

# MICKLEOVER TIMES

December 2023

## KS1 Nativity

We couldn't be prouder of Key Stage One. They performed 'The Little Big Nativity' with so much enthusiasm and sang with so much gusto! Their listening skills, their levels of focus and their joyous humour have made this Nativity one we will never forget! What a brilliant bunch they are and we are sure you're all bursting with just as much pride as we are!



## Y1 Christmas Activities

Year 1 had a great morning at Mickleover Methodist Church, doing Christmas activities. We chose a costume and dressed up as Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds and Wise Men. We danced and acted in our costumes whilst we listened to the Nativity story. We loved it and the teachers and helpers loved watching us.



We also did some Christmas craft

activities. We all made an angel and a thaumatrope. A thaumatrope is a Victorian toy. We drew a baby on one side and a manger on the other side. When it spun around, the baby looked like it was in the manger. Thank you to all the adults from the Church, who organised the activities for us and to the parents who helped too.



## Reception Performance

'I liked being Rudolph,' by Cillian

'I liked singing Going around the Christmas tree,' by Freya

'I liked listening to the singing on the stage,' by Zaki

'It was good (my Christmas pudding),' by Eden



### Christmas concert at the Cathedral



On Wednesday 29th November, the Year 5 and Year 6 choir members went to Derby Cathedral, to take part in a Christmas concert, raising money for Rainbows Hospice. We joined together with four other schools and sang 4 songs: Viva la Vida, When Christmas Comes to Town, When Children Rule the World and I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas! Our school had to sing the harmony in the first song and a special part in the second one.

We gave up many lunchtimes to rehearse these songs for this special occasion and enjoyed it very much.

By Ella & Katherine 6MH

### 3S Sports Fest

On Wednesday 15th November, we went on the bus to Derby Tennis Centre. We played four games. The games were: rugby, hockey, basketball and football. The first one we played was basketball. We had to use both hands, then we just used one hand. We scored points by going around coloured cones. The next game we played was rugby. We then played a game with two teams. We had to throw the rugby ball to the other person. To get points, we had to use the ball to touch the white line. Next we played football. We got into pairs and practised tackling. After football, we did hockey. We had to use the flat side of the hockey stick and we had to dribble through the cones - this scored us points, We had a great day and we learnt lots of new skills.

By Thea & Sophie 3S



### Anglo Saxon DT

As part of their DT, Y5 made Anglo-Saxon drawstring pouches designed to hold Anglo-Saxon runes or something else precious. To start off with, the children cut out templates and pinned them to Fabric, then drew around them and cut out their pieces. Then they designed and painted their own Anglo-Saxon motifs before sewing them all carefully together.

Everyone was really proud of their bags. Archie exclaimed, "This is the best thing ever!"

Everyone will be keeping them as a fantastic memory of year 5.

By Evie & Tabitha 5P



### Spare Clothes

If you have any trousers, skirts, joggers/leggings (up to age 7) that your child has grown out of and you are willing to donate to school as spare uniform, along with any pants and tights, it would be greatly appreciated by the reception team.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Walker who is expecting a baby in May next year.





### Y5/6 Football tournament

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 boys from Year 5 and 6 went on a journey to John Port School for a football tournament. After we arrived, we had to wait a while until they let us on the pitches, so we did some warm up stretches to prepare. Eventually we were ready for our first game – we won 1-0 (but it should have been at least 3-0!) Shivering in the cold, we had a break and all wrapped up in our warm coats as our hands were numb. Mrs Wild was really supportive and helped the team lots.

Going into our second game, we had our heads up ready to win. We scored first, but then the other team scored a late equaliser to make the final score 1-1. There was no break after that match so it was straight into the next.

Although we felt we played well, unfortunately we lost 1-0.

There was just one match left. Picture the scene: it started to drizzle with rain; the ball was slippery; and we had everything to play for. No goals were scored right up to the final seconds. However, we were unlucky as they won the point.

Overall, it was a great afternoon and we will hopefully be luckier next time. Thanks to Mr Hatton and Mr Lyons for their superb coaching skills.



By Isaac & Alfie 6HW



### Balance Bikes in Ladybirds

Arthur – 'I liked going on the balance bike but it was really good on the pedal bikes. I went very fast!'

Luca – 'I liked the balance bike. It helped me get better at riding a bike.'

### Cyclo-Cross

When we arrived at school, we met Miss Payne straight away and headed to Cyclo Cross at Moorways. It was a short journey in the mini bus and when we got there we saw a giant muddy track that we had to race on! Once we got used to the bikes, we started the races. First of all, we had a girl's race, which was fun to cheer and watch. Then came the boy's race, which had no mercy and was pretty tough! Finally, we had the relay race where we took it in turns to race around the track. It was a really fun morning, but incredibly muddy!

By Archie & Joseph 5P



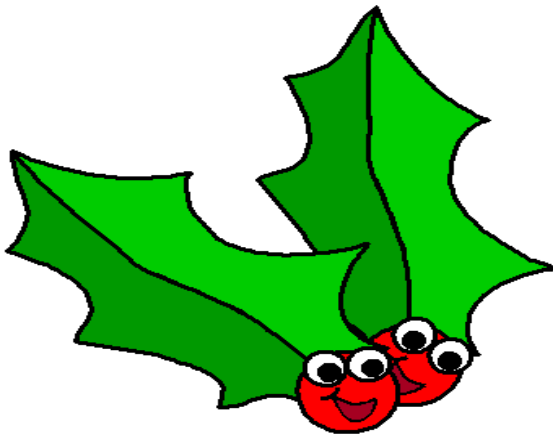
### Y6 Fire Safety

This term we have been studying safety. On 15th November, a member of the fire safety team visited to talk to us. She gave us a jigsaw of the inside of a house to solve and find the hazards. She also taught us about the fire triangle: heat, fuel and air and how a fire cannot survive without them. Halfway through the talk, a fire alarm went off! It was a fire drill, but she said that as a school, we were great at getting out of the building. She also said that our families should have a safety plan in case we need it.

By Phoebe 6MH

## Christmas Word Search

O B E A Y H A R E E S P G L R T  
F R Q N G L E T O B A R N R V I  
C W N I A I I T N Y M E I U S N  
M O E A N C E M E A T S F D T S  
Y L O D M L Y N A U S E F O H E  
S L E K T E M D R F I N U L G L  
O E L S I I N K N U R T T P I C  
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F M H C H Y S S T O C K I N G S  
S E I R R E B N A R C S E V L E



candycane  
chimney  
Christmas  
cookies  
cranberries  
elves  
family  
holly  
lights  
mistletoe

ornament  
presents  
reindeer  
Rudolph  
Santa  
sleigh  
stockings  
stuffing  
tinsel  
turkey



The staff and children of Mickleover Primary School wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BACK IN SCHOOL ON MONDAY  
8TH JANUARY