

Academy Newsletter

Friday 10th December 2021
Autumn Term
Issue: 13



This week it was lovely to invite parents into the Academy to view the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Nativity performances in person. Last year, we were only able to offer you recorded performances and having a live audience this year made it truly special for the children. We would like to thank all parents/carers who attended the performances for adhering to our guidelines. Please see some of the photographs at the end of the newsletter.

Today was also Christmas Jumper day. The children all looked amazing. Please do not forget to donate on School Gateway, if you haven't already done so. Any small amount will be appreciated for Save the Children.

Next week, we will be continuing with our Christmas activities and are looking forward to welcoming parents to the the EYFS Nativity and the Year 3 and 4 Carolling event. All events are listed later in the newsletter.



EYFS Nativity Tickets

Due to recent developments, we have made the decision to make the EYFS Nativity a ticketed event. By issuing tickets we hope to reduce the amount of people we have attending on site. Two tickets per family have been sent home today, along with guidance for attendance. Many thanks for your support with this.



Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Thank you for your donations for Save the Children. So far we have raised £65.00. There is still time to donate on School Gateway.



Seedlings Nursery

Places still available!

Please email the office for details and to secure your child's place





Star of the Week

Nursery	Anashe
EYFS	Jayden
Year 1	Krzysztof
Year 2	Leon/Poppy S
Year 3	Jessica
Year 4	Isla
Year 5	Michael
Year 6	Michael



Stefan – EYFS

Clay – EYFS

Ava – Year 1

Harper – Year 2

Musa – Year 2

Mark – Year 5

Ronnie – Year 6



PantoOnline - Cinderella

PantoOnline was born last year due to Covid restrictions, and the children enjoyed Jack and the Beanstalk so much that we have organised it again this year, with an even bigger performance of Cinderella. Children will have the opportunity to watch this in the comfort of their own classrooms over the next few weeks.



Uniform Reminder

The pupils should be wearing full winter uniform, including this the winter PE kit on their PE day. PE uniform consists of:

Bottle green tracksuit (with or without Academy logo)

Gold t-shirt

Plain black or white trainers or plimsols.

Some pupils have been wearing tracksuits of different colour or their v-neck Academy jumper/cardigan rather than the sweatshirt. Shorts worn with tights or leggings is not advised – shorts are part of the summer uniform.

Thank you for your understanding.

Bank Holiday - Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Next year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and an extra Bank Holiday has been granted. As this falls in the half term holiday, we will be taking Friday 27th May as a substitute. **The Academy will be closed on Friday 27th May 2022.**









Christmas Activity Information



Tuesday 14th December – EYFS Nativity

Event starts 9:45am in the Gym. This is a ticket only event and 2 tickets have been sent out per family. Please follow the guidance sent out with the tickets.

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Lunch

Bookings for this have now closed.

Thursday 16th December – Year 3 and 4 Outside Carolling Event

Event starts at 3:00pm. We request that Year 3 and 4 pupils stay late on this day. Pupils will be carolling on the steps outside the Gym. This is not a ticketed event as it is being held outside, however we advise the wearing of masks and distancing yourselves to keep as safe as possible.

Friday 17th December – Advent Mass

This is an Academy event and for staff and pupils only.

Friday 17th December – Class Christmas Party Afternoon

Pupils can wear their own party clothes on this day, however please be mindful of the weather. We ask that they bring a small labelled container with party food for individual consumption. Perhaps a packet of crisps and a small cake. Pupils will have had an Academy lunch on this day.



December Science Challenge

Please see below for this month's Science Challenge. Entries go to Mrs Rodney.

Be a Science Explorer


Identify how humans have changed this environment

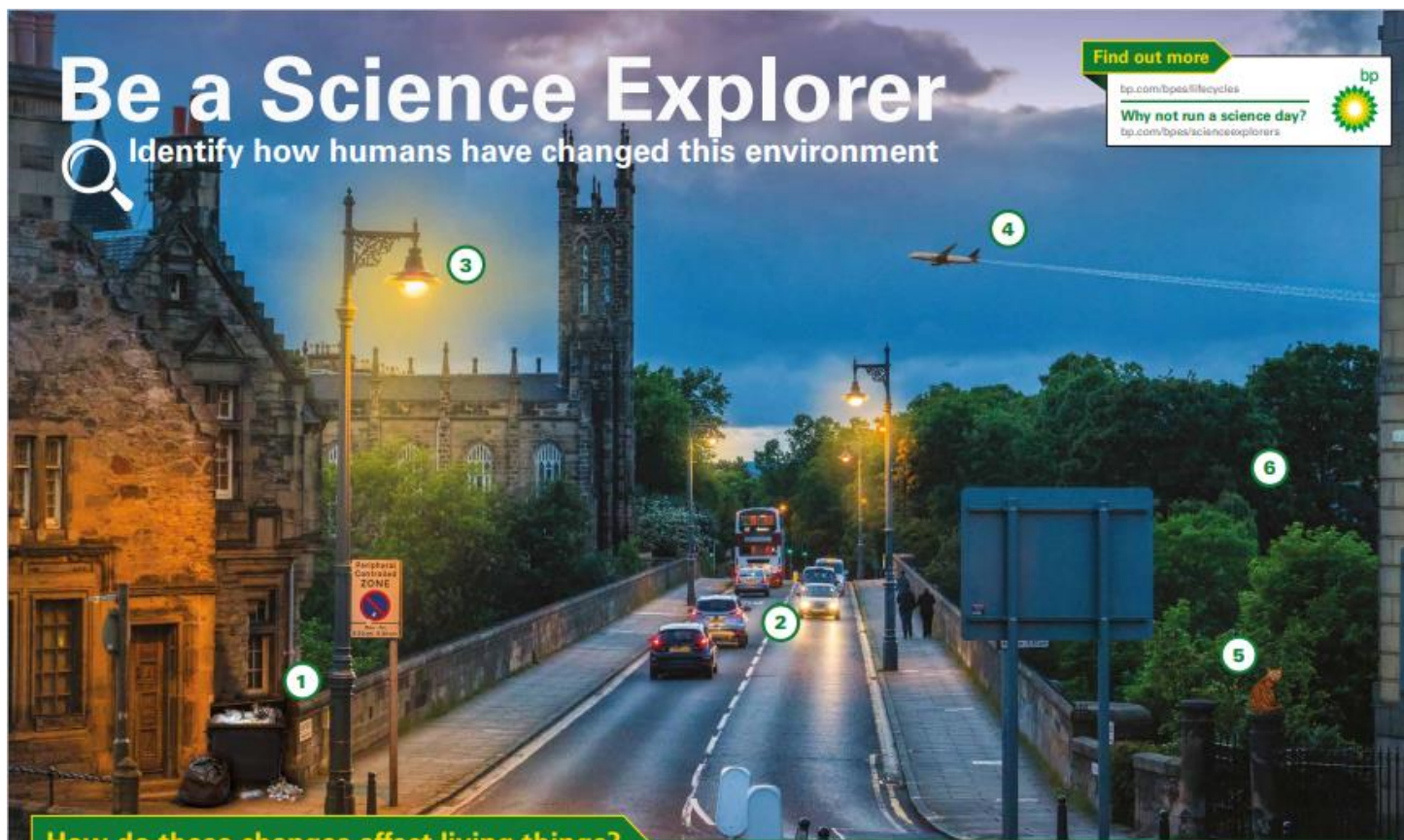
Find out more

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Why not run a science day?

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How do these changes affect living things?


1 How could rubbish affect hedgehogs?	2 How could traffic affect toads?	3 How could artificial light affect moths?	4 How does energy use affect animals?	5 How do your pets affect wildlife?	6 What do parks do for wildlife?
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Identify one change in the environment; create a poster to show how it affects living things and how we could help as a school. Please see the examples below:


Climate change



 Humans are using more energy than they ever have before. This contributes to climate change.

 One impact of this is more flooding, which can destroy or change animals' habitats.

 Meeting the climate challenge requires efforts by all – governments, companies and individual people. You can help by walking or cycling instead of using cars and thinking about how much energy you use.


Traffic



 Toads travel to the same pond every year to breed.

 If a road is built in the way, they can get run over.

 Humans can put up toad crossing signs to warn vehicles.

Diary Dates

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.
Amendments are in **Blue** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

Autumn Term 2021

Tuesday 14 th December 2021	EYFS Nativity 9:45am -TICKETS
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	PTA Raffle draw after EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Christmas Lunch (Pupils Only)
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Year 3 and 4 Carolling Event Outside 3:00pm
Friday 17 th December 2021	Advent Mass (Pupils Only) and Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 17 th December 2021	Last Day of term – Stars close at 4:30pm

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Start of Spring Term – INSET DAY – Pupils not required
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Pupils Return
Friday 11 th February 2022	Last day of half term – Stars finish at 4.30pm
Monday 21 st February 2022	Pupils Return
Friday 1 st April 2022	Last day of term – Stars finish at 4.30pm



Please click [here](#) for the Caspa advent calendar 2021