

## Wychwood C.E. Primary School

"In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan", but in the school hall the air was warmed with the sound of pupils practicing their Christmas performances. We were treated to three versions of the nativity story which were all performed at St Mary's Church in Shipton with retiring collections shared between SeeSaw, Helen and Douglas House and the Church. On the last day of term the whole school attended our carol concert also in Shipton church. It was a wonderful occasion. We sang a selection of favourite carols, listened to traditional readings and were entertained by the school choir and strings and brass groups.

### The National Gallery

Back in the July issue of the Wychwood, I wrote about the Art Week we held in school. This is an event organised by the National Gallery in London and this year was based on the picture 'The family of Darius before Alexander' by Paolo Veronese. A portfolio of the work produced by the children during art week was sent to the gallery and on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we were visited by two curators from the gallery who came to see some of the work that the children produced with a view to possibly displaying a selection in the gallery next year.

This is terribly exciting for the staff and children involved and we await their final decision in January.



Shields for the National Gallery

### Leadbitter Prizes

One Monday, the building company, Leadbitter, who are building the low cost housing on the Langston House site, came into assembly to announce the winners of their recent safety-

poster competition.

They said that they had been astounded by the quantity and quality of the entries. They chose three winners from each age group. Each winner received a certificate, a laminated copy of their poster and a book token.

The winners were:

*Sam Duffield, Charlee Grimmer, Lowri Jones, Alex Scrivener, Aiden Jarvis, Indigo Spensley, Bailey Mitchell, Alice Day and Jonah Anthony.*

Congratulations to all our winners. Large posters of their designs are on display at the site in Milton.

### Mini Pots of Care

On 24<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding our Mini Pots of Care Day to raise money for the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity. Back in the autumn every child took home a daffodil bulb in a pot which had a paper cover they could decorate as part of a competition. They have been asked to look after their bulb so it will bloom, and bring it back on the 24<sup>th</sup>, along with their sponsorship money, to celebrate the day. We hope to see "a host of golden daffodils" throughout the school.

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