

December 2014

We are so thankful to God for a happy, busy term in school. The first day back in September was quite different to last September, partly because the number of full time pupils has grown by 450%!! We also have several new members of staff. More recently we also welcomed some new flexi-schoolers, joining us on Fridays. We are thankful for answered prayers for the way in which everyone has settled in. Praise God!

Our topic for the term was The Earth in Space – we have based a lot of work around the topic, from Van Gogh's Starry Night, to Gustav Holst's 'The Planets'; from The Space Race to Gravity experiments...

In Assemblies we have been looking at John 1, the Fruits of the Spirit and on Fridays, stories from the bible relating to the stars and sun. It has been amazing to think about God's greatness in making the Universe, with the billions of stars and that at the same time he is so loving and caring towards his creation: "When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him?" Psalm 8 v 3-6

There has been a lot of hard work, with encouraging results. Well done to everyone who is having their poems entered into the South West region poetry anthology! We look forward to picking up where we have left off in January, with our new topic – Living Things.

There have also been lots of great opportunities in and out of school to broaden learning. The children have picked some of their highlights to share with you in the rest of this letter.

There is so much more that could be said! The children have enjoyed working with Mr. Newman and Miss. Cruickshank on animations in ICT, watch out for some of these on our website soon (hopefully), they are brilliant!

A huge thank-you to all of you for your prayers and support, particularly during our recent Ofsted inspection. We were very conscious of God's upholding grace through a stressful few days and are thankful for answered prayer.

May we wish you all a very happy Christmas season. May the joy and peace of Christ fill you and your homes.

From us all at Immanuel School.

## High-energy Snacks

One day in DT we were set the challenge of creating a healthy, high energy snack (with a space theme).

First we had to make up a logo for our snacks. They were all different. Next we had to draw a grid and compare some bought snacks by energy, taste, what it looks like, how healthy it was and packaging - we got to eat the snacks and fill in the grid. After that we had to design our own snack with healthy ingredients.

The next step was to design a poster to advertise our snack. We put all the adverts up and everyone got to vote and the winners would get to make their design.

The winners were Immie and Lucy (joint first with eleven votes) and Toby (second place with 10 votes). So we decided to make all three.

We all joined teams to make one of the three top designs. When we had made them we packaged them up and sold them to the parents, teachers and helpers at the end of school.

We raised £16 for the children's hospital in Bristol.  
By Rebekah Malcolm

## Outings and Foodie Fun



## Wallace and Gromit Trip

On Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2014 we went to the cinema and watched Wallace and Gromit.

We drove to the Park and Ride and then we got the bus into Bath. We sat upstairs at the front, the view was really good from up there and we saw some cows.

When we got to the Little Theatre in Bath, we sat down, some other children came too and then after a while the curtains opened.

The first film began, that film was called The Grand Day Out. Wallace and Gromit went to the moon. I liked the bit when the robot put all the things in his tummy. The next one was The Wrong Trousers.

When it finished we got on the bus and went back to the cars and drove back to school. It was a grand day out!!

by Rufus



## @ Bristol Trip

At the start of term we went to the @Bristol Science museum. Lots of children came and we played with the rockets and parachutes. We dressed up in the jungle too.

We went in a huge dome which was a Planetarium and it went dark and we learnt about the stars. It was fun at the museum.

By Iyannah and Tilly



## Tour of Britain

On Wednesday the 10th of September we all went to Iron Acton to watch the cyclists from the tour of Britain go past. Everyone lined up next to the side of the road ready to see all of the cyclists, including Bradley Wiggins. We were all lined up along the side of the road for a very long time while about 35 police and 9 filming motor bikes went whizzing by. Before the cyclists came, lots of team cars with bikes attached to their roofs drove by.

Eventually the cyclists started coming, there was a small group of cyclists first and then all of the rest of the cyclists went past including all of the British team. They were incredibly fast! After all of cyclists had passed we went back to school.

By Toby Braun



# Sports Pages

Ever heard of Capoeira?

Neither had I... until Mrs. Monteiro introduced us to this Brazilian martial-arts style dance. Everyone gave an impressive performance at the end of the unit – well done!

We have also had fun playing handball and hockey as well as our weekly swimming lessons. A special well done to Iyannah Malcolm for getting her 5 metre swimming badge!



## After school Cross Country Club

At the start of this term, our first ever after school club started up on Monday afternoons – Cross Country. Mr. Gulliford helps to run this club at Westerleigh playing fields. He puts everyone through their paces, with gruelling up-hill runs, endless sprints and constant technique tips. However, the proof is in the pudding as they say, and everyone who has represented the school in the local X Country meets has done really well. More mud, sweat and soggy socks to follow next term!

## Cross country

Recently there have been some cross-country races that the children from Immanuel School have been running in. The races are at KLB school, near Wotton-under-Edge one Saturday each month for four months. The age categories are yr.3-4s (which is 1 km) and yr 5-6 (which is 1.5 km).

The first race was on October 2014 and Rebekah Malcolm, Toby Braun and Dan Heaps ran in that race. They were nervous, but all ran really well.

The second race was on the 15th November 2014 and Miyah Malcolm joined the three other runners. On the third race Imogen Barber also joined for her first race. Everyone did really well, even though it was exhausting!

There is one last race on January 17th 2014 and hopefully most of the yr.3-6s of Immanuel Christian School are running the fourth and final race.

By Imogen Barber

# Brazil Day!

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Lucy's parents, Jason and Andie came to school and were our teachers for the day! Everyone had a wonderful day. There was lots to learn about life on the Amazon river, especially the wildlife. We enjoyed doing crafts like painting the flag of Brazil and making delicious chocolate coated fruits and nuts. We also studied the Bible together and were challenged to think about "What is really worth doing?".

It was a fantastic day. We'll miss Lucy when she goes back to Brazil, but we will remember to pray for her and her family as they carry on their work on the Amazon.



# Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves

## Ali Baba and the 40 thieves, Part 1.

In September we did some English work on writing playscripts. One of our pieces of work was to write a playscript for a scene from Ali Baba. Lucy wrote scene one; Miyah wrote scene two; Rebekah wrote scene three; Dan wrote scene four; Toby wrote scene five and Immie wrote scene six. We all wanted to know when we could act out our play, but Mrs. Gulliford said we would have to wait.

After half term we started learning some of the songs Mrs. Gulliford had written. Mrs. Heaps helped us to learn them. Then we worked out who would be who in the play and everyone worked very hard to get their lines and acting right. We have been trying so hard this month. We have had laughs and tears and we all have enjoyed ourselves.

After a month the play took place. The play was on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. We went to the village hall for a dress rehearsal and then after school it was time for the real thing. It was really fun and tiring.

By Miyah Malcolm



## Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves, Part 2.

The day of the play itself was fantastic. We got to Westerleigh village hall at about 4 o'clock and got dressed up. The audience started to arrive and we felt quite nervous but excited. Just after 4.30 the lights went dim and the play began.

Lucy was very dramatic and Rebekah and Lucy were amazing at the Dagger Dance Dare. When Miyah was singing she sang loud and clear. Dan was very evil and cruel (and so was Rufus).

Immie had a dashing moustache and turban. She remembered all her lines, everyone did. Toby was the narrator and had lots of lines but he remembered them all too.

Matthew, Jonathan, Iyannah and Tilly comported themselves well.

The audience was great and clapped and laughed at the right times. They all loved it.

But without Mrs Gulliford, Mrs Monteiro, Mrs Braun and Miss. Cruickshank, there wouldn't really have been a show. Lots of other people helped too. Thank you!

After the play we had Christmas cookies we made in school and mince pies some of the mums made. Everyone told us how much they enjoyed the play.

By Lucy Murfitt

We raised £31 for  
guidesdogs for the blind  
from contributions after  
our play. Thanks!



## Go-karts

One strange day just after finishing lunch we had started to line up for play when Toby spotted a white van. Mrs Gulliford went out to investigate the mysterious vehicle. She came back holding two go-karts, a big red and black one and a small green and blue one. They were donated to the school by a family who live in Westerleigh (the Danbys) because their boys are too old for them now.

Excitedly we rushed out to play and we whizzed around on the go-karts which were super-duper fast. On the day we got them the front bit of the small go cart was broken off. There were two rules for the go carts: that the older ones were not allowed to push the small go-kart and that you take turns from oldest to youngest on the go-karts.

A few days later the chain came off the little one and Dan and Toby fixed the go-kart. They are still not broken (yet) and are being frequently used by all the pupils of Immanuel Christian School. However, nowadays some of us do not use them so much as others, as the excitement over the go-karts is dying down a bit, but they are still used all the time.

by Dan Heaps

A reminder of Term dates:

Spring Term:

- Mon 5th Jan – Fri 13th Feb 2015

(Half term Mon 16th - Fri 20<sup>th</sup>)

- Mon 23rd Feb – Fri 27th March 2015

Summer Term

- Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May 2015

(Half term Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May)

- Mon 1st June – Wed 15th July 2015

Staff training days – 4th Sept 2014, 16th-17th July 2015

School closed May Day bank holiday

Monthly prayer meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 20, Frampton End Road, 7.45 pm

Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher campaign is starting again in the new year. We will be collecting these so please pass any vouchers our way. Even if you don't shop there, you may know others who do! Thanks.

**PS!**