



NOVEMBER 10  
23<sup>rd</sup> November

## The Head Teacher writes ...

What a few days!

- Friday – U11 ISA Regional Football Tournament. Our team played seven matches during the afternoon they won 3, drew 3 and lost 1. When the points were added up they were disappointed to discover they missed on the top place by just 1 point. Nevertheless, Mr Hunter was delighted with their performance, attitude and support of one another.
- Friday night we watched with pride as our Prep Choir opened what turned out to be a terrific evening of music at the annual Children in Need Concert organised by Mrs Sowter. To a packed audience in St John's Church, our pupils sang, smiled and swayed in their colourful tee-shirts. For the finale our choir were invited to join the adults in a powerful performance of 'Africa' with all the sound effects of a rain storm; a brilliant experience! Other highlights of the evening were a steel band that managed to inspire some great 'dad dancing', followed by several of our fathers invited up to join the Barbershop group. Well done Messrs Corbett, Costa, Tierney and Richardson!
- Saturday was the Regional ISA Swimming Gala held at JAGs. Our team swam brilliantly against stiff opposition and we were all delighted to see Rosemary (6) touch first to secure her place at the Nationals in January when she will represent London South in the 50m Butterfly event. Well done Rosemary and the rest of the team.
- Monday and the news that St David's had been placed an impressive 27th place in the Times 'Top 100 Independent Prep Schools in England'. These rankings come from the Year 6 SATs scores achieved in 2016. This was the first year of the new style SATs that included the SPAG paper. I firmly believe our success is testament to the dedicated staff we have that provide a solid education for all our pupils, built on year by year but consolidated in Year 6, by Mrs Sowter who meticulously plans and delivers lessons that ensure all aspect of the new expectations are thoroughly understood and assimilated. Trust me that is no mean feat!
- It was lovely to meet so many of you at Parents' Evening on Monday. The evening was really summed up by one of our new members of staff who came up at the end of a long evening and stated 'I really enjoyed that, all the parents are so lovely and so supportive!'



## PIRATE SCHOOL

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the National Maritime Museum.

It was a pleasure being out and about on a crisp, clear Autumn day and the class enjoyed the excitement of travelling by train and DLR to Greenwich. On the journey they marvelled at the sights of the River Thames, the Cutty Sark and the impressive, stately buildings in Greenwich.

The highlight of the day was Pirate School where the children were enthralled by the teacher, who delighted and horrified them alike with many of the gruesome customs and habits of pirates. At the end of the day, they retraced their steps back to school with the feeling of a great shared experience and happy memories created together. Many thanks to the parent helpers who came along with us.



## PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Last week pupils from Years 5 & 6 were tested and challenged to solve a range of mathematical problems.

The following children received certificates:

**GOLD:** Neha (6) Joshua (5)

**SILVER:** Tom (6) Abraham (5)

**BRONZE:** Rahul (6) Megan (6) Anika (6) Isobel (5)  
Chante (5) Annette (5) George (5)

## WE LOVE READING...



Thanks to Mrs Stock and Miss Slim for running this event last week. You purchased a record number of books which means the school receive over £350.00 in commission. A full set of thesauruses have already been ordered for Year 5, with more selections being made.

*'Fill you house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks' – Dr Seuss*

## NEXT WEEK

Monday 27th

Wednesday 29th

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

## DECEMBER

Thursday 7th

Friday 8th

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cross Country Festival

Flu Vaccination R, 1, 2, 3, 4

PTA Christmas Fair

Years 5 & 6 Singing in the Glades for MENCAP

6.30pm Carol Service

St John's Church Eden Park

9.30am Pre-Prep Dress

Rehearsal

1.30pm Pre-Prep Play to parents

1.30pm Years 5 & 6 to Focus

Happy Puzzle Day

9.30am Pre-Prep Play to parents

2.00pm Prep to Cinderella at

Greenwich Theatre

Christmas Jumper Day and

Christmas Lunch

11.30am End of Term

8 – 6pm Holiday Club

## Mrs Campbell writes:

It was excellent to see and meet parents from right across the age range Y1 to Y6 at the parents' evening and e-safety talks on Monday

**Keeping children safe online is so important**



## To the Beat of the Drums...

Prep pupils were treated to an impromptu display of drumming in the hall after break on Tuesday morning. – it certainly woke us all up!

The drum teacher would love to teach a few more of our pupils and offers 20 minute lessons to start them off. Please contact the school office if you would like further details.

