

Friday 20th December



We have finally made it to the end of this long and very busy term! A huge thank you to the Foundation Stage and KS1 staff and children for their fantastic shows over the last few weeks. The acting, dancing and singing was superb and as one parent said, "It was clear that all the children had great fun performing and it set the Christmas tone beautifully". I would also like to thank the staff and children from Granby Primary School who came to watch our Foundation Stage show. You were a well-behaved and thoughtful audience who patiently waited during a technical hitch! Our year 6 and Reception children enjoyed visiting your school too to watch your show.

St. Andrew's Church

Unfortunately the weather stopped our visit to St. Andrews Church however the Reverend Rowena Bass kindly visited us at school instead to help us understand what Christmas means to Christians.

Music Concert

Mrs Rupp put on a fantastic end of term music concert for instrumentalists, string groups and the choir. Some 120 children were involved showing how musical Montrose is!

Awards

Our termly awards took place this week to celebrate the hard work, success and achievement and personal qualities of children in years 1 to 6. Families were invited to attend the presentations and share in their success with tea and cakes. Well done to all of the children who received an award.

Art Competition Winner



We are very proud of one of our pupils, Celio Carreiro-Lee, whose artwork has been selected as part of the 'Open 30' competition at New Walk Museum. Celio's painting is being exhibited at the museum until Monday 27th January 2020. Fantastic work Celio!

I would like to thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful holiday and enjoy spending quality time with friends and family. I would like to encourage all children to spend some time reading during the holiday and have promised them a box of Maltesers if they complete 14 reads! I look forward to seeing you all back for the start of the spring term on Tuesday 7th January.

Mr Owens, Head teacher

Lunchtime Activities & After School Clubs

Monday

Y3/4 Football Training
Training for competitions

Y1-5 Football

Y1-6 Street dance

Y4-6 Art Club

Tuesday

Y2-4 Girls' Multisport

Y4-6 Minecraft

Y4-6 Netball

Wednesday

Y2-4 Boys' Multisport

Y3-6 Cross Country

Y3-6 Basketball

R-Y2 Multi-skills

Thursday

Y5-6 Street dance

Y5/6 Football Training

Y5-6 Football Training

Y2-3 Art

Friday

Y5-6 Girls Football

Y1-6 Dodge Ball

Y2-3 Minecraft

Any worries?

Our Family Support Worker, Donna McAteer, is available to support with a range of issues. Contact her at school or on 07378 285273.

The Inn-Spectors performed by KS1

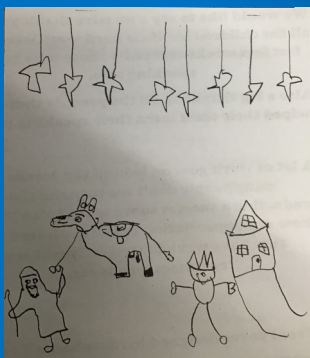


"I thought it was really fantastic, I enjoyed being in it and liked the inn-spectors and the grumpy guests the best!"

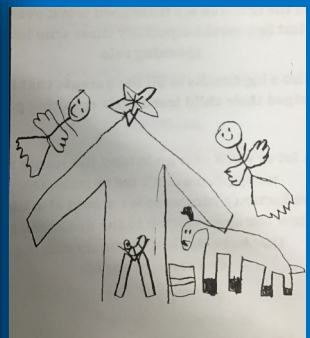
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It was very enjoyable, I had a really great time and the singing was a lot of fun. Anna 2M



By Stephanie in Y2.



By Macey in Y2.

Christmas Dinner





Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th January

Spring Term Starts

Tuesday 16th January

Basketball Event at New College - selected pupils

Tuesday 28th January

Year 1 trip to Beaumanor Hall

Thursday 30th January

School Photographs

Friday 31st January

Jack and the Beanstalk Production

Wednesday 5th February

Assembly - author visit

Friday 7th February

Number Day

Wednesday 12th February

Dance festival - selected children

Friday 14th February

Last day of Term

Eco-schools

As a school we are currently working towards achieving a green flag for our Eco-Schools award. Unfortunately, we have noticed a large amount of single use plastic being thrown away, especially plastic water bottles. Therefore, after the Christmas break the office will no longer be selling water bottles as we would like every child to be using a reusable water bottle daily. To help with this every child will receive a free water bottle to use (courtesy of Britvic) and will have your child's name written on it. We hope you will support us on our journey to reduce single use plastic!



Year 2 made delicious gingerbread this week filling the kitchen area with a beautiful aroma. There have also been practical activities taken place in other year groups. Year 6 have even sewn their own stocking!

An increasing number of children bring **mobile phones** to school so their families have a way of contacting them whilst they are going to and from school. Unfortunately, we are finding they are not being used solely for this purpose, but for social media and video. We are concerned that children are less safe as they are 'on' their phones on the way to school and not paying close attention to what is happening around them. We also feel that there is increasing peer pressure on children to bring phones to school.

In order to prevent these issues, and after discussion with a group of families, we have decided that from January, the only phones that will be allowed in the school will be simple phones with no internet access or camera. These phones will still have to be handed into the Office on arrival and collected from the Office at the end of the day. A Nokia 105 is available from Amazon for approximately £15 and can be used for calls.

