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Good Luck to Oliver (Y5) as he takes part in the ISA Swimming Nationals. He will be swimming in the backstroke race competing for London South at the Olympic Pool in Stratford on Saturday

Mrs Foulger writes:

I began last week's newsletter by writing about what a great start to the week our Monday assemblies generally are. This week was certainly no exception; indeed, it was even better than usual in that it was an assembly of two halves!

Promptly at 9.00, all Prep pupils met in the hall where we welcomed a former pupil and now new parent to the school, Rachel Wagstaff. At Miss Bonner's request, she had independently read and judged our recent Inter-House story writing competition. Rachel explained that her job is being a writer, despite the fact that English was her weakest subject whilst she was at St David's! Alongside her husband, Duncan Abel, she is currently adapting Agatha Christie's 'The Mirror Crack'd' for the stage, following on from a long list of other such ventures. Rachel encouraged all the children to keep writing and enjoying stories and highlighted some of the features in her winning choices that she particularly noticed. She also told us that being a writer does not generally make you rich but it does mean that some days you can stay at home all day in your pyjamas!

At 9.20, the rest of the school joined Prep where we waited with anticipation for Revd Liz Lander to deliver her last assembly, which, true to form, included her eating some sweets – marshmallows this time! Introducing the subject of Advent, the message she left us with was to try and be especially kind and good in the next few weeks leading up to Christmas, and to try and bring a bit more peace into our little part of the world.

Sadly, we then had to say goodbye to her as she moves to become Chaplain at Alleyn's in January. The children presented her with class cards they had all decorated with sweets and several tubs of chocolates and toffees! Thank you, Revd Liz, we will miss you.

SPECIAL AWARDS

The following pupils received an Excellence Award certificate on Monday from Mrs Foulger:

Alice and Rory (Y5) for excellent results in French

Louis (Y1) for excellent work in English

WELL DONE!

We are delighted to announce we have managed to secure a guitar teacher through BYMT. Mr Danny Bristow is in school on a Friday and several pupils are already enjoying their lessons with him. He would welcome more children who would like to learn guitar, bass guitar or individual ukulele. Please contact the school office if you're interested.

SCHOOL OF ROCK HERE WE COME!



Are you listening?

I'm sure that at some point we have all been asked, 'are you listening?' This week in class, Year 5 discussed what it means to be a good listener and how it makes them feel when they are not listened to. The children were shocked when I demonstrated bad listening (sorry Elianna!) and they were able to identify some bad listening behaviours.

The class then role-played various scenarios thinking about what it feels like not to be listened to.

The following reflections were shared together:

'I feel confused and sad when I am not listened to'

'I feel left out and cross when someone does not listen to me'

'A good listener stops what they are doing and doesn't interrupt you'

'A good listener makes full eye contact and shows facial expressions like smiling to agree with you'

Next week, Year 5 are going to consider how well they think they have done at listening, so parents, this week may be your perfect opportunity to ask them to tidy their room! **Miss Bonner**

COMPETITION RESULTS



Years 2 to 6 took the challenge to solve computational problems at different levels. Mrs Campbell says:

'logical thinking and persistence were needed'

Best in Prep School - Arthur

Best in School 'Castors' - Lottie and Daisy

Best in School 'Kits' - Toby and Luykan

DISTINCTION Certificates awarded to:

Isobel, Holly, Isaac, Joshua, Grace, Rebecca and Lana (Y6)

Noah, Jack, Renata, Thomas, Rosa and Naomi (Y5B)

Olivia and Rohan (Y5M)

George, Jessica C, James, Florence and Evie (Y4)

Erin, Mya, Ava, Ellie, Margaret, Nathaniel, Henry T (Y3)

Isaac, Flossie, Evan and Owen (Y2)

MERIT Certificates awarded to:

Rufus, Abraham, Seb, Dylan, Yari and Teddy (Y6)

Alice, Charan and Carys (Y5B)

Nina, Tilly, Klara, Michael, Oliver and Rory (Y5M)

Connie, Emilio, Nalani, Benjamin (Y4)

Harry C, Anoushka, Kai, Charlotte, Sophia and Efe (Y3)

Sofia, Leo A, Russell, George, Jackson, Thor, Esha and Isabella (Y2)

Following PHSEE lessons on the 'Rights of the Child' Mrs McHugh awarded prizes to the following pupils who submitted entries to a recent competition:

Year 5 – Jack, Olivia, Martha and Rory

Year 4 – Iris, Leylasu and Jessica T

They considered rights such as: freedom of thought and expression, a right to education and the right to have time for rest, leisure and recreational activities.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Madame Blaza set the children optional homework for half term. She was so impressed with the quality of work, imagination and creativity. Prizes were awarded to:

Reception – Felix

Year 1 – Thomas

Year 2 – Esha

Year 3 – Mya

Year 4 – Evie

Year 5 - Oliver

INTER-HOUSE STORY WRITING COMPETITION – JUDGED BY RACHEL WAGSTAFF

Y3: 1st Mya, 2nd Henry T, 3rd Margaret

Y4: 1st George, 2nd Emily, 3rd Rupert



Y5M: 1st Klara, 2nd Olivia, 3rd Tilly

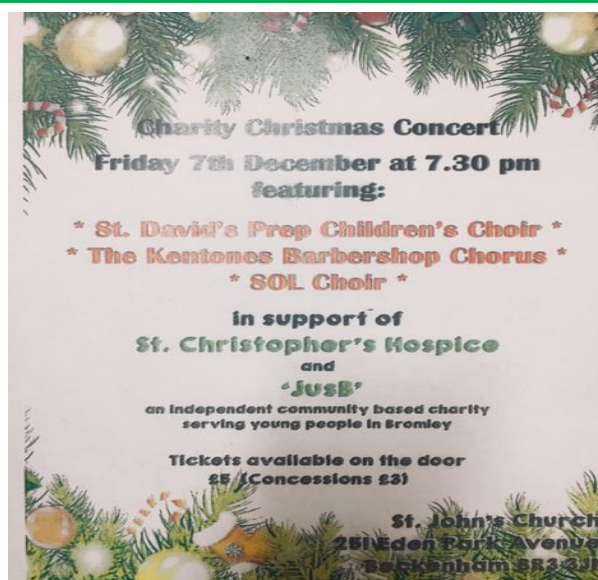
Y5B: 1st Carys, 2nd Jack, 3rd Noah

Year 6: Joint 1st Joshua and Rufus, 2nd Isaac, 3rd Neriah

ST DAVID'S DATES

DECEMBER

Tues 4 th	Y3 and Y4 Inter-house Football and Netball
Weds 5 th	Y6 First Lego League Tournament in Canterbury
Fri 7 th	7.30am Choir Rehearsal at St John's Church 2.15pm Y5 & 6 Football 7.00pm Choir performing at the Christmas Charity Concert at St John's Church
Sat 8 th	1 – 4pm PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 10 th	1.30pm Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production
Tues 11 th	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production 1.30pm Prep to the Churchill Theatre
Weds 12 th	Pre-Prep Messy Christmas
Fri 14 th	Carol Service practice at St John's 6.30pm Prep Carol Service (compulsory for Prep School children)
Mon 17 th	Pre-Prep Party Y5 and Y6 to Focus Group, St John's Church
Tues 18 th	9.30am EYFS Nativity Play Christmas lunch
Wed 19 th	11.30am End of Term Optional lunch & film afternoon



Don't forget to sign up for the Christmas Holiday Club by Monday 3rd December for:
Thursday 20th December and
Friday 21st December
8am to 6pm