

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we are already at the end of another term? It only seems like yesterday when you all joined us to celebrate Advent. We have had a wonderful term. It is only when we reflect on our social media pages that we realise how much we have achieved in an extremely short period of time.

The curriculum is becoming more embedded with each week and we can see this in the way the children are articulating their knowledge. Continue to ask them about their day and what subjects they are enjoying? Their knowledge and understanding blows us away.

We launched into our term with a visit from Father Daniel for the Epiphany, we felt very special when we had our rooms blessed. 3P managed to secure their Blue Peter Badge for their amazing reading and the whole of year 3 and 6 represented the school extremely well on their visits to Mass at St Aidens. Year 6 have really developed their DT culinary skills cooking pasta. In January our new music room was launched.

Year 5 have enjoyed their Bikeability and those who have completed the course are now able to cycle safely in their local area.

Year 3 visited the Think Tank Museum in Birmingham and despite a postponed visit, everyone coped well and enjoyed the experience. Year four have embraced map co-ordinates and early morning maths boosters as well as a visit from the Vikings. Year 2 have blown us away with non-chronological report writing and contemporary dancing. Safer internet day was a great success.

Our nursery children have settled well into the new year and their exploration of Chinese New Year has been something else. They have enjoyed a banquet and made masks and lanterns. Their dragon dancing was phenomenal.

EYFS made some rather disgusting sandwiches inspired by Gareth Edwards the author of 'The Disgusting sandwich.' Meanwhile in Year 1 they were building towers and amazing bird feeders. Children's mental health week gave us food for thought and this is supported weekly through our 'knit and natter' group and when we spend time in our Forest School.



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We celebrated Chinese New Year and enjoyed a visit from Father Pawell. This year our wonderful mission team worked hard to secure pancakes from our local ASDA. Father Simon and Father Shalbin lead two beautiful services for Ash Wednesday.

I think when we reflect upon the term, we can see that the children are indeed embracing a broad and balanced curriculum. Once again, I thank all our amazing staff for making all of the ideas into a reality, to governors and the OLICAT trust for their continued support and most of all, to you the parents who give us the privilege of teaching your wonderful children every day.

Have a wonderful half term break. See you on Monday 26th February 2024!

God bless,
Mrs Dodds
Headteacher