

St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter

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28th November 2022

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Using Drama in the Curriculum

Beginning on 16th November, we had a three day visit from Tim Taylor, who is a lead trainer across the country for Mantle of the Expert. This is an approach to education that uses imaginary contexts to generate purposeful learning. The children see themselves as a responsible team who are commissioned to carry out different tasks. For example, in Ducks and Toucans, the children were imagining that they were running a Bear Sanctuary. They thought about what would need to be inside the sanctuary and they then thought about how they could persuade a very sad bear (from the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt') to enter the sanctuary and feel happy there. The children drew maps of the sanctuary and then Drama was used to act out the bear arriving. The children were engaged for well over an hour in this context and probably would have continued all afternoon.

Tim Taylor then led our staff Inset Day and inspired us to use this approach in different areas of the curriculum. It was wonderful to see the Year 1 children continuing to use the approach to plan a party for a space alien as part of their English learning.

Have a lovely week,

Dot Patton



Christmas Church Service

On Wednesday 14th December at 11:00am we will be singing songs from our Nativity at St Michael's Church in Aldershot. Families are welcome to join us.

Please do not enter the Church until we have seated all the children. Seating will be fairly limited, but there is plenty of room to stand near the back of the Church.



Staff Update

From Wednesday 4th January, Mrs Thorley will be joining Rabbits Class on a Monday and Tuesday and Miss Lucas will be in Owls and Flamingoes Monday to Friday.

Governor Update from Kevin Davies- Chair of Governors

Welcome to our new parent governor, Paula Goddard, who joined us this month. We've also welcomed 3 new co-opted governors – Stephen Corcoran, Darren Cornwall and Sue Tadman – leaving us with 1 vacancy on the board. If you'd be interested in joining us, please contact the school office.

Governors are unpaid volunteers who work with the school leadership team to ensure the school has a clear vision. They support the leadership team, hold leaders to account for the school's performance and make sure the school's money is well spent.

Open Library

After the Christmas holidays, we will open the library up once a week after school. This will give you the chance to go with your child and change their library book with them (if your child would like to). The library will be open after school on a Wednesday, starting on Wednesday 4th January 3:10-3:45pm.

Diary Dates Autumn 2022

Monday 28th – Donation Week for Friday's Christmas Fayre

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre
Nativity Dates:

Thursday 8th 9:30am– Rabbits

Thursday 8th 2:00pm– Hedgehogs

Friday 9th 9:30am – Moles

Monday 12th 9:30am – Owls and Flamingoes

Monday 12th 2:00pm - Badgers

Tuesday 13th 9:30am – Ducks and Toucans

Tuesday 13th 2:00pm – Foxes

Wednesday 14th 9:30am – Parrots & Penguins

Wednesday 14th 2:00pm – Squirrels

We ask for only two adults per family please and no younger children. Thank you for your understanding.

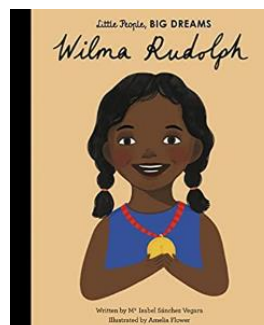
Wednesday 14th 11:00am – Christmas Church Service at St. Michael's Church

Thursday 15th Christmas Lunch Day

Friday 16th Last day of term

The Royal British Legion and Children in Need

Thanks to your generous contributions over the last couple of weeks, the school has raised an amazing £194.20 for the Royal British Legion and a staggering £366.45 for Children in Need. Thank you all for your support.



Collective Worship

Over the last few weeks we have been learning about our school value of Perseverance. The children have been learning about Wilma Rudolph and how she won Olympic gold medals despite being told she would never be able to walk when she was a young child.