



Friday 15th December

Dear Parents,

Mrs Foulger writes...

Tuesday this week was my best day! Starting with the second performance of 'Wriggly Nativity' by Pre-reception and Reception children, I then drove down to St John's Church to see how our older pupils were getting on with their Carol Service practice. A quick stop for some lunch (my favourite-curry) it was back down to the hall for the opening performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action – the Sequin'. The end of the day took me back down to the church ready to welcome Prep pupils and families for the annual carol service.

It is hard to choose highlights from the day; suffice it to say there were no 'low-lights'. As I said to the assembled throng of proud parents and grand-parents at the end of the first show, I was reminded of a chorus I used to sing as a child, *'joy, joy, joy, with joy my heart is ringing...'* and it certainly was for most of Tuesday! Judging by the comments and smiling faces as adults left the hall and church, I was certainly not alone.

Once again, thanks must go to all the staff. None of these events simply happen on the day. Weeks are spent reviewing scripts, choosing songs, fighting over hall space, arranging staging and lighting, sorting costumes, practising and rehearsing all the while keeping the children's interest. Our great team managed to pull it off once again. Every pupil from our very little pre-reception stars, through to our Year 6 readers, all demonstrated the confidence to perform to an audience. They were all stars!

I share some of the words I spoke at the conclusion of our Carol service:

*'I wonder, if like me, you have picked up on the number of times light is mentioned in the carols, in the readings and poems. This is not just a theme in the Christian story. Recently many of our families celebrated Diwali, last week was the Jewish festival of Hanukah and earlier in the year our Muslim friends celebrated Eid. Why light? Perhaps because the alternative is darkness...'*

*Light guides us, it can be something that brings hope when everything around us seems grey and hopeless – think, 'the light at the end of the tunnel' and light brings joy – at this time of year our homes and streets are filled with twinkling lights, they make us feel happy. Light symbolises good triumphing over bad.*

*In the Christmas story we have heard tonight, the baby Jesus came to be 'the light of the world'. This is a challenge for us all, whatever our beliefs, background or values. Each one of us can bring light; lighting someone else's space can be powerful. Your generous gifts towards the Bromley Brighter Beginnings will bring light into homes that might otherwise be dark this Christmas, but sometimes just a smile or a kind word can be enough.*

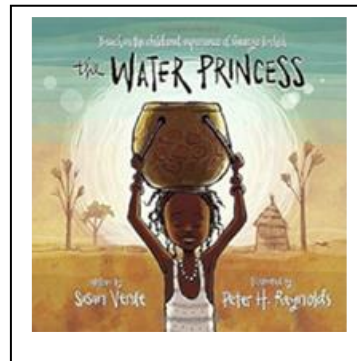
*I wish you all the very best this Christmas time. May your homes, your spaces, your communities be filled with light, joy and hope. Keep safe, keep well and keep bringing and being the light to others.*

**Julia Foulger**

## EDI UPDATE – Mr Mogul writes...

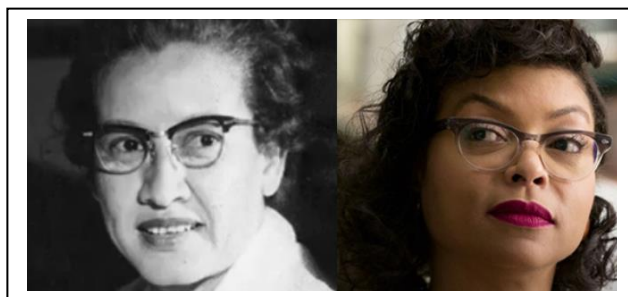
This past term we, at St David's, have made a great effort to further our EDI progress. A new EDI policy has been introduced and we have had the privilege of amending it in light of the wide breadth of knowledge and experience of parents of our very own pupils!

Our year group teams have also, once again, reviewed the books they are looking at over the year to ensure that underrepresented groups are present. An example of this is Year 1 who will be looking at *'The Water Princess'*, a book by Susan Verde and super model Georgie Badiel from Burkina Faso. The book is based upon the young life of Georgie and details the struggles of a young girl who dreams of bringing clean drinking water to her village.



We have also been super lucky to have parents and pupils come in to share information and aspects of their cultures and religions with our classes. Around Diwali this November, the children were shown the wonderful traditional clothing worn as well as various other traditional Diwali customs.

Other year groups have introduced the idea of 'hidden figures', beginning to show our pupils that great discoveries and advancements can have a hidden side where individuals of diverse backgrounds are not given the credit they deserved so we have the opportunity and duty to rightfully shine a light on their contributions. One such case looked at is that of Katherine Johnson, a NASA mathematician.



We look forward to doing more to embed EDI as the year goes on!

### YEAR 4 RE

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the 5 Pillars of Islam this term in R.E. After learning about each pillar individually, we had a really interesting final lesson when Mr Mogul came in to talk to the class about why the 5 Pillars are important to him.

Ziya joined him at the front and together they gave their perspective on the importance of the 5 pillars.





## **BEBRAS COMPUTING CHALLENGE 2023**

Mrs Campbell writes...

We had lots of success in this challenge this year. Below are pupils and teams that deserve a special mention:

A special mention to the four Year 6 children with the highest results who have been invited to take part in the 2023 Oxford University Computing Challenge in February.

**They are:** Guhan K (Best in school), Toby M (Distinction) and Mia J (Distinction)

**Year 6 – Elliot N and Mabel S-B (Distinction)**

**Castors (Yrs 4 and 5):**

**Best in School and the UK! - Alisa A and Wilfred A**

**Distinction**

**Charlotte E and Thendral N, Ashton F and Scarlett W,**

**Felix C and Lex L, Edie M and Nell I, Emily R and Vlad H, Emily M and Ziya T**

**Kits – Best in School**

**Aanya B-R, Christian F and Jenna K**

**Distinction (Yrs 2 and 3):**

**Aaron D and Adriana A, Adam Y and Hannah M, Anna E and Isla B, Aran Mc and Nico R,  
Arthur A, Oliver H-K and Thomas H, Kush K and Samuel S**

**Adya C, Logan B and Rohan P, Aris S and Meera A, Ela A and Eliza H**

### **Other Computing news:**

**Spike Prime Robots** – Thanks to matched funding from Wishford and our PTA, we have 12 new robots. Year 6 pupils have been busy building them and entering their first programmes

**Micro:bits** – We have 10 new little computers through a ‘free-to-schools’ scheme

**Year 3 Coders** – The 2 coding clubs have been great fun, working with Studio Code, Scratch and the new Spike Prime App. Well done Year 3 Coders!

**And finally...** we have had Censornet installed, our new Wishford group-wide filtering and monitoring solution to keep us all safe online.

Please look on the website for National Online Safety posters that give useful information on how to keep your children safe online and advice on many of the popular games and platforms we know they access and enjoy.

## BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Mrs Bishop writes...

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the children and parents who supported our Book Fair again this year. The children had great fun browsing through the cases of books – and some couldn't wait to start reading! Your generosity has resulted in an amazing £960 for us to spend on books for the school. Mr Mogul and I have already been busy shopping and have bought a number of books which focus on diversity and inclusion. In addition to this, all class teachers will be able to choose some books to add to their class libraries.

Thank you again for your support!



## PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Once again, a super Christmas Fair!

Events as successful as that do not happen without a great deal of hard work and planning, both ahead of the date and on the day itself. We have now heard that around £2,824.40 was raised at the fair - super job, PTA team!

Thank you for funding the Panto visit for the whole school and the new Lego Robotics.



## PTA COMING UP:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Comedy Night

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Prep Disco

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fair

**ECO COMMITTEE:**

What a great start to the new Eco term we have had! Firstly, we have elected and assembled our new committee for this year and chosen our three new focus areas. During the month of November, we have been working on the 'Cut Your Carbon' initiative with other schools in the country.

Finally, the committee chose to make the new Eco box as a team and below you can see them working hard.

Lots of other initiatives are still to come and Eco Club will begin after February half term.



**NEW COMMITTEE**

YEAR 6 - Toby M and Leonardo P

YEAR 5 - Sahyuri B

YEAR 4 - Anoushka P and Mayra C

YEAR 3 - Saskia A and Edie G

YEAR 2 - Gianluca M and Jayrishan J

YEAR 1 - Sophia B and Silas D



**PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS:**

Well done to all our Year 5 and 6 mathematicians who took part in the challenge this year.

Mia, Guhan and Toby will go through to the national competition in February.

NAME	YEAR	AWARD
Mia J	6	Gold
Guhan K	6	Gold
Toby M	6	Gold
Leonardo P	6	Gold
Elliot N	6	Gold
Tanya S	6	Gold
Wilfred A	5	Gold

Georgina W	6	Silver
Victoria L	6	Silver
Ashton F	5	Silver
Michael W	5	Silver
Charlie C	6	Silver
Nell I	5	Silver
Scarlett W	5	Silver

Ella T-G	6	Bronze
Chidera N	5	Bronze
Alisa A	5	Bronze
Naima T	5	Bronze
Thendral N	5	Bronze
Esme J	6	Bronze



## First Aid Club

This term, some of our Year 4, 5 and 6s have attended First Aid Club on a Thursday afternoon. Following St John's Ambulance's scheme of learning, the children have got stuck into all things bandages, inhalers and Epi Pens! They have enjoyed the opportunity to apply their knowledge to role-play scenarios and got a chance to practise some skills on each other. You can count on them to help you with all your minor injuries!



## NEW ASSESSMENTS

As you may know we have now rolled out our new assessment programme across the school. All Year groups 1-6 will now use the following termly assessments:

PIRA- Progress in Reading Assessment

PUMA- Progress in Understanding Mathematics Assessment

GAPS- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Going forward, these will be completed three times a year in the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms.

This term assessments have taken longer to complete than expected due to absence and illness. We are now completing any assessments missed and will then be able to use our online system to look at the data as a whole. Early in the New Year, we will be sharing the data with you about your child's attainment in these tests. This will give you an indication of how your child has performed against national indicators. As we gather more data throughout the year we will be able to track progress and build up a clearer picture of achievement overall.

We are currently reviewing when we hold our parent interviews in the future to become more in line with when the data will be available and allow for discussions. The next evening is scheduled for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

## BUILDING UPDATE:

Work is going on behind the scenes to secure a main contractor ready to begin our build at Easter time.

In preparation for the start of the project, work is being done during the Christmas break to split the large Portacabin rooms into 4 spaces. As soon as we have any further updates we will communicate them with you.

## CHARITY:

Thank you for your donations at the end of our Carol Service, they amounted to £700.00 which we will be forwarding to St Christopher's Hospice, a charity very close to the hearts of many of our families.



Our Christmas jumper day raised £106.20 for Save the Children. Thank you to those who contributed to this total.





COMING UP:

**SPRING TERM begins Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

W/C Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Clubs and Music Lessons begin

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices @ 02

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - NSPCC Number Day

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Prep Swimming Gala@ Trinity school @ 6-8pm

W/C 5<sup>th</sup> February - Childrens' Mental Health Week

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Forum @ 8.45am

**W/C Monday 12th February - HALF TERM**

**RAINBOW CLUB**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February - First Lego League competition

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - INSET Day**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February - ISA Cross-Country Competition

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - 'LIFE SPACE'

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March EDI Parent Meeting @ 8.45am

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - PTA Comedy Night

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Inter-House Music

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Lacrosse Tournament

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Open Dance Lessons

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Music Showcase Afternoon

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Bromley Festival

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Bromley Festival

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - TERM ENDS @ 12.30**

**RAINBOW CLUB**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Term begins - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**



## HEAD TEACHER AWARDS

Well done to all these children who have received Head Teacher awards this half term.

It has been lovely to present awards to so many pupils and for such varied reasons, including academic, sport and musical achievements.

<b>Year 1</b>	Hari A	Amyra K	Maya M
	Partho B-R	Natalia K-G	Siya P
	Neana C	Beatrix M	Deniz S
	Elora F-F	Annabelle M	Piper S
<b>Year 2</b>	Rhema A	Ela A	Adya C
	Jayrishan J	Eliza H	Meera A
	Mayven D	Iona D	Annabel C
	Zach C	Astrid P	Meadow B
<b>Year 3</b>	Saskia A	Alex B	Alex F-F
	Christian F	Max H	Nia P
	Nico R	Amber S	Adam Y (2)
	Aaron D	Derin S	Adriana A
	Thomas H	Tuyanji F	Kai H
	Aanya B-R		Livia M
<b>Year 4</b>	Sofia B	Amelie B	Mayra C
	Freya C	Alev C (2)	Gozde C (2)
	Gul C	Darcey D	Eden E
	Ella E	Nastya H (2)	Aoife O'H
	Aria P (2)	Zachary S	Magnus S
	Ziya T (2)	Dharshan V	Alex W
<b>Year 5</b>	Annabelle S	Nell I (2)	Emily R
	Naima T		Wilfred A
<b>Year 6</b>	Victoria L	Elliot N	Rory T (2)
	Guhan K	Tanya S	Georgina W
		Holly H	

## Pre- Reception

### What a busy half term we have had in Pre-Reception!

We have been focussing on celebrations and have learnt about fireworks, Diwali and Christmas. When learning about fireworks, we looked at colours and patterns and created our own firework paintings with glitter. We also thought about how to keep safe when watching fireworks.



We learnt about the celebration of Diwali where we made some special coconut treats and made our own diya lamps. We also learnt some special Diwali songs and used instruments when performing them.



Finally, we learnt about the first Christmas story and took part in our very first Nativity show- true stars!

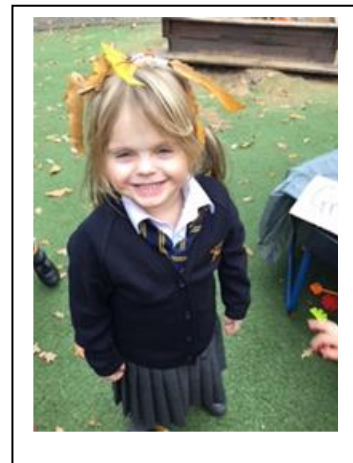
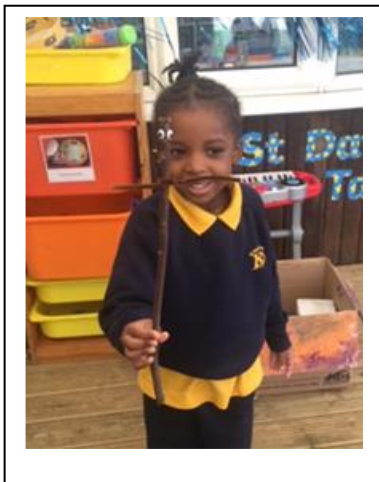


## Reception

What a fantastic half term the reception children have had. From looking at different celebrations to learning all about the changes in seasons. Each week in reception we focus on a different story and lots of the children's learning stems from these stimuli. Our particular favourites this half term have been the Stickman and the Gruffalo. The children absolutely loved these stories as they are familiar with them and therefore they can join in.

When reading the Gruffalo, we focused on explaining the vocabulary in the book. We looked at what an adjective is and asked the children if we could make the descriptions better. We had lots of fabulous vocabulary such as the gigantic Gruffalo and we looked at how we could describe him. The children came up with lots of different describing words and then we practised using these in a sentence.

When looking at stories we learnt about authors and the children then wanted to be become authors themselves. Children thought of their own adventures for Stickman and we even wrote our own class version of the story using the children's ideas. We went around the school grounds on a stick hunt and used these sticks to make our own stick men and stick families. The children also used these to make their own camp fires and we had a lovely time roasting pretend marshmallows.



The Stickman story led to the children asking lots of questions about the change of seasons. In reception we love to follow the children's interests as we know this is how the children learn best. We learnt all about autumn and looked at lots of different coloured leaves. We spoke about the changes in weather and what this means for us and the different clothes we need to wear. As the weather turned cold they had great fun cracking the ice in our water tray to free the arctic animals, just like Stickman got stuck in the snow.

**We cannot to wait to see what adventures  
we have next term!**

## Year 1

Year 1 were very fortunate to have some parents visit the classroom to talk about Diwali. They shared the story of Rama and Sita, and talked about why and how they celebrate the festival. The children learnt about the 5 days of Diwali and how each day is focussed on different aspects, and what the traditions are for celebrating each day. The children particularly enjoyed learning about the sweet foods that are shared!



Year 1 have also been learning how to refine their painting skills. We have learnt about a famous painter called Paul Klee who liked to use watercolour paints underneath black line designs. The children made their own versions of his paintings and enjoyed experimenting with how to create different types of line by adding more and less pressure to the brush. We spent time looking at the shapes that we could see in his paintings, and then created our own. What shapes do you think you can see in our work?



## Year 2

This half-term in science we had a whole year group workshop to learn about every day materials and how their shapes could be changed. The children worked in small groups and went to different workstations to complete their worksheets. It was lovely to see the children from both classes working together to show their scientific knowledge.

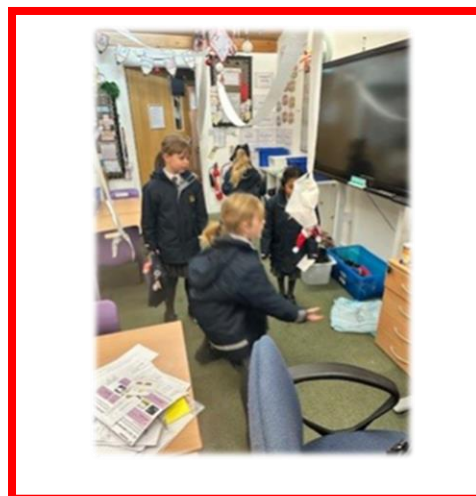


## SCIENCE



Naughty or Nice?!!!

We have had some very naughty visitors to the Year 2 classrooms and chaos has reigned! They have covered classrooms in toilet roll, frozen critters into ice balls, made plimsoll trains and generally made a mess. Mr Sugar Plum and Christmas Cookie will be with us until the end of term and hopefully manage to be nice as well as mischievous!

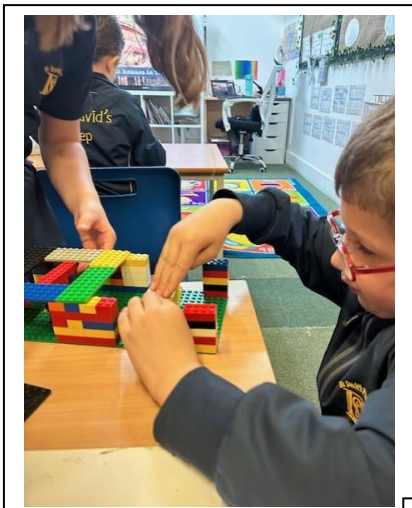


History this half-term has continued with our Victorian learning and we have focused on important Victorians such as Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and John Macadam. We played the 'Mary Seacole Board Game' to help us learn facts for our fact file writing.



Geography this half term has been very fun filled and informative. The children have learnt about weather around the world including the United Kingdom. We have explored the differences between weather and climate and have looked at different climates around the world including a research lesson on The Arctic Circle. We used construction to build houses to suit different parts of the world and had to think carefully about the features that each house would have e.g. if it was a house over water it would need to be built on stilts. One of our Geography lessons involved the children becoming weather reporters and creating their own weather report based on the UK.

They worked in partners to write down their report using technical vocabulary they had learnt earlier on in the term e.g. westerly winds, partly cloudy and 80% chance of rain.



## Year 3 – Science and Our Brilliant Bodies

This term in Science, Year 3 have been learning all about bodies! We have learnt about different types of skeletons and how we move. We had great fun learning the names of the different bones in our bodies and can even use some of the proper scientific names – ask us to show you our femurs and vertebral columns! We used our DT skills to build working models of our arm muscles and we understand how the biceps and triceps work together to move our arms. As part of this unit, we also studied the components of a balanced diet and planned our own healthy meals. To finish our work on our bodies, we investigated the hypothesis that people with longer leg bones can jump further. To test this, we went outside and worked in small group to measure both the length of our femurs and then how far we could jump. We found out that our hypothesis was true!



Outside of the classroom, Year 3 have put their brilliant bodies to work in many different ways. We have been very proud to see so many of our children represent the school in various sporting events and the whole year group working together to complete 620 RIOT laps two weeks before the end of term, earning their reward of extra playtime.

We are certainly in need of a good rest over Christmas!



## Year 4 Practical Geography Experiments

In Geography this half term Year 4 have loved looking at Oceans, The Water Cycle and Biomes.

When learning about the Water Cycle, we made our own mini version in class! First, we poured some water into a big, metal bowl and then we placed a small, empty plastic cup inside. We then wrapped the entire bowl in cling film and left it on a sunny (or not so sunny with the weather that we have had recently!) windowsill for five days. We were hoping that the water would show us that it had evaporated from the bowl, condensed on the cling film and precipitated into the cup.

When we looked at our experiment, Year 4 were extremely excited to see that it had worked! A small amount of the water had made its way into the once empty plastic cup. We discussed how this experiment was just like the Water Cycle on a much smaller scale and it was a lovely activity to show the children how it works in real life.



We also made our own clouds! We added lots of ice to a metal bowl and then added some warm water to a cup and rested it on top. After about 25 minutes we looked back at the cup and saw that there was steam coming out the top of it and condensation on the sides! We spoke about how this is similar to the way that clouds are formed in the sky.

Year 5

MAY THE  
**FORCE**  
BE WITH  
**YOU**

## FORCES

This term in Year 5, we have particularly enjoyed our science topic, where we have had the opportunity to conduct many in-class investigations. We have learnt about different forces, such as, air resistance, gravity and friction. Our experiences have allowed us to make conclusions on the impact of these forces on the world around us. We have learnt about the process of investigating and how to record our findings, including using a hypothesis, prediction, method and fair test, to make sure that our experiments give us the correct data.



### Friction experiment

*Learning about forces, has made me think about if there are even more forces that we could discover – Sahyuri*



### Air Resistance experiment

*It's brilliant how we can experiment in class and work with different people - Naima*

## Year 6

### Field trip to High Broom Woods

As the start of our new Geography topic in October, Year 6 set off in trepidation towards the back of the school field. Their excitement was palpable as we were accompanied by Mrs Page through the gate into the woods beyond.

The path took us towards the River Beck and we all stood on the iron bridge to observe the river environment and make sketches. Walking further into the woods, brought us to completely different surroundings, the children were then able to compare and contrast the two settings.

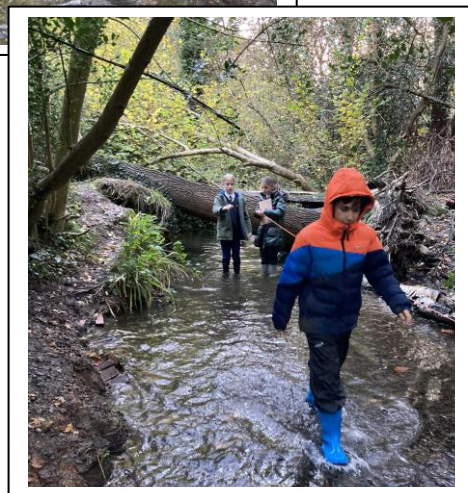
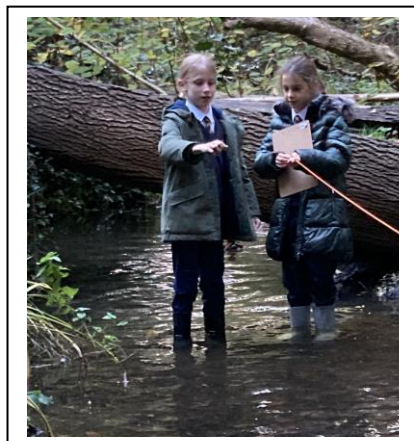
Our main aim was to take some measurements in a couple of other places to observe the features and location changes through a series of experiments.

When we reached a bend in an open expanse of the stream, all of the children expertly measured the width, depth, temperature and pH of the water in various positions and made a careful record of their results.

The main mission was the exciting task of measuring the speed at which the river was flowing. With a ten-metre length of soggy rope and a box of dog biscuits, each member of the class took turns to drop the dog biscuits into water and time the travel over the designated distance. Again, the results were shared and kept for examining later in the classroom.



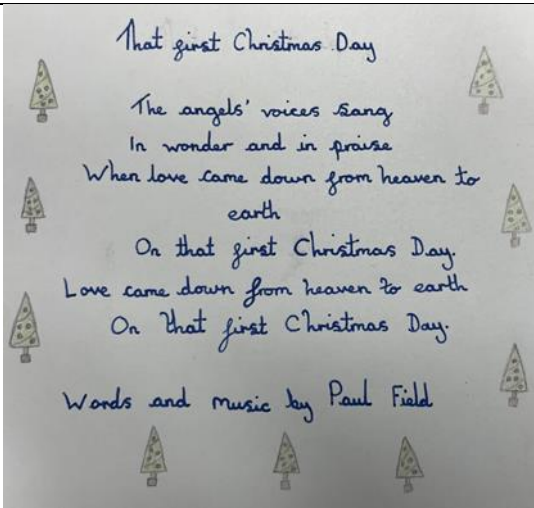
You will be pleased to hear that nobody fell in however there were a number of soggy socks to take home when we finally made it back to base in school. What an amazing group of children to take on this field trip.



## HANDWRITING COMPETITION

All classes from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in our annual Inter- House Handwriting competition. They all had a Christmas poem or carol to copy and decorate as they wished.

The results were judged and these are the worthy winners:

Neana C		Year 1
Annabel C		Year 2
Livia M		Year 3
Emily M		Year 4
Nell I		Year 5
Georgina W		Year 6

## CATERING UPDATE

Since we became part of the Wishford group of schools, our catering has been provided by Holroyd Howe. However, the contract for the majority of our schools has recently been reviewed and put out to tender with several companies involved in the process, including Holroyd.

Following this process, we will from Easter have a new company, IFG Independent, catering for us; they already have the contract at The Mead school in Tunbridge Wells and come very highly recommended. Our current staff team will have their jobs protected by the TUPE process and we expect them to remain working for us at St David's.



We have now seen some example menus and feel their commitment to sustainability and healthy eating are to be commended. We look forward to welcoming and working with IFG in the coming months.



**Christmas 2023**  
**at St David's**



## SPORTS ROUNDUP



### INTRODUCTION

We have certainly crammed a lot of sport into the last seven weeks. The rain, wind and even icy weather hasn't stopped the children wanting to get out there and have an amazing time with each other. The results of this, as you will see, are absolutely fantastic. Every single child in the school has taken part in something over the last few weeks from Swimming in ISA Nationals to the whole school (even the teachers) dancing on the field! It really has been the perfect way to "Step into Christmas"

### NETBALL

We had the privilege of taking part in a Netball Tournament at Farringtons School on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 10 of our girls from Years 5 and 6 went along and it was an amazing afternoon! We played in a total of 8 games, with our 'rest time' being right at the very end so we had to keep up our stamina all afternoon. The girls listened to every piece of advice they were given and improved in each game as the tournament went on. Well done girls!

### GIRLS FOOTBALL

A group of girls from Years 4 to 6 travelled to Rosemead Prep for a friendly tournament. Braving sun, rain and wind the girls showed great spirit, hugely improving as the tournament progressed. This is one of the first times the girls have played together against other schools and they should be immensely proud of their achievement, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

Additionally, last week, our girls football team welcomed Highfield for a friendly football match. They girls played amazingly well, fighting back twice to draw level.

It has been wonderful seeing the girls grow in both confidence and skills, thanks to Coach Joe who has been improving and challenging the girls weekly in our club before school.

### SWIMMING

On 14<sup>th</sup> November we took 15 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 along to Beckenham Spa for the "Bromley Small Schools Swimming Gala". What a morning! The children all pushed themselves to the max in both their swimming and their supporting of each other. Not only did we win many of the individual races and relays but we were so proud to be the overall winners of the Gala. I am not sure who was more excited, the children or the teachers.

We were incredibly proud to find out that 2 of our children had made the ISA National swimming finals, these were held on 1<sup>st</sup> December at the London Aquatic Centre (Olympic pool). Both Georgina in Year 6, and Michael in Year 5, earned themselves a place in the Freestyle relay team, representing London South. Georgina's team came 6<sup>th</sup> and Michael's came 4<sup>th</sup>. What an achievement! We are so proud of you both.



## **CROSS COUNTRY**

### **Crystal Palace**

As always, the Crystal Palace Cross Country gave us rain and muddy conditions, and as always, the children turned up ready to take on the challenge with determination but also to have fun. They didn't disappoint! It was lovely to see so many children push themselves in the muddy conditions but still finish with pride and a huge smile.

### **St David's Dash**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> November, we held our annual St David's Dash for Years 3 and 4. With four visiting schools and ourselves, this proved to be quite a competition. The children all ran 2 laps of our large Cross-Country track, which isn't easy! Our children, as always, pushed themselves to their limits, resulting in a Gold for Aaron D and a Silver for Anna E with many others just missing out on medals. As a school, we came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Well done to Parish School for once again taking the trophy home.

### **Farringtons Cross Country**

In our last event before Christmas, on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, we took 29 children from Years 3-6 to Farrington's School for a cross country tournament against a number of other schools. For quite a few of our children it was the first time they had represented the school away from our school field. It was a fabulous afternoon! 2 first places, 2 second places and 2 third places, as well as overall winners in the Year 3 and Year 4 girls' teams! Every single child we took put everything into their race and the smiles of pride from both the children and the parents that came along to support was a perfect way to finish a week, and in fact, the term.

## **LACROSSE TOURNAMENT**

Last Thursday, we hosted a Lacrosse Festival at St David's. This gave 24 of our children across Years 3-6 a chance to practise and use their Lacrosse skills. It was fabulous to see them all growing in both ability and confidence. Lots of goals were scored and fun was had but more importantly seeing the children being supportive of one other and demonstrating how to be a team was quite lovely to see. Well done to all who took part!

## **CHRISTMAS DANCE**

Lastly, for the last few weeks the children have been "secretly" learning a Christmas Dance in their PE lessons. It was very exciting last week when we all went to the field together to film the dance. With lots of tinsel, confetti and big happy smiles, it certainly was "Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas". But we will let you be the judges of that... Enjoy!

## **COMING UP...**

This may have been an incredibly busy half term but that hasn't stopped us from planning for the New Year... Look out for an email early in January for our Inter-House Swimming Gala. This event is for Years 3-6 and will be held on 2nd February at Trinity School from 6pm and finishing by 8pm. We can't wait to see you all there.



Football @ Rosemead

### A Sporting Term!

Netball against Highfield



Netball @ Farrington's



Farrington's Cross-Country



Farrington's Cross-Country



Winners @ Small Schools Gala

