



Dear Parents and Carers

Please find below, a small selection of pictures of the past week's Christmas events.



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Christmas Celebrations

We have had a lovely time celebrating Christmas with our Reception Class Nativity and our evening Carol Service. Both of which showed how wonderfully talented our children are and how special it is to come together to celebrate Christmas. We have come together for our Autumn term music concert which had such a significant amount of children playing. The range of instruments played and the talent shown is very impressive.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for these events.

Our 30th Anniversary

Kirkby Lonsdale has a very long tradition of educating the children in Kirkby Lonsdale and the surrounding parishes. 30 years ago the school was opened to accommodate the growing need for a new school as many small village schools had closed in the area. This week we celebrated the 30th anniversary of being on this site after the National School closed. We celebrated with Bishop James Newcome (Bishop of Carlisle) and Rev. Richard Snow, who joined us for the celebrations.



Christmas Dinner

We had a lovely time together enjoying Christmas lunch with crackers, party hats and many Santa hats worn! The staff worked very hard to ensure the children had a great time and enjoyed some lovely food!



A very big well done to James L and Amelia D who passed their Flute Grade 1 this week. It is so special to see have such musically talented children throughout school and it is so important to celebrate achieving grades and seeing the children improve. Well done to both James and Amelia! Congratulations to Isabel L who was on radio (Magic FM) playing Jingle Bells on her clarinet! Well done!

Judo Inter School Tournament

Many of our children took part in
Esmee (Y6) who attended, wrote this short piece about the event:



Today I travelled to Settle Primary school with five others to take part in the inter schools Judo. I was really excited about going as St Marys has only just started Judo with head coach Danny and I was proud to be going as a team. I knew it would be tough as four of The St Marys Judo Warriors were very new to judo and inexperienced but we were ready to take the other schools on!!!!

Oh my word, what we lacked in technique we made up for in determination and we all really supported each other and we were ammazzzzing in all our categories !!!!

Esmee Holgate	FIRST	Alex Mounsey	FIRST	Luke Kulman	SECOND
Ethan Zahler	SECOND	Zac Cliff	SECOND	Oliver Life	THIRD

A special mention needs to be given to Alex who in his first fight threw his opponent in three seconds and won on an awesome 'ippon' (judos highest point scorer!!!) having only done judo for 1 month! And Oliver who took on really experienced judo players and nailed them a few of them!!!!!! I was really proud of all our school team, especially those who had never fought before. We were small in numbers but slammed so many we ended coming overall second in the competition! I feel this is just the beginning for St Marys in Judo and I predict the next tournament belongs to us..... Come On!!!!

Have a wonderful Christmas time.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 5th January.

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