



NEWSLETTER
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The Head Teacher writes...

I love the build up to Christmas and being part of a school community means that we certainly get to experience it in every way. Last week we enjoyed the story of Babushka from Pre-Prep then had a wonderful carol Service last Friday in St John's Church and a somewhat unusual but memorable thought from Rev'd Liz Lander! This morning, Rev'd Liz came into school, this time armed with chocolate, shredded wheat and jelly babies, all ready for 'Messy Church'. Pre-Prep had a delightful morning of getting messy; they made Jesus in the manger, decorated crowns, produced lovely angel cards and pictures of the stable. They then helped Rev'd Liz tell the Christmas story, using her knitted nativity set as prompts.

Sitting watching, I was struck by how much detail they knew. It's a story that is familiar to most of us but one I personally, never tire of. There is always something new we can take from it - our story in assembly on Monday was entitled 'Refuge' and got us thinking about how Jesus and his parents were refugees, as so many people are in our world today.

Our children are fortunate but they never fail to amaze me with the compassion and care that they show and the new insights they bring each year to the Christmas story.

On behalf of all the staff, may I wish you a very happy, peaceful Christmas and a joyful New Year.



PRE-PREP PRODUCTION **BABUSHKA**

The curtains were drawn, the lights dimmed and an expectant hush came over the Hall. Mrs Grainge welcomed the audience to the Pre-Prep Christmas Play and then, from the stairs in the corner of the room, the children began to enter, resplendent in their delightful costumes.

We watched them take their places, narrators, shepherds, animals, angels, men and women, boys and girls, Mary, Joseph, the three Kings and their camels and pages.

One small girl stood in the spotlight on the top of the steps and when all the children were seated she began to speak in a loud clear voice and told us we were going to watch Babushka.

As the action progressed it was difficult to believe that most of the players are under 7 and many of them are not yet 5. All of the children sang and spoke beautifully and we could hear every single word. The characters managed to portray the humour in the script- not any easy thing for any actor! It was delightful to have the piano accompanying the children and their enthusiasm and concentration were a great credit to the Pre-Prep staff.

Having watched many nativity plays after a lifetime in education I can honestly say that this rates as one of the best, and even more so when I was told at the end that it was actually written for 7 – 11 year olds!

Thank you, Pre-Prep children for giving us all such a wonderful start to Christmas.

MRS PENNY HORSMAN, WISHFORD ADVISORY BOARD



HANDWRITING COMPETITION

Mrs Tuxworth recently organised our annual Inter-House handwriting competition with the winners from each class receiving prizes at our Celebration Assembly this week.

Year 3 - 3rd Mia - 2nd Olivia - **1st Lottie**
 Year 4 - 3rd Lucy - 2nd Chante - **1st Annette**
 Year 5 - 3rd Malin - 2nd Megan - **1st Neha**
 Year 6 - 3rd Cerys - 2nd Martino - **1st Sam L**

All pupils copied a poem in their best handwriting, with some excellent results, congratulations to you all.

COMPUTING CHALLENGE

Most pupils in years 2-6 recently took part in a National Computing Challenge. Our age group winners were:

Noah (2)
 Tom (5)
 Oscar (6)



Well done boys

Perfect Attendance

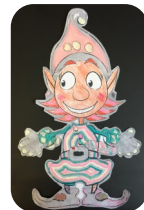
As I always remind the children, they need to be in school in order to participate in as much learning as possible. Obviously there have been some nasty bugs going around this term that have meant pupils (and staff) unfortunately have missed days of school. However, we still managed to award 49 Perfect Attendance Certificates this week - it would be great if I had to print even more next term!

WELL DONE ROSEMARY



Our Junior Transport Ambassadors, Joshua and Oscar V (6) ran an 'Elf and Safety' Competition in school and together with staff chose a winner, Rosemary (5). Her entry was then submitted to the Primary Bromley Travel Plan competition and we were delighted to hear

yesterday that she was the overall winner for KS2 in Bromley. She has received a goodie bag and £20 voucher and the school will also be given a £50 grant to spend on travel activities.



SPRING TERM 2017

Forthcoming dates:

January:

Tuesday 3rd	Prep term begins
Wednesday 4th	Music Theory begins
Thursday 5th	Pre-Prep term begins
	Flute lessons begin
Friday 6th	Spotlight begins
Monday 9th	Year 3 Swimming
Tuesday 10th	7.45am Hockey Club
	7.30pm PTA Meeting
Wednesday 11th	Mr Bryant piano and violin lessons
	Chess Club
Thursday 12th	Brass lessons begin
Friday 13th	Parent Council Meeting (The Cabin)
Friday 20th	2pm Years 5 & 6 Football St Olaves (H)
Saturday 21st	ISA Swimming Nationals at Queen Elizabeth Park
Monday 23rd	ISA London South Cross Country at Frewen College
Friday 27th	2pm Years 5 & 6 Football v Braeside H
Tuesday 31st	Year 3 to National History Museum

February:

Tuesday 7th	Young Voices at O2 Arena
Monday 13th—17th	Half Term
Monday 20th	INSET DAY
Friday 24th	ISA London South Netball at Lingfield Notre Dame
Monday 27th	7.45am Football Club begins
	Parents Interview Week begins
Tuesday 28th	Perform Drama Group Reception, Year 1 & 2

MARCH

Thursday 2nd	World Book Day
Saturday 4th	ISA National Cross Country
Monday 6th	Year 4 National Gallery trip
Wednesday 8th	ISA London South Girls' Football at Virgo Fidelis
Saturday 18th	Open Morning
Friday 31st	11.30am Term Ends

WINNERS OF THE HOUSE POINT CUP
AUTUMN TERM

JUSTIN

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COMPETITION CUP
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