



The Friday Messenger

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Friday 6th December 2019



This week we have begun our daily advent reflections; these have involved the children listening to and reading a variety of prayers, poems, readings and reflections. I have had the pleasure of being part of a number of these this week and the reflective and prayerful nature in which all classes have approached these has been wonderful to observe. Finally, I would like to say a huge well done to all those children involved in leading our Advent service this week. I know you will all agree they did a super job preparing all of our family for the Advent season.

Our Curriculum Theme is....

Advent



Year 1	Year 2
This week in RE the children remembered that Mary had to wait for the birth of Jesus. We read the story of the Annunciation and discussed how Mary agreed to be the Mother of Jesus and how she felt waiting for Jesus to be born.	This week in RE, we have been continuing our topic 'Preparations'. Children explored the Advent wreath and what parts of it represents. We also started our daily reflections and the children have behaved very sensibly in a prayerful manner. They have reflected on the meaning of Advent, as well as exploring how people celebrate Christmas in different parts of the world.
Year 3	Year 4
This week we have been learning about the Jesse tree, in particular the meaning behind it and some of the symbols linked to it. The children then designed a symbol they would choose to represent themselves on their own family tree. They also learnt about the prophet Isaiah and how he announced the coming of God.	This week Year 4 have continued their Advent topic- 'Gift'. They have furthered their knowledge and understanding of the season of preparation for the birth of Jesus- Advent. Also, they have read and discussed a scripture reading from St John's letters with a focus on who Jesus was and why he came to us on earth.
Year 5	Year 6
This week in Year 5, the class listened to readings of the Prophet Isaiah and created presentations which celebrated in joyful hope the coming of Jesus. The presentations were in many different forms such as song, radio script, PowerPoint and through drama as the children looked to get the message across in a contemporary way. We then looked at the prophet Jeremiah to understand his message to wait for the Promised one.	This week in RE, Year 6 have been listening to a hymn named 'Maranatha', which is an Aramaic phrase meaning 'Lord, come', and discussing the meaning of the lyrics as well as how we could apply the morals of the hymn to our own lives. We have also spoken and produced an informative leaflet on our expectations of the Messiah's coming and how that would make us feel. The children have worked hard this week to be very reflective during our Advent topic.

Values For Life

This month's value is... Hope

Action!

Write your own hope, peace, love and joy prayers that could link to the Advent wreath

Sacred Heart and St Oswald's Parish News

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 7th–14th DECEMBER A Christmas Activity for the family, decorate a Christmas tree or a branch, the theme is 60th Anniversary of St Oswald's Church or Christmas. Bring your tree or branch to the parish hall and set it up 5-7pm on Friday 6th December or 9.30am-12.30pm Saturday 7th December. Pick up a leaflet in the entrance foyer for more details