



## Birch Class Newsletter

### Autumn 2 2019-20

#### Upcoming dates

Thursday 6th February -  
School Cross Country

Friday 14th February -  
School breaks for  
Spring half term

Thurs 5th March - World  
Book Day

Thursday 12th March -  
KS3 Open Morning

Tuesday 31st March -  
Easter Service - KS3

Dear Parents/Carers,

We all thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Christmas Carol Service this year. We're extremely proud of Birch

Class, whether they played percussion, read aloud to the congregation or joined in with the 'Signalong' choir. Their enthusiasm and behaviour were a credit to the school.

Christmas is in full swing in Birch Class! The display boards have been updated with seasonal artwork. Here are some examples.



We have been learning about the festivals we celebrate in the UK and around the world. Our first lessons were based around 'The Day of the Dead'. This led to some terrific story writing, as the children imagined being transported to Mexico in a time machine.

*'Coco appeared out of nowhere. He took my hand and guided me to the cemetery' 'I could smell hot, chilli spices' 'We ate pizza, chips and salad' 'It was noisy and colourful' 'People were playing drums, trumpets, guitars and maracas' 'I arrived in the middle of a parade. I was mentally confused where I was'...*

We created our own skull masks and costume designs in Art lessons. The children enjoyed using different media to represent this vibrant and mystical festival.

For our Remembrance Day tribute, we made a tree collage. We attached messages and handmade poppies to thank all the soldiers who fought bravely to defend our country and those who continue to do so. Several staff members also added photographs and messages for their loved ones. Birch Class understand the significance of the 'Remembrance Tree' - a timely reminder that we should all work hard to live together in peace and harmony.

We made lemon and poppy seed biscuits for Remembrance Day and hotdogs with red onions on Bonfire Night during Food Tech sessions. Birch Class always look forward to using their culinary skills in the Food Tech room and sampling the results!

Finally, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone back in class on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2020!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From Mr Hamilton and Mrs Clarke

***New Flash!***

*Today we won the KS3 door design competition. A large bag of chocolates was the winning prize! Keep up the amazing work, Birch class.*

