



Monday 18th December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

The countdown to Christmas has well and truly started, many thanks to Early Years, KS1 and year 6 for their amazing nativities and community cabaret last week which have put all of us in the Christmas spirit!

On Thursday this week Year 5 will be leading us in collective worship at St Michael's church and this will be an opportunity for all of us to pause and think about our hopes and wishes for Christmas and the New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you at church and ask that you find a seat in the gallery as usual. Many thanks in advance to all the parent volunteers who line the route, particularly at crossing points, and who ensure that these events can take place safely.

In assembly this morning we learnt about the work of Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan activist who wanted to make a difference to her world. She looked around and saw injustice and deforestation and by starting small she launched a global initiative 'The Green Belt' which sought to reforest the parts of Kenya torn apart by deforestation and the continued inequalities she saw all around her.

"All of us have a God in us, and that God is the spirit that unites all life, everything that is on this planet" Wangari Maathai

I hope you all have a lovely week
Best wishes,

Sinead O'Brien
Head of School