# The M Paper

Friday 13th December

#### News about the children

Welcome Ellis in Year R! Ellis joined us a couple of weeks ago and has already settled in brilliantly!

A HUGE well done to Mia H in Year 6 who found out she passed her Grade 1 piano exam that she took recently. Fantastic news!

A HUGE well done also to our cycling gymnast Rosie Carden, Year 5, who entered the Welsh National Cyclocross Champion-ships last weekend. The completion attracts the best in this field from across Wales and the course was particularly tough (many adults were heard complaining how tough it was). Rosie hadn't had much opportunity to train for it and nor does she have the correct bike. Despite all the disadvantages and being very nervous she wanted to do her best for the club (Abergavenny Road Club). She was very courageous and was technically brilliant on some big down hills but was disadvantaged on the big slogs uphill by having a heavy old mountain bike instead of a cyclocross bike. She worked extremely hard and completed the race with honour. Well done Rosie!

### Carols at the Court

We had a lovely evening the other night with our school community, gathered in the beautiful Victorian wing of Michaelchurch Court, singing traditional Christmas carols and songs. Our singing was accompanied by a very talented group of musicians drawn from our children, parents, staff, governors and friends. Candles flickered, the fire roared and the mulled wine and mince pies flowed - it was a very special evening. Thank you to everyone for coming!





# Outdoor Learning at Michaelchurch

On the whole we don't do 'Wet Play' at Michaelchurch, we just put our hoods up! So it was particularly lovely at first break the other morning, to see children from across the year groups, oblivious to the rain, enjoying a game of 'Grandma's Footsteps'. #building resilience #don't forget your coat and wellies!



INSET Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

Don't forget the children start back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## **GOLD AWARDS**

Laia – For being so generous and thoughtful

Elsa– For having such a great writing stamina

Ashton– For doing really well in his Maths test

Jenny– For helping put all the equipment away at play time

Austin-For making an amazing steam powered boat in science club

Hazel- For an excellent demonstration of tortilla making



## **Carols around the Christmas Tree**

The Sports Pavilion, Michaelchurch Escley. 5-6pm Christmas Eve FREE! Joyful Singing, warm mince pies, hot punch and a (brief!) visit form Father Christmas!







## **Squirrel News**

Thank you to all the Parents and Grandparents who have supported Stay and Be Curious over this year. We had an amazing Christmas Forest School and a visit from Santa.

Look out for details of our next session in January or check the School's Facebook Page.

Merry Christmas

Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 17th December	School Nativity—5pm
Wednesday 18th December	School Nativity Reserve Date—5pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Decoration Day
Thursday 19th December	Panto at The Courtyard– Pupils to be collected from Courtyard at 3.30pm (20 mins free parking at Courtyard)
Friday 20th December	Christmas Dinner– Last day of Term
Tuesday 7th January	First day of Spring Term