

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## Maiden Castle looking at animals and their diets in Science



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great week at St Mary's and have been very pleased to see the sun and a lot less rain!

Iceni class had their first of four rehearsals with Hanna Trevorrow from DASP music, for the upcoming Year 4 DASP concert. The concert will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm, to which two adults per child are invited to attend. The children will have a final rehearsal with other schools during the morning of 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Iceni class have also been very busy in their English lessons. They have been learning about newspaper articles by becoming reporters. Their articles will be about a mystery creature washed up on the beach, which has been affected by plastic pollution.

They have decided on a headline, written an introduction and listed ideas for the rest of the content of the article. They then spent time interviewing eye witnesses. The children are really enjoying this process.

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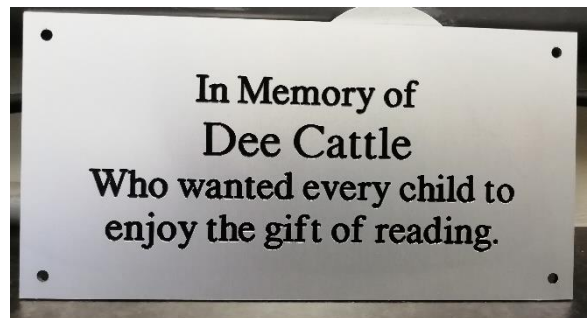
## Thank you & In Memory

Maiden Castle class have been exploring ways of multiplying in maths using manipulatives.



As you will know, we were very grateful to receive a generous donation for our library from Erin, Naomi & family, which is a legacy in the memory of the family's Great Aunt, Dee Cattle.

A good number of new books have been placed in the library for the children to enjoy, some of the books were chosen by the children. We had a presentation in Assembly and will put up a plaque in the library in memory of Dee.





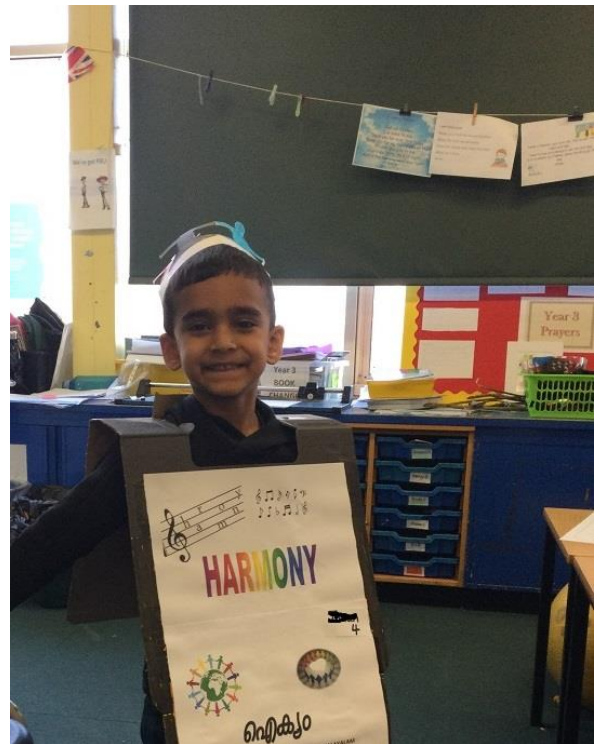
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## Upcoming events

**Future Event - World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – we would love for children to come to school dressed to represent a 'word' and to also translate this word into a second language.

Here are a couple of ideas from last year.

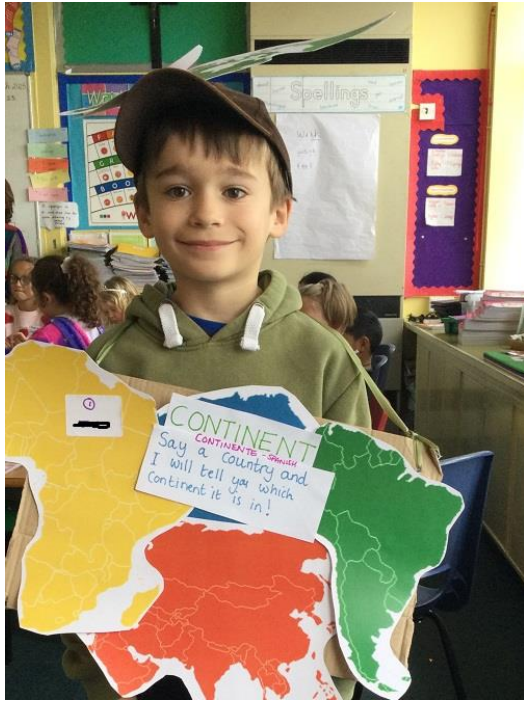


## After School clubs

Our sports after school clubs ran this week with hockey, multi-sports and archery. The school-led after school clubs will start next week, including singing, Eco club, ICT and Lego building.

If you have requested a place, you should have now received a confirmation email.

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Over the half term holiday, if you are able, please take a photo of your child reading in their favourite place so that we can make a display of these photos on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. Just email the photo to the school office – many thanks.

Date	Event
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Parents' evenings via google meet, face to face or phone – details to follow on Google Classroom
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Children finish for Half Term – take a photo for our World Book Day celebration of your child reading in their favourite place and email to the school office for our display.
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school after half term holiday
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebrating World Book Day – children to come dressed to represent a 'word' & Translate it into a second language.
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 DASP Concert at 6.30pm – parents/carers invited.

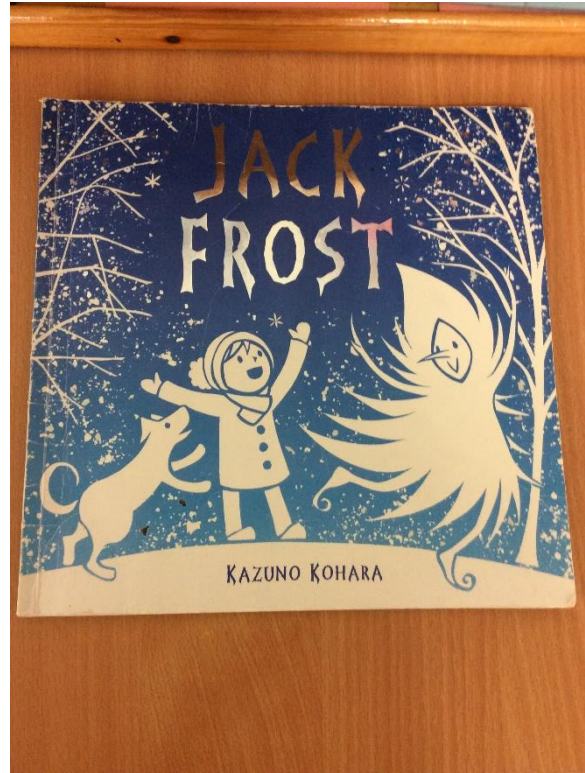
## Kingston

This week in Kingston the children have embraced the cold weather, finding lots of ice in the garden. To follow on from this, they found some natural objects to place in water to see if the objects froze overnight.

In the classroom some children have been making and decorating snowflakes, and we read Jack Frost to go alongside the cold theme.



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This week's kids' Corner comes from our Icení class, telling us what they have enjoyed and learnt this week.

I have enjoyed our reporting about an unknown creature.

Arthur

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I enjoyed doing  
gymnastics in PE.

Molly

We enjoyed being  
reporters in  
English.

Ruby and Oliver

I have enjoyed  
learning about plastic  
pollution and looking  
at newspaper  
reporting.

Jack

Have a good weekend.

*P. Fearn*

Paula Fearn  
**Headteacher**

I have enjoyed  
dividing in Maths.

Ida