

THE PREP WEEKLY

6th December 2024



Message from Mr Lovett

Christmas spirit has most definitely arrived in the Prep Department. After being out of school on Thursday and Friday last week, I arrived into work at 7am Monday, turned on the lights and was blown away by how beautiful the Prep corridor looked. We are so lucky to come into school each day and be greeted by this – not many can say this about their workplace! We have also been treated to this years Nativity performances that had us laughing, crying, gasping and waiting on the edge of our seats for the next scene. I mentioned in the final performance that it is sometimes easy to forget that we have children as young as 4 on the stage and it is no mean feat that that our wonderful staff prepare them to be able to put on such a great show. However, the children were the stars of the show and they produced some moments that will live in the memory for a long time – a great time had by all! Keep bringing in any Xmas cards for fellow pupils that can be posted in our Prep post box and delivered by our Prep Six elves during the last week!

The Week Ahead

Monday 9th December

EYFS Xmas Singalong
Christingle

Tuesday 10th December

U11 Football v Decoy School (A)

Wednesday 11th December

Rec & KS1 Trip to Killerton

Thursday 12th December

Xmas Jumper Day, Xmas Lunch &
Rudolph Run

Friday 13th December

Carol Service. Term ends @ 12pm



Work of the Week

Friday 6th December

Rhianne Martin
Hannah Till
Florence Foran
Issy Jones
Eris Pascall
Grace Till
Amba Owalsky
George Reynolds
Eli Lewis
Charlie Boobyer
Seb Baxter
Molly Arthur
George Sheppard
Abigail Barr
Iris Clayton

National ISA Swim Finals



It was a very successful day at the Olympic pool last Friday for our 4 Trinity Swimmers coming away with 3 medals:

George Tucker (Year 8) 🏊 Medley Relay & 4th Freestyle Relay

Lucy Hughes (Year 6) 🏊 Medley Relay, 🏊 Freestyle Relay, 4th 50m freestyle, 5th 50m Fly

Henry Lovett (Year 6) 4th Freestyle Relay

Eris Pascall (Year 5) 4th Freestyle Relay



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Rec & KS1 Trip to Post Office



This morning, Reception & KS1 made the short walk to Ashleigh Way Post Office for what is now a Prep Christmas tradition. Their letters to Santa are finished and are in the envelope ready to be posted. The children wore their Christmas hats and looked the part for this special trip. Father Christmas certainly has his work cut out this year!

Around the classes



The Lodge

By Mrs Bryant

This week, we have continued to embrace the Christmas spirit! We enjoyed reading our book of the week, "Santa Needs a Wee." The story follows Santa's journey on Christmas Eve as he realizes he needs to go to the bathroom after having a drink at every house he visits. The children found it very amusing and laughed throughout the book. In our role-play area, Santa's Grotto, we have also been practising our singing and taking turns with "What's in the Box?" The children have been choosing a Christmas character and then singing a song that relates to that character. It's been a week full of laughter, fun and Christmas cheer.



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here in The Stables! The children have made their own magical reindeer food using oats and bird seed, they have been using different media and materials to design and create their own gingerbread people and they have used a selection of green tissue paper and cellophane to make their own stain glass Christmas trees for our window display. What a lot of Christmassy fun!



Reception

By Mrs Ganner

Reception have had a very Christmasy week practising for their Nativity and Sing-a-long and in between that we've been making lots of festive treasures to bring home. Here the children are enjoying some chocolatey Maths, the best way to teach Maths in my opinion...we practised counting, adding, subtracting and patterns! 🎄

Around the classes



Prep 1 By Mrs May

In French, Prep One have been learning a finger rhyme about Two Little Reindeer. It is a little bit like Two Little Dickie Birds.

Deux petits rennes, assis sur un toit. Je m'appelle Rudolph. Je m'appelle Dasher. Bonjour Rudolph. Bonjour Dasher. Au revoir Rudolph! Au revoir Dasher!



Prep 2 By Mrs Miller

Shapes, shapes everywhere! Prep 2 have been using their knowledge of 2D shape properties to create different categories to group them. They have been using technical terms like vertices, quadrilaterals and septagons. Great explanation about their choices too.



Prep 3 By Mrs Young

This week in humanities Prep 3 have been learning about the Wild West. The class learnt about the main U.S. states that the homesteaders settled upon, and also located them on a map. The class also learnt about the terrain and weather in the great plains. Well done Prep 3 fantastic work!

Around the classes



Prep 4 By Mrs Hughes

This week Prep 4 have enjoyed learning about the impact of advertising. We have been looking specifically at Christmas adverts and how they use music and film to make us feel a range of emotions to advertise their brand. The children have really enjoyed looking at current and nostalgic tv adverts and discussing their impact as viewers!



Prep 5 By Mrs Sutton

Prep 5 have combined many of the map skills we have covered this term to create a route around interesting landmarks in our local area. They used grid references, compass directions and scale to calculate distances. Their chosen highlights included Powderham Castle, Teignmouth pier and many of their own homes!



Prep 6 By Mr Partridge

Prep 6 have had an outstanding finish to their main curriculum learning for this term with some superb results in end of unit maths assessment and some creative writing outcomes which showcase the progress made this term. Those not involved in the swim gala on Tuesday also enjoyed exploring concepts around settlement by playing a very old version of “Civilizations” computer game (complete with mid-90s graphics!)



Nativity

This week we were treated to 3 'WONDERFUL' performances of Manger Mouse by Reception, KS1 & Prep 3. The Prep school enjoyed the dress rehearsal on Tuesday morning before the cast really turned it on for our 2 afternoon performances on Wednesday & Thursday. We are so proud of you and you put on a great show!

Christmas in a day!



As part of our "Christmas In A Day" (Xmas Jumpers, Xmas Lunch, Carols by the fire, Inter-house quiz & Rudolph Run) next Thursday there will also be a Prep Christmas disco in Oakley to end the day.

Song requests can be submitted using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YcyTJTAV6v>

Please submit requests by 6pm Sunday evening

U9 & 11 Swim Gala



On Tuesday afternoon a group of swimmers from KS2 travelled to Exeter School for an informal Swim Gala. This was an opportunity for swimmers of differing abilities to have the opportunity to experience swimming against another school without the pressure of results. It was an extremely successful event and the children that attended took a great deal from it.



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Prep Life Gallery

