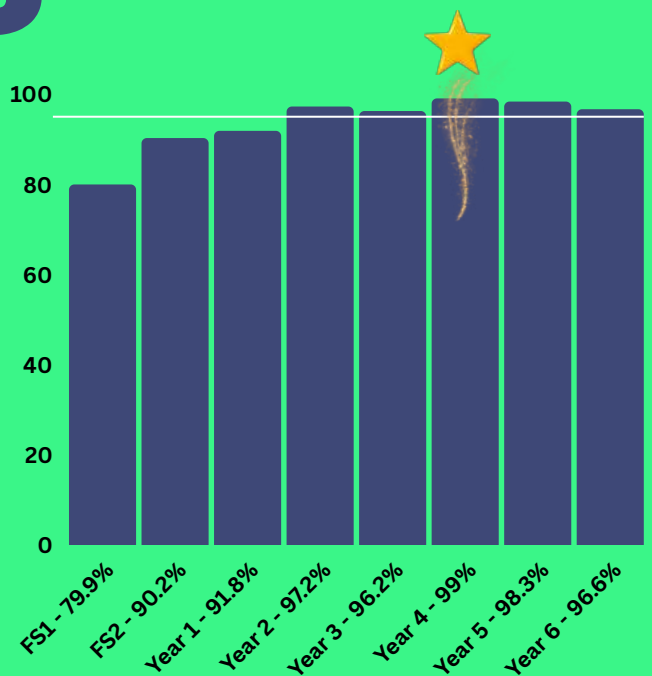


Our whole school reporting attendance for the week (27th Dec - 3rd Nov) is 94.98%.

All classes that achieved 96% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

Year 4 are class winners with an amazing 99%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra 10 minute attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE Year 4



Year 4

WE HAD A TWANGINGLY GOOD TIME LEARNING ABOUT...

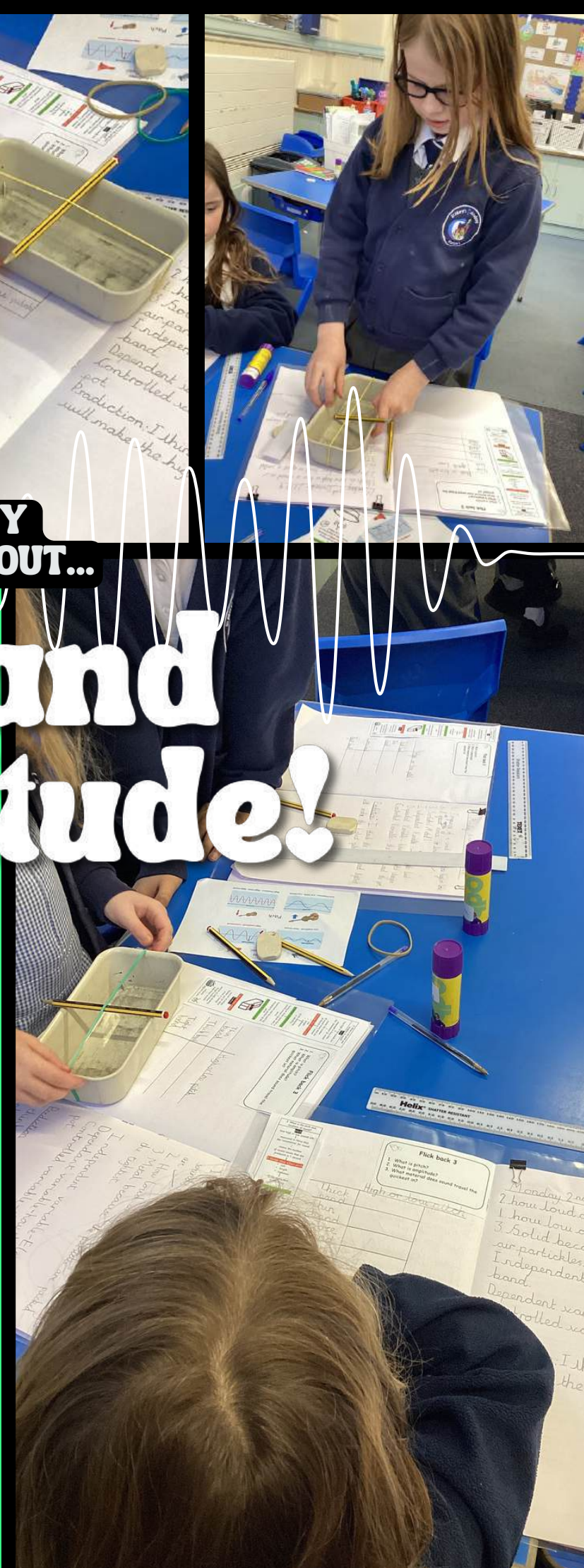
Pitch and Amplitude!

Year 4 have been investigating pitch and amplitude and how to change the pitch of a sound.

We decided to investigate the affects of an elastic band that was tight, loose, thin and thick to see if the pitch would change when twanged.

The children worked in groups to record their results and conducted a great investigation. I was very impressed with the scientific explanations.

Well done, Year 4!





Nursery & Reception

Christmas Activities

This week Nursery and Reception have enjoyed taking part in a range of Christmas activities. They have wrapped presents for Santa in his workshop and they have written Christmas wish lists. They have also developed their fine motor skills by rolling the playdough to create Christmas pictures.



Year 5/6

WORKING HARD ON OUR

Climbing Skills

Well done to the Y5/6 children who attended an indoor bouldering practice session at Climbing Works.

The children worked really hard on their climbing skills, and they received lots of compliments for their amazing behaviour at the centre and on the bus travelling to and from the event.

We look forward to the competition round in January!



Christmas has begun

IN Year 2

On top of all things nativity, year 2 have enjoyed crafting some fantastic Christmas cards using cotton wool.

The children shared some wonderful stories about how they intend to spend Christmas with their families this year, along with some very big wish lists for Father Christmas.

Well done, year 2!



Year 1

TESTING FOR THE BEST

WATERPROOF MATERIAL

Y1 have had a fantastic time testing their umbrellas! We tested whether fabric or plastic was the best material just like Charles Macintosh!

Brilliant work Y1!



'TIS THE Season

This week, Y5 really enjoyed creating Christmas baubles in different 3D shapes to decorate our class Christmas tree.

Some of the children even challenged themselves to make more complex shapes such as dodecahedrons.



SAVE THE VULTURES

Year 6 Explores Persuasive Writing

Year 6

Y6 have been learning all about vultures this week in English.

They have been creating information texts that include elements of persuasion to try and persuade people to save these endangered creatures.

We have looked particularly at using modal verbs, adverbs for frequency and possibility and parentheses.

