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December 2018

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Children in Need 2018



After the winter term started on Bon-fire Night, the pupils were soon up to fun activities, raising £137 for children's charities. Well done Miss Croggan for getting everyone involved!



Museum of the Moon



On 20th November all of Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 went to the "Moon" to learn what astronauts really do. It was a giant artist's sculpture of the real moon hanging in Doncaster Minster church, 7 metres wide and lit inside to showing all the features.

Our pupils walked under and around, pretended to hold it above their heads and lay on rugs below it.

Afterwards there was a funny presentation by Dennis Ashton, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. He told us about the history of exploring the moon and the exciting future of people on the moon. Staff and pupils were all fascinated and full of questions – did you know astronauts wore nappies!



"Crucial Crew" Safety Day



In November, primary and Key Stage 3 pupils returned to "Crucial Crew" for more safety awareness training. This time the South Yorkshire police + fire

experts taught pupils first aid skills, showed them all the different jobs that police offices do and practised road and transport safety skills.

Hope the eye and arm are better now boys!



Outdoor Adventure Day



In December some secondary pupils went to Leeds Beckett University to take part in an outdoor adventure day. Groups of students taught and led a series of outdoor activities, including kayaking, orienteering, building dens and team problem-solving games. Our pupils really enjoyed the challenges.



Thanks to Dr Ashley Hardwell and his sports students for organising another brilliant day.

Signed Songs

After rehearsing hard, staff + pupils returned to Lakeside to show off their signed Christmas carols. The shoppers and staff enjoyed our performance, donating £60 towards our school. Later Costa treated our pupils to some lovely hot chocolate. We are going back to Costa Café to teach them some BSL signs to use with their customers.

Christmas Panto

Our whole school visited CAST theatre Doncaster for their BSL-inclusive panto. This year is Robin Hood (& the Babes in the Wood) with plenty of fun audience participation (sing/singing Baby Shark, throwing “cannonballs” at the cast) The show runs until 31st December.



“Birdy” explains the show in BSL:



[youtube.com/watch?v=qHrCUP6LvVE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHrCUP6LvVE)

Primary Christmas trips

In December Key Stage 1 went on their own adventure trip, to visit Santa at Sundown Adventureland. All pupils took a magical ride to see father Christmas, and spent the rest of the day having adventures around all the exciting and imaginative lands in the theme park.



Key Stage 2 also took a festive trip, visiting the York Chocolate museum to find out all about the lovely treat that we all enjoy at Christmas.



COMING UP NEXT TERM...

Enjoy your holidays—important dates for the start of 2019 are:

7 th Jan	Spring Term begins
Fri 15 th Feb	School finishes for half term

