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Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News 14th December 2021

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Advent in School

We are thrilled to be able to go ahead with all of our Advent celebrations this week. Yesterday, our Nursery and Reception children got the final week of school off to a triumphant start with their wonderful traditional telling of the first Christmas. Huge congratulations go out to all the children. The singing was wonderful! It was hard to believe that this was the first time they had been on stage in front of a live audience. My sincere thanks go out to all the Foundation Stage staff for their hard work in preparing the children and to all the parents/carers and families who came along to support them.

Today, it was the turn of our Year 1 and Year 2 children who equally shared a wonderful telling of the Christmas story with us. Again, the singing was wonderful and all the acting and narration was so confident too. Thank you and congratulations to all the children, as well as the KS1 staff for all their hard work and parents/carers and families for all your support.

We are really looking forward to our **Advent Mass** tomorrow which is always a very special celebration in school. We will be focussing on our Advent theme this year of 'Go Light Your World'. We hope it will be a very spiritual and reflective celebration as we await the coming of Our Lord.

On Thursday morning, all the children and staff will be joining together to celebrate the Christian tradition of a **Christingle Service**. My thanks go out to Ms Jennings, our RE Leader, for preparing this service and to all the families for ensuring the children all have oranges ready to make their Christingles. I am sure it will be another special celebration.

On Thursday evening, we are delighted to share with you the **PFA Carol Service** in the large hall. St Francis School Choir have been practising extremely hard over the last few weeks to bring a mixture of traditional carols and more modern Christmas songs to this event in celebration of the very first Christmas. The newly founded St Francis Staff Choir will be making their debut performance too. Please support our PFA by coming along to this event, popping a donation into the bucket and enjoying an hour of Christmas celebration with tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards.

We Wish All Our Families a Happy and Holy Christmas

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%

WELL DONE TO YEAR 5 ON 100% ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK. THIS IS AM- AAZ – ING!!!

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 6.12.21.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	88.00	93.08
Year 1	84.00	93.14
Year 2	98.67	96.22
Year 3	92.26	97.18
Year 4	90.98	95.57
Year 5	100.00	96.61
Year 6	89.93	95.62
Average	**91.98%**	**95.34%**
TARGET	**97.00%**	**97.00%**

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Merit Worship 12.12.21.
Our Merit Winners: FS1 Samuel; FS2 Eva; Y1 Ava; Y2 Sophia; Y3 Alice; Y4 Jayden; Y5 Lucia; Y6 Casey. Well done to everyone.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Isla in FS2 for being a Foundation Stage Superstar! Isla has impeccable manners, particularly at lunchtime andis always helpful and kind.

Big Cat Merit Reading Award: James in Y1 for his excellent attitude to reading. He is reading constantly in school and out of school.

Kaleb has graded to yellow belt in taekwondo and he's so proud of himself. 😃

Here is Milana who we mentioned last week getting the same award.

School Meal Increase
Bradford have announced their new meal charges and from 1st January 2022 the cost of a school meal will be: Nursery: £1.75 for children in F30 class and for Years 3 – 6 £1.95.

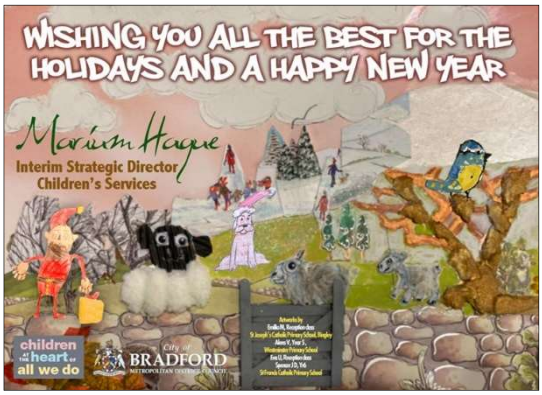
This 5p rise is the first increase in our school meals prices since January 2019. School meal prices in the Bradford district remain amongst the lowest in the country, and are still excellent value for money for a nutritionally balanced 2 course lunch.

Do you think you may be eligible for benefit related free school meals? Even though your child may be receiving universal infant free school meals applying for benefit related free school meals can bring other benefits with it. Follow the link below to apply.
https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/

After School Club
Please note, as is the case each year, there will be no After School Club on Friday 17th December. Many thanks.

Christmas Card Competition

We are so proud of Spencer in Y6 and Eva in Reception who were winners of the Bradford Council Christmas card competition. Both children attended a very special event at Bradford Town Hall, where they met the Lord Mayor and were presented with amazing prizes. Their winning entries will be used on the front of Bradford Council Christmas cards, which will be sent out to people all over the district. Congratulations Spencer and Eva!



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