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Pupil's cards are pretty as a picture



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TWO cheery snowmen melted the hearts of the judges to become the designs for an Earley primary school's official Christmas cards.

Schoolchildren from Earley St Peter's Primary School, in Church Road, were set the challenge to draw, craft or paint a winter scene, festive or religious picture for the annual Christmas card competition, which was launched last year.

A total of 89 colourful entries from children aged four to 10 years were submitted, including depictions of Father Christmas, penguins, robins, Christmas trees, presents and stockings.

The winners, chosen by headteacher Hester Wooller and a school governor, were Rossi Blackburn-Hind, from reception class, and year 6 pupil Levi Cambridge.

Competition organiser Nicolette Evans, a parent committee member for Earley St. Peter's School Association (ESPSA) said: "After the success of last year's competition, the children really got into the spirit of Christmas this year, designing many colourful, vibrant pictures for the judges to choose from."

Mrs Wooller said: "The creative arts have a high priority within our curriculum and this art competition will form part of our portfolio of evidence in our application to secure the Artsmark Award. We were delighted with the quality of artwork."

St Teresa's Roman day

Raging Romans Attack
Reporter: Breanna Nyarirangue

ON Monday 28th November 2016, the raging Romans reappeared in Wokingham and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School was invaded. Why had they returned?

At 9.30am on Monday morning, Mrs Peter, the head teacher of a local school, was in the middle of a whole school liturgy when out of nowhere, she heard threatening footsteps. Then a troop of 90 Roman soldiers burst in and surrounded them.

Unexpectedly, General Gluteus Maximus addressed the petrified school.

One by one, each class were commanded to march to their classrooms. During the day, the Romans forced the children to learn a Roman song with actions.

Mrs Peters, the head teacher, when questioned, she responded, 'I was confused as I didn't have a clue what was happening - I was in the middle of talking and then suddenly all the Roman soldiers burst in.'

At the end of the day, the Roman soldiers marched into the hall and sung the Roman song for the last time, with the whole school singing along with actions.

The Romans remain unfound...



Scenes of fun: some of the action from St Teresa's Roman day

Rapid Roman Rampage!
Reporters: Grace Ward and Annabel Brittain

LAST week, on the 28th November, the Romans broke through the gates of St Teresa's showing no mercy.

After the Romans broke through the creaky gates, they marched into assembly giving the timid pupils the fright of their lives.

Once the rabble of Romans entered the hall, the head of the army made a speech informing everyone that they would be taken away. Twelve Romans made

The Past Attacks
Reporter: Erin Ruiz

ON Monday 28th November 2016, at 9:30am, in the middle of a school liturgy, St Teresa's Catholic Primary School was shocked to find out that they were being invaded by the Roman Army!

The General Gluteus Maximus addressed the school. 12 Roman soldiers escorted 30 school pupils back to their classrooms. They were taught a Roman song with actions.

Then the Romans went out and made Roman pizza (bread, feta cheese and honey). They also snacked on olives.

After that, the ruthless Romans made some coins and clocks, all Roman themed.

Lola Excell, a year 6 student, commented, 'I was not expecting them to invade or burst into the hall. It shocked me!'

Mrs Peters, the head teacher, also commented, 'I was confused as I didn't have a clue what was going on - I was in the middle of talking and suddenly the Roman army came in!'

Ethanus Maximus, a Roman soldier, stated, 'It was exciting invading the school because it was my first invasion.'

Erinus Maximus stated, 'I was nervous before the invasion but it was pretty easy because they sat there staring at us.'

Please be on the lookout for any Roman soldiers.

Ridiculous Romans Takeover!
Reporter: Sohan Saini and Sam Thomas

LAST week, on the 28th November 2016, the Romans took over the whole of St Teresa's Catholic Primary School.

The Romans charged their way through the gates and marched into the hall, giving the pupils the fright of their life. They were surrounded by the Romans and the head of the army gave a terrifying speech.

One pupil stated, "I was so shocked when they came marching into the hall". Another pupil said, "I was so scared when I heard their footsteps, I didn't know what was happening!"

As the Romans were successful at St Teresa's, they have moved on to nearby schools.

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After-school club wins Ofsted rating

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AN AFTER-SCHOOL club in Wokingham has been given the highest rating possible by Ofsted.

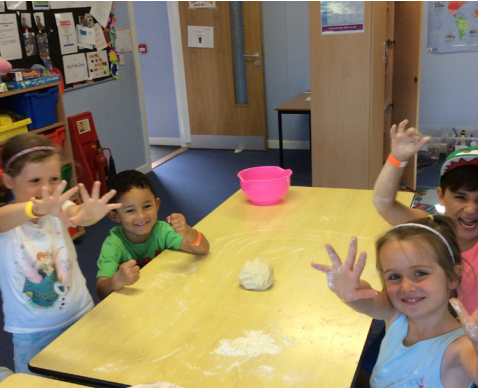
Energy Kidz, which runs the club at All Saints C of E Primary School in Norreys Avenue, was visited on November 16 and deemed to be outstanding by the inspectors.

The inspection took into account the children's opinions, their environment and the activities taking place, the interaction between the children and staff as well as focussing on the training

undertaken by the staff to include skills and knowledge updates.

The report highlighted the 'exceptional' understanding of children's needs by staff, and the 'extremely welcoming and inclusive environment' Energy Kidz provided the children.

A spokesperson for Energy Kidz said: "This is the first



Osted inspection undertaken at the All Saints after school club so an 'outstanding' grade is a huge achievement for Energy Kidz and everyone involved."

Poems by Forest School pupils

A Christmas Poem

Kids all playing in the snow,
Waiting for their gifts wrapped in a bow,
Everyone searching for Santa in the skies,
Turkey and trimmings, then puddings and pies.

But not everyone is singing a happy tune,
Some are hoping it will all be over soon.

The poor wishing they had something to eat,
The homeless desperately seeking the heat,
The old people feeling all alone,
Misery and isolation we shouldn't condone.

Christmas isn't about just opening the presents,
It's about coming together,
It's about your presence.

Syria

I crouch, hiding here in the dark
Terrified people scatter around me, scrambling like rats into their holes
Are they coming?
I hear the noisy vehicle rumbling over the loose ground
We are silent in anticipation of what is to come
The loudest noise shocks me to my core. Ears ringing.
The faint sound of screaming
Children screaming
Dust everywhere. Pain. Blood.
All around me is devastation
It is over but for how long...
The child's screams stop but it is not because he has been found
I am still alive. I am still alive