

Melsonby Methodist Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 25th November 2016

Children in Need



This year we all dressed in something spotty and/or stripy to support and raise money for Children in Need.

During the morning Bella, Penny, Cassie and Isabel organised a stall selling cakes, flapjack and raffle tickets which raised a whopping £10.00.

There were lots of prizes including a teddy bear, lollipop, friendship bracelet kit and pencils. Well done girls! In total we raised £64.40 and thank you to everyone who donated.



Message from Jill Welham - Parish Council

Just to let you know that the play park improvements in St James Close have now been completed and it is open for the children to use. Hopefully they will enjoy playing on the new equipment.

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Christmas Fayre - Courtesy of the Friends of Melsonby School

This year's Christmas Fayre will be on the morning of Saturday the 3rd of December between 10.00am and 12.30pm. Get there early to ensure you get your hot bacon butty. There will be lots of things to see and do including Santa's Grotto.



Christmas Production - The Donkey's Christmas

This year's Christmas production of "The Donkey's Christmas" will be on the following days at St James's Church:

Tuesday 6th December at 6.30pm - *please could children arrive at the church for 6.15pm*

Wednesday 7th December at 10.00am



Pantomime Visit

This year our whole school visit to the pantomime will be to The Georgian Theatre, Richmond, to see Snow White. This will take place on Thursday 8th December 2016. We shall leave school at 12.50pm and should return at approximately 4.00-4.15pm.



Carol Service

Please join us for our Carol Service on Friday the 16th of December at 10.00am at St James's Church. Tell all your family and friends as everyone is welcome.

Christmas Jumper Day

Come and join us at our Carol Service in your best Christmas Jumper. All donations will go to Save the Children.





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Whole School Science Day at Melsonby with North and South Cowton School

On the 10th of November 2016, Melsonby School had a Science Day with North and South Cowton School. We had five activities; making electric circuits, keeping liquid cold, density, making batteries and purifying dirty water.

Our first activity was about the density of different fruit juices. We put 5ml of orange juice into the test tube then used a pipette to put pomegranate juice in and it layered on top of the orange juice. Then we added apple juice and it layered on top of the pomegranate juice. We learned that some juices have higher and lower densities than others.

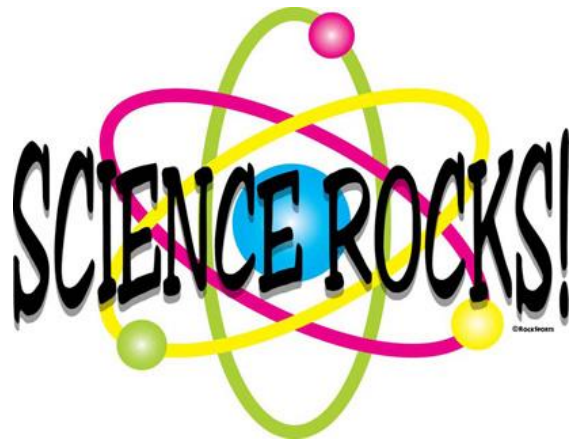
The second activity was keeping liquids (dinosaur blood) cold which was actually paint. Using a funnel we put the dinosaur blood into a test tube. Then we tested the temperature of the liquid using a digital thermometer. We had a selection of different materials that we could wrap the test tube in. The materials we could choose from were: polystyrene, denim, hessian or wool. We wrapped ours in denim. We left it in a container for 5 minutes. Then we re-tested the temperature. We learned that some materials are good insulators which keep the liquid the same temperature that it was originally.

After that, we made batteries out of coins, cardboard (that was soaked in vinegar) and foil. We had to try and power an LED (Light Emitting Diode). Sadly, we failed. However we did produce a small voltage which we measured using a multi-meter. We learned that we can create a small voltage but not enough to power anything.

Then, we purified dirty water. Then we put the following into a measuring cup to make the dirty water: paperclips, marbles, sand and water. Next, we used a sieve that separated the paperclips, marbles and sand from the water. We removed the paperclips with a magnet and the marbles by hand. After that, we got a piece of fabric and put it over the funnel to use as a filter. The fabric made it clearer but not as clear as pure water. Then, we placed filter paper (that had lots of microscopic holes in) over the funnel and it made it clear. We learned that we couldn't drink the water unless we boiled it to remove the bacteria.

The last activity was making electric circuits. We made a large circuit using crocodile clips, batteries and bulbs. We learned that the more batteries you put in a circuit the brighter the bulb gets and if you have a longer wire the bulb would get dimmer if you didn't add more batteries.

By Curtis Southern and Chloe York



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Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party

This year our Christmas lunch and Children's Christmas party will be on Thursday the 15th December 2016. Christmas lunch for all children, parents, governors and staff will start at 12.00pm. We will be having one Christmas party for all the children on the 15th that starts at 4.30pm and finishes at 6.30pm.

Indoor Footwear

As the weather turns more inclement may I request that all children have a pair of indoor shoes / slippers to use in school.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meet between 10.00am and 11.30am on Tuesday morning. This is a super chance to come and meet other mums with children of the same age to have a coffee and a chat whilst your children play in a safe, secure and stimulating environment. The sessions are run by Emma Guy from Colburn Children's Centre.



Celebration Assemblies

Don't forget we have weekly Celebration Assemblies on a Friday afternoon in the hall from 3.10pm onwards. Everyone is welcome as it is a lovely way to complete each week.



Important Dates for Diaries

Autumn Term 2016

- Saturday 3rd December 2016 - Christmas Fayre from 10.00am to 12.30pm
- Tuesday 6th December - School Christmas Production @ 6.30pm at St James's Church - please could children arrive at the church for 6.15pm
- Wednesday 7th December - School Christmas Production @ 10.00am at St James's Church
- Thursday 8th December - Whole school visit to the pantomime
- Thursday 15th December - Christmas Lunch and children's Christmas party
- Friday 16th December - Carol Service at St James's Church starting at 10.00am
- Friday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 16th December - last day of term
- Tuesday 3rd January 2017 - Staff training day - no children in school
- Wednesday 4th January - spring term begins

