

St Margaret's CE Newsletter

January 2019

St. Margaret's C.E.



Welcome Back

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable Christmas break and on behalf of staff and governors may I wish you a Happy New Year!

The lead up to Christmas was, as always, a busy time; it was superb to see so many of our parents attending our nativity performances. Additionally both the Reception bedtime story session and Year One Christmas celebration were equally well-attended – thank you.

Enrichment

Children continue to access a range of enrichment activities. The half-term began with a whole school Diwali celebration including dance workshops, a Diwali themed lunch and a trip out for some of our KS2 children to a Hindu Temple. A special thank you to our parent governor Champa Bhudia for her invitation to the Temple and her assistance with planning our themed lunch. Further highlights from the last half-term include a whole school anti-bullying week, trips out to the Gallery Oldham for Oak, Heron and Durban, a Stone Age workshop in school for Twist Class and Oak Class enjoyed a unique screening of The Snowman at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, accompanied by a live 26 piece professional orchestra.

Throughout the term all KS1 and KS2 children studied a whole school topic on The Great War, with this year being the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed a 'Poppies and Poetry' workshop, with all children making a contribution to the finished performance and all children were treated to a return visit of Key Strings musicians who took us through the key events of World War One through music. In addition all children created a poppy to add to our prayer corner.



Thank you

We raised an impressive £221 for Children in Need. Furthermore our WE Schools group appeal for the Ancora Project was highly successful: thank you for your generosity in providing essentials for disadvantaged children and adults whom otherwise would receive very little.

Worship

Towards the end of the half-term we asked each class to think about the guidance that Christians believe the star gave to the Wise Men. Whilst thinking about something they might need guidance about, each child in school made a star which was added to our prayer corner. I'm sure you will agree the final result looks fantastic!

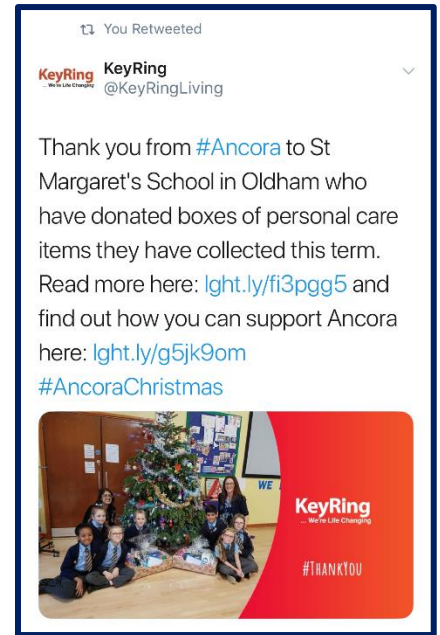


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