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THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

I am currently writing this edition of the Prep Weekly from London where we have taken 3 Prep & 4 Senior swimmers to the Olympic Pool to take part in the National ISA swimming finals. This in itself is a massive accomplishment for our younger pupils but they have amazing role models such as Vovo Gavrysh & Harry Butler in the Sixth Form to look after them and aspire to. If you haven't been lucky enough to witness Vovo swim competitively - it is a joy to behold. He holds ISA national records and is on course to represent the Ukraine in the Olympics, they couldn't be in better hands. It always staggers me that our pupils have the opportunity to compete in ISA National sporting events at arenas such as the Olympic Pool for swimming, The Alexander Stadium for Athletics, St George's Park for Football and Worksop College for Cross-Country. These experiences will no doubt have a lasting effect on their development. Although we are fortunate that our pupils get masses of opportunity to progress as athletes there is no doubt that their development is accelerated through participation in out of school clubs. We have excellent links with teams in our local area and if you would like any advice on where to go please ask. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4th Dec

Tuesday 5th Dec
Nativity Dress Rehearsal.

Wednesday 6th Dec
Nativity Performance.

Thursday 7th Dec
Nativity Performance.

Friday 8th Dec
Rudolph Run.
EYFS Xmas Sing-along.

Around the classes



The Lodge

By Mrs Tigwell

Glitter and glue have been flowing this week in The Lodge alongside the children's creativity, experimentation and excitement for all the activities on offer. For National Tree week, the children recycled some packaging to make a Christmas tree which is on display by their hamper, their handprints were collaged to make a Christmas tree door decoration and from two card triangles they made their family a Christmas tree card. The story of Stickman has been popular, and the children made several from gathered sticks and wool and placed them in water in the freezer. To celebrate St Andrew's Day, some children made Saltire Flags and were able to identify the shapes and colours whilst creating them.



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! This week in the Stables, we have been getting into the Christmas spirit by using our little post office to write our own letters to Santa and dressing up to make treats in our Gingerbread role play house! We have also been celebrating National Tree Week by decorating our rainbow tree with beautiful decorations and making stained glass Christmas trees for our window display. Another busy week in The Stables!



Reception Class

By Mrs Ganner

Reception have written their letters to Father Christmas this week and enjoyed posting them with Prep One and Two! The children are learning how to spell words by segmenting and blending the phonemes. Reception tried really hard to form their letters correctly so that Father Christmas could read their wishes!



National ISA Swim Finals

Today, three Prep School swimmers have been competing in the National ISA swimming finals at the Olympic pool in London. Eris Pascall will race in the Freestyle relay team, Lucy Hughes in the individual freestyle and freestyle relay team and Henry Lovett in the individual backstroke and freestyle relay. A wonderful experience for them and I will keep you posted on results!



Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

After lots of Christmas list and letter writing to Father Christmas this week, Prep One spent a lovely lesson in the Art Room. They painted a roof for their Tudor houses, had a good read to Mrs May and enjoyed some calm, peaceful and mindful Christmas watercolour paintings.



Prep 2

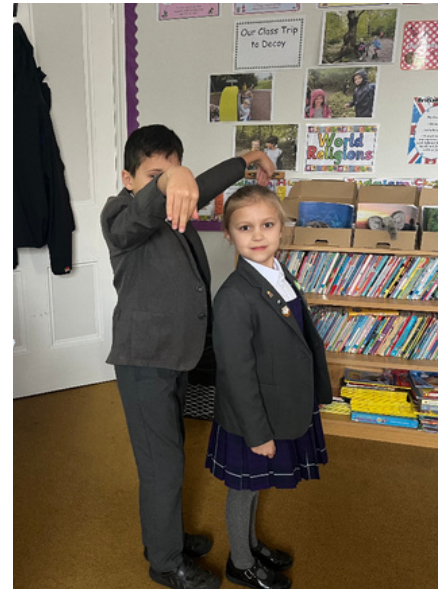
By Mrs Miller

Excitement is building in the Prep 2 classroom as we venture towards Christmas... This week we have been writing our letters to Father Christmas and including lots of features to make them even more brilliant. We went off to The Post Office on Thursday to post them in the hopes of receiving a reply before we break up.

Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in Prep 3, Prep 4 joined us for an English lesson. We read the story of Ceres the Roman God of the harvest. The children then acted out the key events from the story. Fantastic acting skills Prep 3&4!



U11 ISA Tag Rugby

On Wednesday we took two Under 11 teams to St Christopher's for the SW ISA Tag Rugby Competition. The standard was very high and all children had the opportunity to play against teams from schools such as St Joseph's, Stover, St Michael's & St Christopher's. At the end of the competition one of our teams finished the day with 4 wins and a close loss meaning they finished in second place. A great day of Tag Rugby for all involved!



Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

Prep 4 have enjoyed learning about different types of instruments including wind instruments. We have set ourselves the challenge of making some panpipes using some bamboo sticks and work got under way this week to cut them into different lengths to make different pitches. It was a lot tougher than it looked but we had some very determined prep 4's so we have made a good start! Keep posted for the outcome!



Prep 5

By Molly Arthur

In Maths, Prep 5 learned about adding and subtracting fractions. It was quite hard but you get used to it. In English, we wrote introductions to important life-saving facts. For example, how to make fire, get food and water. In Art, we did Christmas cartoon pictures. I did Santa stuck up the chimney. We also did Pinocchio auditions.

Prep 6

By Mr Partridge

Prep 6 numbers have been severely depleted this week through a combination of illness, appointments, holidays and sports fixtures. However the highlight of my week - and possibly whole term - was the sight of Prep 6 compacting wood chip for a new Forest School stage area by "pogoing" to the Stick Song from Hey Duggee!



Prep Christmas Tree

On Monday Prep 6 started their week by travelling to Haldon Forest to choose the Prep Christmas Tree. They did a great job and returned with a beautiful 6ft Spruce which is now proudly on show in the corridor. A reminder that if your child would like to add a decoration to the tree they are more than welcome! We also have our Christmas post box up and running for any Xmas cards that will be delivered to children in the Prep Department by our very own Prep 6 elves!



Prep Life Gallery

