



NOVEMBER - 13
w/c 11th December

Penny Horsman, Wishford Advisory Board, writes ...

I love school Christmas Carol Services. Over the last forty plus years, I have both organised and attended many in a large number of different schools. However, on Friday December 8th, I was present at a unique occasion. The Prep Carol Service began with the orchestra playing us in to St John's Church, setting the mood for the evening.

The readings began and every Year 6 child read clearly and made sense of the words giving us the message of Christmas. The singing was delightful and one could sense that although the congregation had been asked not to applaud, their fingers were itching! For some pieces, the orchestra accompanied the children with confidence and were obviously enjoying themselves with particular mention being made of Tom the cellist who played so beautifully.

Then came the moment which made this particular service unique! Year 3 stood proudly to sing and a glance at the screen told us that they were to present Silent Night – but wait -there were three more words on the screen Noche de Paz which I did not recognise. The children sang in Spanish! What an achievement! A short while later, it was the turn of Year 4 and to our amazement they sang in Italian. A little later, Years 5 and 6 performed in French. A carol service sung in four different languages is really rather special. Rev Liz spoke told us the story of the nativity in Emojis. As the flute choir played us out at the end of the service, I reflected on a truly unique service and a lovely start to Christmas.

Thank you St David's.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



PREP INTER-HOUSE HANDWRITING COMPETITION

YEAR 3: Nalani
Emilio
*YEAR 4B: Rosa
Jack*
YEAR 4S: Klara
Oliver
*YEAR 5: Grace
Zachary*
YEAR 6: Neha
Luke

42%

HAD FULL ATTENDANCE FOR THE
AUTUMN TERM

67%

WERE AWARDED FOR
EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ROSEMARY (6) WHO HAS BEEN
AWARDED THE JULIA DALLOSSO
MUSICAL COMMITMENT CUP FOR THE
AUTUMN TERM

PRE- PREP INTER - HOUSE CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

RECEPTION: Mia J
Leonardo
*YEAR ONE: Jasmin
James*
YEAR TWO: Janelle
Max

PRE-PREP SUPERSTAR AWARDS

RECEPTION: ALARA
YEAR ONE: THOR
YEAR TWO: HENRY J



PREP EXCELLENCE PLATES

YEAR 3: CONNIE
YEAR 4B: NOAH
YEAR 4S: ROHAN
YEAR 5: DYLAN
YEAR 6: ANIKA





YEAR 6: BEST IN SCHOOL JUNIOR CATEGORY

Neha

YEAR 4 & 5: BEST IN SCHOOL 'CASTORS' CATEGORY

George and Yari

YEAR 2 & 3: BEST IN SCHOOL 'KITS' CATEGORY

Ashley, Emilio and Rupert

DISTINCTIONS WERE AWARDED TO:

Rosemary, Rahul, Anika and Tom (6)

Holly, Joshua O, Niamh, Neriah, Lucy and Lana (5)

Noah, Stefan, Christopher, Rosa, Klara and Lottie (4)

Connie, Jessica C, Nalani, Florence, Aadit, Iris, Emily and Phoenix (3)

Orlando, Max and Margaret (2)

BREAKING NEWS

We have heard today that Neha's score means that she is eligible to go forward to the next round in the TCS Oxford Computing Challenge in March.
Well Done!

THANK YOU PTA!

We have had some wonderful treats this week all funded by the PTA. They very kindly paid for a workshop for every year group from the HAPPY PUZZLE COMPANY which is always a fun and challenging day.

On Wednesday, Pre-Prep thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas party with a visit from Mr Schilling who entertained the children with party games and also a surprise appearance from Santa himself!

The children in Prep were taken to Greenwich Theatre (oh no they weren't – oh yes they were!) to see the very colourful production of Cinderella, which Mrs McHugh particularly enjoyed!

KEY DATES

Wednesday 3rd January 2018: INSET DAY

Thursday 4th January 2018: SPRING TERM STARTS

Mon 8th Year 3 swimming begins

Tues 9th Recp/Yr 1 swimming begins

PTA Meeting

Fri 12th U11 Football v Oakfield (H)

Friday 19th U11 Football v Alleyns (A)

Sat 20th ISA National Swimming finals

Tue 23rd 8.00am Yr 5 Parents

Carrotty Wood Meeting

Fri 26th U11 Football V City of London (A)

Tue 30th Young Voices at O2 Arena

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February:
Half Term

NEW DATES

Mon 26th Feb: Parent Interview Week

Sat 10th March: Yr 3 & 4 Cross Country at Crystal Palace

Fri 23rd March: Music Festival

Sat 24th March: OPEN DAY

Mon 26th March: PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Tue 15th May: Parent Information Evening

Thank you for your generous donations at the Carol Service and the Pre-Prep Production collections. We have raised over £600 meaning that we already have over £1,000! Please encourage any visitors you see over the Christmas period to help you fill your 'lunch box' container. Remember, only £12 provides a school meal for a child in Malawi for a whole year! We look forward to receiving all the containers at our first assembly of the new year on Friday 5th January 2018.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A

PEACEFUL AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL
FROM ALL THE STAFF AT ST DAVID'S PREP

