

Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas

'Santa Claus' by
Andrew McIlwaine



Lisbellaw
Community
Nursery
School

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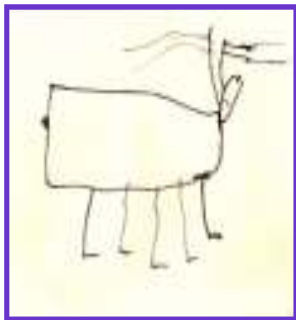
'Angel' by Jiraporn Magee

Theme: **Christmas!**
Colours: **Red, green, gold and silver**
Emotion: **Excited**

Some things we will be doing:

- Learning about the birth of Jesus and singing lots of songs about it
- Writing letters to Santa and delivering them personally to him at our party in Castle Archdale
- Making lots of mess and hopefully, in the process, creating some nice items to bring home!
- Making paper chains using a two colour pattern
- Talking about Christmas traditions and making a list of things we'll need for our party
- Practising, practising, practising for our concert!

'Reindeer' by...



...Zara Hutchinson and Abbie Little



Other matters

Safety

- In the interests of safety, please ensure that you close the secure door after leaving your child at Nursery or picking him/her up outside of the normal 'rush' times. During the arrival and pick up 'rush' the secure door is left open for a short time with a member of staff on duty. At all other times please use the buzzer to get in.
- When you have collected your child from Nursery, please ensure that he/she walks down the path with you and does not run on ahead. The road is a dangerous place for a little person at this or any other time.

Students

- Students are a normal part of our nursery life as various courses of study involving working with children require work placements to be completed. Placements can be for one day a week, for one week at a time or for a longer block. A year 13 Collegiate student, Janine Stubbs will be with us each Thursday at least until Easter. Students always work under the direction of Mrs. Saunders.

How you can help us:

- Please try to ensure that the children are in the Nursery before 9:15am from now on as we are going to be very busy.
- Some of the children have been given a few words to learn for the Christmas Nativity play. We would very much appreciate your cooperation in getting them to learn the words and to speak them out loudly and clearly. Thank you.
- We don't want to spoil the surprise this month, so there aren't any rhymes for you to learn! We would, however, ask you to please help your child to bring in some items for our Christmas theme table and some pictures for our 'Excited' poster. Thank you for your support.

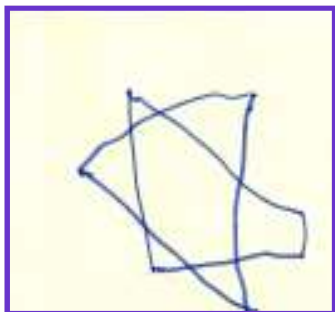


'Christmas tree' by Kristen Bell

Dates for your diary:

- A reminder that our Christmas concert for parents/ grandparents will take place on Wednesday 9th December at 10am in the school assembly hall.
- Each Christmas we encourage the children to think of others less fortunate than ourselves, by inviting them to place a wrapped gift under our Christmas tree. These will be donated to the Salvation Army Family Appeal. All gifts should be new, but need cost no more than £5. Please label the gift boy or girl and include the age for which it would be appropriate. We really appreciate your support with this and feel that the children will benefit from the pleasure of giving as well as receiving. A member of the Salvation Army will be coming to meet the children and collect the gifts at our Christmas performance.
- Some children and staff from Tattygar School are coming to watch our children perform on Tuesday 8th December at 10am. We will also perform on Monday 7th for Lisbellaw Primary School. If any family members would like to see it but are unable to make the Wednesday, you would also be welcome on either of those days.

'Star' by
Madison Hicks



Dates for your diary (*continued*)

- We will be watching Lisbellaw Primary School's Christmas performance on Monday 14th December. We have also been very kindly invited to watch the dress rehearsal of Tattygar primary school's Christmas performance on Wednesday 16th December at 11:15 am. This will take place in St. Mary's Church, Cloghcor Road. We will not be back at Nursery until 12:15 pm on that day.
- Our Christmas party will be held on Thursday 17th December and Santa Claus will be paying a visit! Please let us know if this is likely to cause your child any distress so that we can be sensitive to it. Thursday 17th will also be the last day of term for the Nursery.
- Please remember that this Monday, November 30th, we are going to Castle Archdale forest school for a preliminary Christmas party. We will not be back at Nursery until 12:30pm that day. The children will hopefully feed the deer and give their letters to Santa.

'Present' by
Kaela Johnston

