

# ***We Are Thankful!***

## **A Very Vesinet Harvest**

In the month of November, the holiday of Thanksgiving and the Harvest Festival were marked with particular gusto by the youngest and oldest members of the school - a festive meal was organised for students and teachers in the Middle School, with a similar celebration taking place between the Pre-School 'Pilgrims' of Ms. Anne-Cecile's class and the Nursery 'Native Americans' from Ms. Marie's. For Pre-School in particular, these events were an occasion to do a bit of Geography by locating the 2 continents of Europe and North America on their globe. They also talked about how Thanksgiving is a time spent with our families and loved ones and an occasion to reflect on how lucky we are to have a nice home, a nice warm bed, some nice warm clothes and 3 meals a day. Throughout the whole school the themes of appreciation and of giving thanks for our many gifts was present through a variety of other intercurricular activities. The importance of a healthy diet and eating plentiful amounts of fruit and vegetables was investigated by many classes, including Year 1 who also extended this to making prints using over-ripe mushrooms and peppers which were no longer fit for their original use! The theme of Thanksgiving and charity extended to the wider community with food drives in local supermarkets and this was a good starting point to explain the concept of the Love in a Box initiative which invited families to compile a shoebox of toys, sweets, essential care and clothes items for a boy or girl who might otherwise not be receiving a Christmas present.

