

St Bede's School Newsletter

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Chinese New Year Celebrations



As part of Chinese New Year, we gave the children an opportunity to enjoy and partake in Chinese dancing (*below*) and dragon dancing (*above*) recently. Over two days the children experienced the delights of oriental movement using parasols, fans and a beautiful dancing dragon. Around the school children also looked at other aspects of the Chinese culture. Everyone agreed that the experience was really beneficial for

the children and they really enjoyed it. Thanks to Mrs Burton for organising. Additionally the children in Year 2 also celebrated Chinese New Year recently, as part of their learning

on China (World Kitchen topic). The children started the day recapping some of the information they had learned about China and thinking about how Chinese New Year is



This Sunday's Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'



Dates for your Diary

Parents Evening—Monday 6th and Thursday 9th February in the school hall

St Kateri Liturgical Worship—Tues 7th Feb at 9.10am in the school hall—please join us

Non-Uniform Day on Thursday 9th February.

INSET Day—Friday 10th Feb

celebrated. They then created their own decorations and cooked vegetable spring rolls. They spent the afternoon decorating their Chinese lanterns using their watercolour skills that they learned in Art (*right*). It was a fantastic day!

Year 6 Trip— Last Thursday Year 6 took a step back in history as they delved into the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. This year, Year 6 have been learning about Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece and there are few better places to look than the Ashmolean's amazing collection of artefacts. Each class spent half the day exploring the museum inde-



pendently and the other half in an Ancient Greek workshop. They came across a number of Ancient Egyptian treasures and even found a mummy! Perhaps the best part of the day

though was the workshop that the children attended led by an expert from the museum. They spent time exploring Ancient Greek statues, guessing the origins of mystery artefacts and even having a democratic vote (having learned that Athens is the home of democracy). The children thoroughly enjoyed the day there are certainly a great many budding historians in both classes. *Reported by Mr Sharkey*

Sports News—Last Monday our Year 5 and 6 athletes (*lower right*) went to compete in the indoor sports hall athletics competition. With four other schools there, the top two would make it into the finals in March. After competing in running events as well as various field events, St Bede's athletes came runners up and will now be competing in the next round! Congratulations to all athletes.

Last Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 football team were in action against Merton school. They played 4 games, drawing 2 and winning the other 2. They maintain top of the league after a superb performance from all players. *Reported by Mr Hunjan*

Well done to the children who have won these recent awards:

***Moira V
Adrian O
Antonina GK***

Mission Hearts

***Connie G
Antonia F
Dara B
Oliver A
Jude R
Raymon G
Freja D
Olivia B
Max KL
Sofia L
Amelia M
Nicole C
Oghosa I
Charmaine P
Jaden A
Lewis F
Eli BB
Emilia C***

WOW Awards

***Jericho Y
Lucia AP
Jeremiah A
Hans L
Ciara M
Sofia M
Phebe S
Xavier B
Emma S
Mya A
Lucas N
Kalil O
Dermot L
Eason F
Shawn R
Michaela C
Kacper Z
Jason N***



Have a lovely weekend...

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