

St Mary's News



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Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a good Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! Hopefully you will enjoy reading St Mary's News which contains news of what happened last half term. Look out for the next edition in February.

Polly and Hannah

St Mary's Crib Blessings

Burrator class went to South Brent Parish Church for a crib blessing. This involved setting up a crib in church, then having a service involving readings from the Bible about the lead up to the birth of Jesus and prayers. We all had our own readings and some of the Year 6 pupils wrote their own prayers to read out. At the end of the crib blessing, Burrator children had biscuits and a drink. We were all given little guardian angel badges and chocolate. The other two classes also led blessings at the other two parish churches in Ashburton and Buckfastleigh. We all really enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to next year!

By Eleanor L



Film Premiere

Last year all of Burrator class were involved in the process of making a spectacular film representing the Abbey's Education department. After the long time of waiting for scenes to be edited and a movie to come together, Burrator finally could see their finished project. So everybody gathered to watch their work, but they didn't expect what was in-store for them.

Luke Davies, from the media department, was the movie mastermind, he knew exactly what he wanted and he made it even better! Burrator were awarded with a golden mini Oscar for their fantastic movie which is now displayed in our trophy cabinet. We can't wait to make our school movie this year!

By Mahlia



Cookery Club

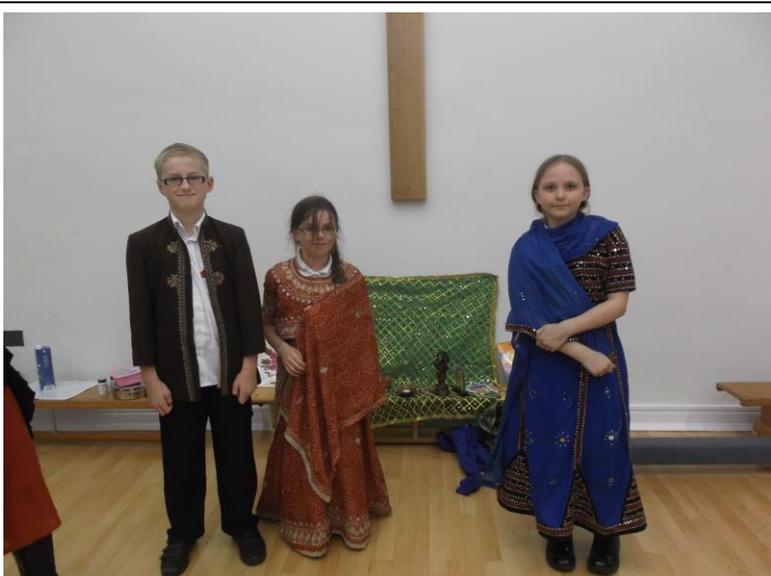
Last term, Mrs Owen kindly ran cookery club again. This time the club has been attended by all of the year six girls and one year five girl. We've made lots of yummy things so far including banana bread, oatmeal cookies, cheese and bacon muffins and stained glass biscuits. We all really enjoyed attending the cookery club and look forward to taking part again this term. By Eleanor L

Diwali Day

On the 9th November Sandhya, a cultural champion, came into school to tell us about how she celebrated Diwali. She showed some photos of when she celebrated Diwali with her family. Then she showed us some of the special clothes they wore for Diwali. We were able to try on some of the clothes and looked at special objects used at Diwali.

In some of the classes, the pupils made special diva lamps used at Diwali and also heard the story of Rama and Sita.

By Denham



Netball festival at South Dartmoor

On Wednesday 2nd December Burrator class went to South Dartmoor school to take part in a netball festival. We did a variety of activities to improve our skills and we also played some matches. Although it was raining everyone enjoyed it. We weren't the only ones who attended as lots of schools from the local area took part. Some of the older children from South Dartmoor Community College helped run the festival.

By Toby R



Buckfastleigh Rotary Club

The choir took part in two events organised by the Rotary Club last term. We took part in the concert they organised, which starred the Newton Abbot Orchestra. In addition, we went to St. Luke's church again for a Christmas spectacular which took place as part of the Buckfastleigh Christmas Fair, also run by the local Rotary club. We went into town after school and sang a few carols and a lot of other Christmassy songs from our Christmas cantata. Everyone got to make a little lamp to take home and walk around the town with later on. We all enjoyed ourselves and got to see lots of different Christmas activities that were going on around us. It was great fun!

By Scarlett



Morwellham Quay

On the 5th November Burrator class went on a school trip to a place called Morwellham Quay. It is a place where everything is made to be like life in Victorian times. Burrator were very excited as we arrived at the front of the door of reception. We were walking to a masters house so we had a look inside and it looked like the wife was cooking dinner for the family and the husband had come back from a hard day at work. The person said that we could go and have a look upstairs, so we went up in the ladies room and into a miner's house which housed 12 people at one time. There was also a chance to go on the train through the Victorian mine and learn about the sorts of jobs people would have carried out.

Finally we spent time in a Victorian schoolroom and dressed up as Victorian children.

By Dan

Victorian Day

On Friday 4th December Burrator class experienced what it would be like to go to a Victorian school for the day and all the punishments. Each pupil took the name of someone who attended St Mary's when it first opened. We dressed up as Victorians and carried out lots of activities such as drill practice on the playground.

By Lillian



Story telling and King Making

On Monday 7th December Fernworthy and Burrator classes went to the Guest Hall to hear a story told by Alison. The story was based on the three wise men, and how they travelled to Bethlehem to worship the new king, Jesus. We also went to the Education Centre to make one of the three kings. I made many mistakes with the sewing and failed miserably many times, but Miss Slack helped me out!

By Tobias

Science Lab After School Club

This half term pupils in Fernworthy and Burrator have enjoyed attending an after school science club run by Mrs Evans. We have carried out lots of different activities all linked to forensic science. We have looked at finger printing and chromatography along with lots of other exciting techniques!

By Ben



The Christmas party and Father Christmas

On the 26th November we had our school Christmas party organised by FOSMs. When we arrived we played some games, the first game was we had to balance a balloon on a sledge and pull it from one side to another without the balloon falling onto the floor. The next game was musical statues and then we played Duck,duck, goose.

After the games we had a disco and some party food. Earlier in the afternoon each class had also had a visit from Father Christmas who gave out presents to each child and also a present for each class to share.

By Tianna



Ivybridge Gymnastics Festival

On Wednesday 9th December our class Burrator went on a class trip to Ivybridge community college, where we went to watch some of their students perform a gymnastics show. When we arrived we had a tour guide waiting for us, Mr Kerswell, who showed us how to get to the sports hall where it was taking place.

After the performances we asked our class what they thought, they all thought that it was amazing, epic and our teacher didn't know people could do such amazing things!

By Joseph

Venford Celebrations!

Over the last few weeks Venford have been learning about Celebrations such as Diwali, Guy Fawkes and Christmas. Whilst they were learning about Diwali they made some little diva lamps which led Rama and Sita back to the castle. Pupils in Venford also had their own Santa's Grotto which was made as part of the topic.

By Polly and Imogen

Christmas Cantata and Nativity

Well done to everyone who took part in our Christmas Cantata and nativity at Buckfast Abbey this year.



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