

St John's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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The last few weeks have been a busy time at St John's. Many events have taken place and the children have had a lovely time in the run up to Christmas.

Your generosity and support for our Cafod, Poppy Appeal and Children in Need charitable events has been exceptional and is greatly appreciated. Inspired by your kindness, some of the children have developed their own fundraising ideas and donated to many wonderful causes. On behalf of myself, staff and governors of St John's I would like to say how proud we are of all of the children and families in our whole school community and wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school in January 2024.

Miss D Maudsley

Guess the Name...



Congratulations
to the winners of
our Guess the
Name of the
Reindeer and Elf
games.

The winning
names were
Lionel & Tiny



Nursery Singalong



Our **Nursery children** had a wonderful time learning a lot of new Christmas songs in the run up to Christmas. The children's families came to Nursery to watch the children's merry singalong. The children sang loudly and with lots of enthusiasm... it was an absolute joy for all to hear!

Attendance Assembly



What a fantastic first term we have had for super attendance at St. John's! We had 262 pupils achieving excellent or most improved attendance in our termly attendance assembly. Keep up the amazing work and keep attending every day!

Nativity

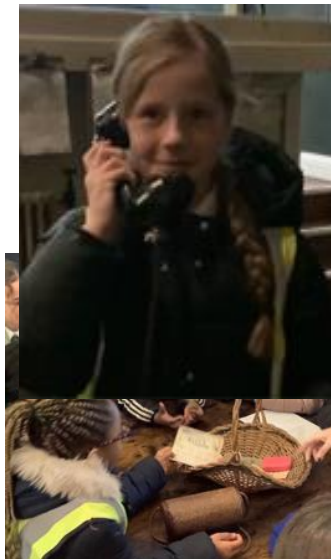


Our Reception and KS1 Children performed a wonderful nativity performance for their families. All of the children worked very hard to learn their songs, lines and dances and performed confidently in front of their audience. We were very proud of them all. Well done!



Our KS2 children, parents and staff celebrated our annual **Carol Service in Church**. The children read amazingly and sang beautifully. Thank you to our Faith Friends group who played a huge part in this service. A special thank you to Father Peter who said mass and also attended many of our Christmas events in school.

Western Approaches



Year 6 visited Western Approaches Underground World War II bunker where they learnt all about life during WWII and how Liverpool supported the war effort. They had a tour around the bunker and took part in different workshops to learn about the impact of WWII on Liverpool.



Resonate
Our families were very impressed to watch a wonderful concert performed by the children.





Year 5 children had a lovely afternoon singing carols at **Walton Manor Nursing Home**. This has become an annual event, one which is looked forward to by the children and greatly enjoyed by the nursing home residents.

Our City: Liverpool

Year 2 went on a **FANTASTIC** trip as a celebration of our wonderful geography topic, 'Our City: Liverpool' we went to the **Museum of Liverpool** and even got to take a trip on the world famous **Ferry across the Mersey**.



Santa Dash



Thank you to all our generous parents and Carers.

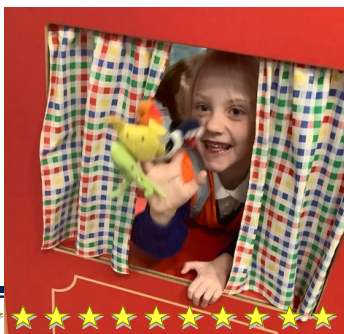
We have raised an amazing **£741.17** for Cafod



Our Year 5/6 football team had their first game of the season and came away with a convincing 8-3 win! *Well done, a great start to the football year!*

Year 1 Museum Trip

Year 1 visited Museum of Liverpool to learn about Toys from the past and the present. We enjoyed a workshop in which we had the chance to explore a variety of toys and put them in chronological order as well as have a little play. We had a great day!



School Council



Our School Council have been working incredibly hard during this festive period. In true St. John's style, they have had a very busy and productive time, organising a fundraising event (disco/film day) for the whole school to enjoy.

Year 4 had the opportunity to work with **Liverpool Foundation Football Club** to complete a **STEM project**. During these sessions the children used their coding skills to program and control iRobot's, indi's robots and sphero robots.

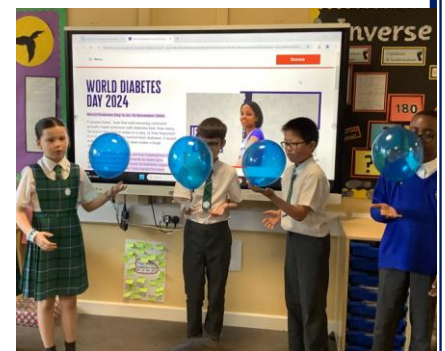
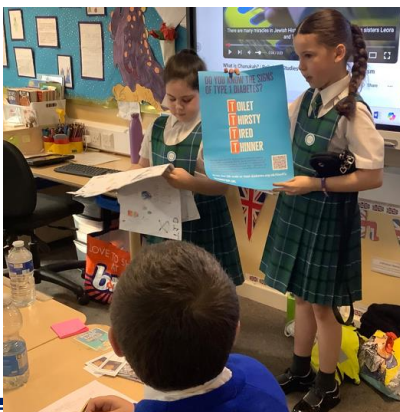


Catalyst Museum

Year 3 enjoyed a wonderfully fun and fact-filled day at The Catalyst Museum this term. We took part in a workshop learning about rocks and volcanoes, and the staff at the museum were very impressed with the knowledge our pupils shared about this subject. We also thoroughly enjoyed exploring the Discovery Zone.



We had a great day for **#DiabetesAwarenessMonth** making wristbands and posters. We played a balancing game using balloons to represent managing blood sugar levels. We even had tasty cupcakes. We also had chance to ask questions to our very own type 1 diabetic superstar.





A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who helped to raise an amazing £503 for Children in Need. Congratulations Everyone.

LEST WE FORGET

Year 2 children presented a Remembrance Day Assembly for their parents and carers to commemorate our heroes of wars current and past.



Some of our children used their own initiative and entrepreneurial skills to raise money for Cash for Kids. We are so proud of you all!



Advent Assembly



Year 4 were delighted to perform their Advent Assembly with their parents and carers watching. The children explained the meaning of Advent and how this is the period before Christmas which celebrates the birth of Jesus.

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their **Shakespeare workshops** where they learnt and performed A Midsummer's night dream and Romeo and Juliet. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended their performance.



This term **Faith Friends** planned and delivered an Advent themed **Messy play** for the **year 1** children and their families. Activities were based around the story of the birth of Jesus with children making Advent wreaths, paper angels, shepherd silhouettes and tree decorations to name a few.



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its beginning to look a lot like christmas

The children have enjoyed Christmas Parties, Movie Events, Discos, Christmas Dinners, Very Special Visitors, Party Games and much, much more on the run up to Christmas.



School finishes on

Friday the 20th of December at normal time

Children return to school on

Monday the 6th of January