

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 14 – DECEMBER 2023

Attendance Champions

Week 14

1st Place – Year 5: 98.52%

2nd Place – Year 4: 98%

3rd Place – Years 3 & 6 : 95.52%

5th Place – Year 1: 95.33%

6th Place – Year 2: 93.57%

7th Place – Year R: 88.57%

Curriculum Corner

The Year 2 children made Christingles this week (see photos). A Christingle is a symbol of Christianity and they are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets or dried fruit and a candle. Each of these different elements has a special meaning:

- The orange symbolises the world.
- The red ribbon shows God's love for the world and the blood of Jesus.
- The sweets/dried fruit represent God's creations.
- The four cocktail sticks can represent either the four seasons or the four corners of the world.
- The candle represents Jesus being the light of the world, bringing hope to those in darkness.

The children were rightly proud of their Christingles - although some of the sweets did seem to be missing by the time they reached the gates at the end of the day!

Notes from the Head Teacher



Dear Families,

It has been a very long term and I think we are all looking forward to a restful and joyous Christmas break.

It has been lovely hearing so many carols being sung around the school at the moment. The children are practising so that they are ready to share their singing with you at the Christmas Service next Thursday. We are looking forward to seeing lots of families there so we can spread some Christmas joy. Also, our Year 6 class travelled to the Whitgift Centre in Croydon today to sing some carols to the shoppers. I am sure they brightened up many people's days as they sang the songs they have worked so hard on.

Next week we have the Christmas discos, Elfridges and our Christmas lunch to look forward to. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers or a Christmas accessory with the rest of their school uniform on Tuesday 19th (Christmas dinner and Elfridges day).

Have a lovely weekend.

Reflection

On Monday we looked at the moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared before Mary to announce that she was to have a baby who she would call Jesus. This baby was the son of God.

We discussed how Mary would have felt during this event, with shocked, scared, and special being amongst some of the suggestions.

We reflected on who we could trust if we were faced with surprising events and decided that family, friends, teachers and God can be trusted in times of need.

“Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!”

