



Date	Activity	Date	Activity
1 Dec	Winter Fair 5.30-7.30pm	15 Dec	Children's Christmas Meal
4 Dec	Whole School Cross Country – 1.15pm start – whole school, parents can come and watch	18 Dec	Reception Nativity at School at 2pm
5 Dec	Christmas Concert with Cleeve School	19 Dec	Christmas sing-a-long – 1.30pm start and parents welcome. Last day of Term – 2pm finish
6 Dec	FOGs Rec and KS1 Movie Night 3.30-5.30pm	3 Jan	Term 3 Begins
8 Dec	FOGs KS2 Movie Night 3.30-5.30pm	10 Jan	Young Voices concert – Birmingham (Children taking part in Young Voices Club)
12 Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance at St Michael's Church at 2pm all welcome	17 Jan	Parents Information Evening – Child Online Protection (e-Safety) 6-6.45pm
14 Dec	KS2 Production/Concert at school at 1.30pm	25 Jan	Y4 Class Assembly – 2.50pm start

Mathematics Challenge



Last week some children from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge. This involved the children demonstrating their maths knowledge to solve deeper learning problems. Well done to the award winners.

We're gonna build a house!

Year 5 had fun in Science this week. They planned their own scientific enquiry, looking at which materials they thought would be suitable to make a stable house. The children carried out their planned investigation, tested their hypothesis and then reported their findings in a range of different ways. We have some future scientists in the making! Some more pictures on Y5 webpage.

Gold	Vaughn (Y6) Liam K (Y5)
Silver	Evie (Y6) Millie N (Y6) Jack (Y5) Imogen (Y6)
Bronze	James (Y6) Riley (Y6) Ollie (Y6) William S (Y6) Willey F (Y6) Courtney (Y6)

Christmas Club fun!

We have been having great fun and travelling all across the world in Christmas Club. Firstly, we set off to Russia, where we created some beautiful Babushka dolls! Last week, we stayed a little closer to home and discussed Christmas in England. Have a look at the edible snowmen we created!



Digital Leaders

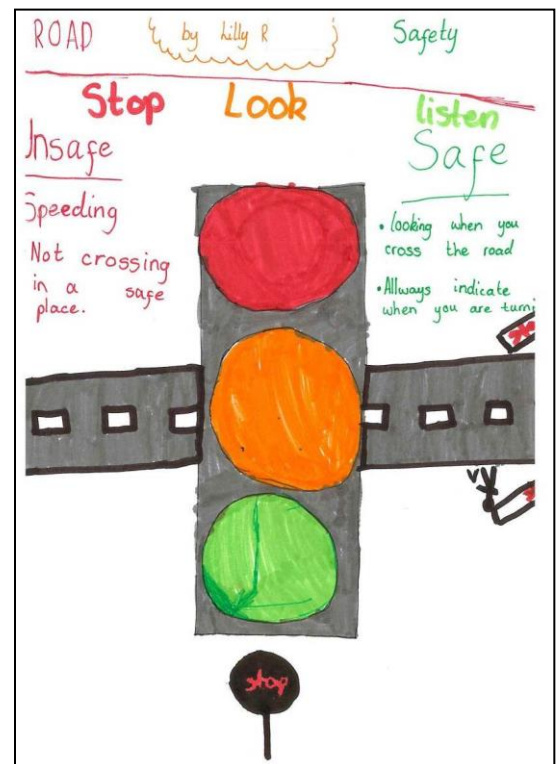
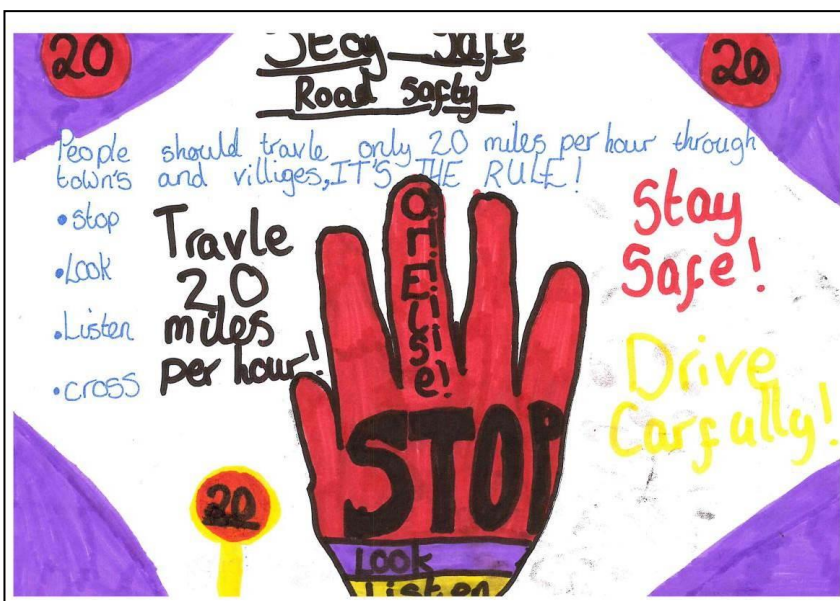
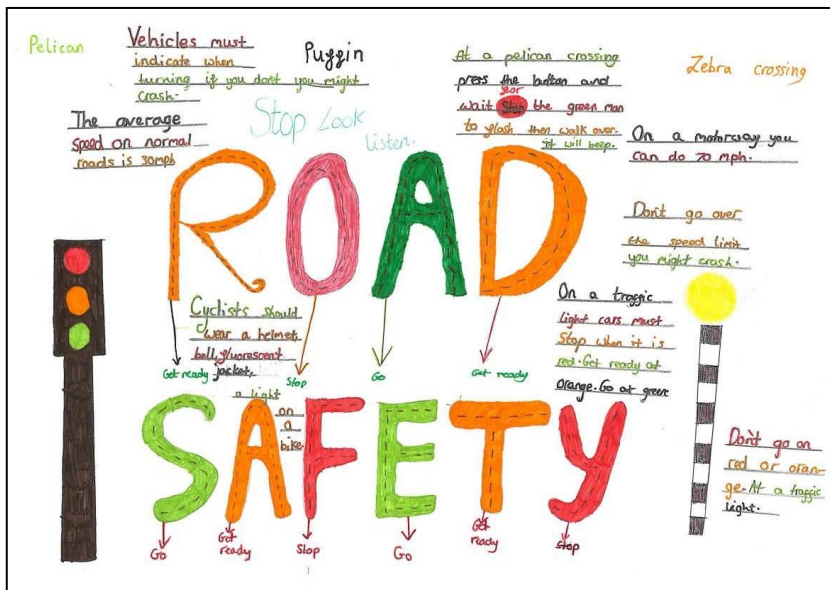
We are proud to announce our two newest Digital Leaders: Joanne (Y5) and Charlie St (Y4). It was a very difficult decision to make as we had ten strong candidates who all demonstrated a passion for technology. Congratulations to both girls and to the current Digital Leaders who conducted interviews with maturity and professionalism.

Travel Plan

Over the course of the last year we have been participating in an accreditation scheme called Modeshift STARS, focusing on sustainable travel. We were surprised and delighted to have been nominated for an award for this work and last week, Mrs Stokes, Mr Allard and three of our Eco-Council: Toby (Y5), Lewis (Y5) and Leila (Y5) attended an award ceremony in Swindon. We travelled to the event by train after receiving complimentary train tickets from GWR. We didn't win the regional award, but were commended for being in the top 3% of schools nationally for our work on sustainable travel. We also received our Bronze Modeshift STARS award which is a huge achievement. We look forward to continuing with this initiative and hope to develop our work further.

Road Safety Week

Last week was national Road Safety week and all the children took part in a range of activities looking at road safety, take a look at the examples of work below from Year 6 and Year 5 – Year 5 posters by Lilly R, Freya and Poppy.



Severn Trent Water Assembly

On Monday, we had a visit from Paul from Severn Trent Water who taught the children about the importance of saving water and ways we can help to do this at home. The children thoroughly enjoyed the assembly, especially when Paul introduced the 3 Ps (items that are safe to flush down the toilet). We will let you guess what these were..... The children will be bringing home a leaflet and promise postcard which they can complete at home. There is a link on the leaflet to Severn Trent's website where you can apply for a FREE 4 minute shower timer and a GunkPot which is used to collect waste cooking fats.



E-Safety Parents Meeting

On Wednesday 17 January at 6pm we are holding an information evening for parents on the topic of e-Safety. The evening will be run by Pete Nolan who is a CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency) ambassador. He will cover a range of topics including how to help protect our children online, as well as providing advice on parental controls for internet devices. We would urge all parents to attend this important evening **and will be holding a creche for school-aged children to enable as many parents as possible to attend.**

Christmas Menu

On Friday 15 December we will have our Christmas lunch and would like as many children as possible to join in as this is a fun experience for both children and staff. If your child does not usually have a hot dinner the cost is £2.28 per meal. Obviously in Key Stage One all children will have a free meal as usual. Your child should have an order form in their bookbag tonight. **Please can you return the order form before next Wednesday 6 December so we can have an idea of numbers.**



Nativity and Christmas Performances

If you have young children can we ask that you bring them to the dress rehearsals only and not the actual performances. The dress rehearsals will be:

- Reception dress rehearsal is on Monday 18 December at 9.30am.
- KS1 Concert Rehearsal will be Monday 11 December at 1.30pm in the school hall.
- KS2 dress rehearsal Thursday 14 December at 9.15am.

Children having violin lessons and children in Young Voices Club

The children who have been learning violin and our Young Voices singers will be performing in assembly on Monday 4 December at 9.10am. If you would like to come and watch your child perform, please pop along to watch.

Parking

There was another crash at the school this week. Please be considerate when parking, the most important thing is our children and their safety. Please can we all be mindful of this.

Boys Uniform

As the temperature has dropped considerably this week, children should be in winter uniform, can we ask that the boys wear trousers rather than shorts to school.

Elves

A big thank you to the school Elves who have been into school decorating it on Thursday night so that it is all lovely and festive for the children when they came into school today.

Food Hygiene

We are very pleased to report that after a visit from the Environmental Health Officer, our food hygiene rating for our kitchen has come back as 5 - which is the highest. Well done Alana, Debbie and Sally.

FOGs Corner

WINTER FAIR

We are looking forward to seeing you all this evening at the school for our wonderful Winter Fair. We have more than 20 stallholders selling some very special festive items so you can enjoy a little Xmas shopping; treats for the children include our Reindeer Food Bar, the Elves Lucky Dip, Festive Face Painting to mention but a few; a café selling Gloucester Rolls, cakes and hot beverages, plus a bar with a few winter tipples! Entrance is £1 per adult and includes 2 tickets for our raffle, children are free. The school choir will welcome you on arrival and the FOGS team will be dressed for the occasion and singing in tune to the Xmas songs!

MOVIE NIGHTS

We still have a few places available at both our Movie Nights – Reception & KS1 is Wed 6 December and KS2 is Fri 8 December – straight after school and finishing at 5.30pm – parents to collect their children from the main entrance, in the same way we manage the discos. Hot dogs and popcorn will be served at approx. 4pm and children playing football on Wednesday are welcome to join at 4.15pm and enjoy all the treats.

Cross Country – 4 December 2017

Parents can arrive at 1pm and the first race will start at 1.15pm. Each class will then start 10 minutes later – these are approximate timings. See table below:

Year Group	Time Race Starts
Y6	1.15pm
Y5	1.25pm
Y4	1.35pm
Y3	1.45pm
Y2	1.55pm
Y1	2.05pm
Reception	2.15pm

Can all children bring plastic bags for shoes as they will get muddy. The children are being kept at school until the end of day as per normal. Thank you.

Kin-Ball Tournament – by Leila, Jack, Joe S, Joe E, Lily H, Hake, Emma and Anja Year 5

On Wednesday 29 November we went to Cleeve Secondary school for a tournament. We split into two teams the first team was: Joe S, Emma, Anja and Jack. The other team was: Leila, Lily H, Jake and Joe E. We really enjoyed all the games that we played. The first team came 3rd and got the most amount of points and the other team won the competition overall.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Gilroy



**Christmas for families
At St Michael's**

**Christmas Tree Decorating
Monday 11th December
3.15-5:00pm**

**Come and join us to make tree decorations
and decorate our Christmas tree!**

Tea coffee and biscuits served throughout

**Christingle service
Sunday 17th December 3:30pm**

You are welcome to stay after for tea and biscuits

**Nativity services
Sunday 24th December
2.30pm and 4.00pm**

**Christmas morning service
Monday 25th December 10.30am**