

12TH JANUARY 2024



THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

Although we are well into January, this is my first formal opportunity to say Happy New Year to you all! Our Prep school assemblies have been focussed on setting resolutions and personal challenges for ourselves. We have discussed the importance of recognising what we need to improve but also what we need to maintain when we are doing well. The children did a great job of identifying the Top 10 resolutions that are undertaken each year and were surprised to hear that many were failed before the end of the month - I wonder how many of you can already resonate with this! This theme was concluded by thinking about how attitudes and traits are some of the easiest things to change and have the biggest impact on ourselves but also others around us. You will have noticed that key dates for the term are being uploaded onto Class Dojo so that you can keep track of what is going on this term. There will be events that are added at short notice so please keep an eye out. You will receive regular notifications in preparation and I hope you find this facility useful. It has been a fantastic first full week back and has been lovely to have our school community back together - even if a bit chilly! Have a lovely weekend.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 15th Jan
Reception '24 Transition Morning.

Tuesday 16th Jan

Wednesday 17th Jan
*U11 SW ISA Netball (H).
U11 Football v Plymouth College (A).*

Thursday 18th Jan
*U8&9 X-Country @
Blundell's.*

Friday 19th Jan



Around the classes

The Lodge

By Mrs Tigwell

The Lodge children have returned from the Christmas break recharged and full of news about their festive time with family and friends. We have also had a few new children settle in who are becoming familiar with their new environment and the routines. The children have continued their discovery and curiosity of ice and have enthusiastically explored the log cabin playhouse on the decking. Whilst being creative in the sand tray and the arts and crafts area, conversations have flowed and ideas have been shared. In their café, role play was extended with a box of glasses. The children did a lot of laughing when swapping the resources. This week ballet and forest school resumed and the children successfully demonstrated previous knowledge and understanding.



The Stables

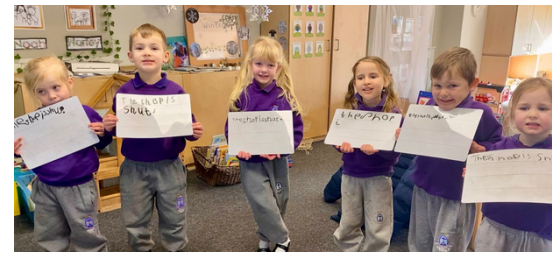
By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week, we have been busy in our Vets role play area examining different pets and performing surgeries where necessary! We have also talked about pets we have at home or pets we would choose and then have drawn them to make a beautiful display.

Reception Class

By Mrs Ganner

Reception have come back after Christmas and they mean business! Hitting the ground running, they are using all of their previous learning to help them to progress further in their Phonics knowledge. The children have been working hard to learn how to write super sentences using simple punctuation and they are continuing to work hard on their letter formation. It's hard to believe that this is only their second term at school!



U11 Netball

The U11 girls welcomed St Christopher's to Trinity for their first fixture of the term. Both teams were playing in preparation for ISA netball next week. All of the girls played well and tried out different positions, each time working hard and as a team. I'm very excited to see how the girls get on next Wednesday and for the rest of the term.

Miss Moss



Around the classes



Prep 1

By Mrs May

Prep One have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes in Maths this week. They have named and recognised different shapes, sorted them and started to describe their properties. 3D shapes have made excellent castles for our topic work and 2D shape pictures will soon be decorating the classroom walls.



Prep 2

By Mrs Miller

Money is our first unit in Maths to kick off the spring term with. The children have recapped coin and note recognition, compared values and ordered them, totalled amounts and explored different ways to make different values. A brilliant start to the new year!



Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in English Prep 3 have been learning about our new class text, *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King. The children have enjoyed reading aloud to the class, using adjectives to describe the dump and answering detailed comprehension questions. Well done Prep 3!



Work of the Week

Friday 12th January

**Seb Baxter
Henry Whitlock
Eris Pascall
Daisy Arthur
Harley Maidens
Oliver Williams
Leonie Miller**



Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

Prep 4 thoroughly enjoyed den building with the Christmas trees kindly donated by you to our Forest School area. They carefully collated them all, chose their spots and worked collaboratively with Prep 3 to make some pretty impressive dens! They thought about providing shelter from rain and animals and even thought of having different areas inside them. One of my favourites included a fireplace and bath!



Prep 5

By Alister Wall

In English, we are doing Harry Potter, writing Uncle Vernon's diary which is really fun. Yesterday at Trinity, St Christopher's came and did netball and we won 3-1. Today, we did Science. We did germination and fertilisation which is fun to learn. We have started doing Shrek rehearsals which is really exciting and really fun. In Food Tech, we made scones and Henry L got Star Chef. In Art, we did self-portraits which was a bit tricky but still fun. For Maths, we did long multiplication which is a bit tricky but is still really fun.

Prep 6

By Mr Partridge

We have had a lovely week in Prep 6. The children have been working really hard in their Maths and English and impressed me with their focus and enthusiasm towards our latest topics of decimals and 'writing a letter of complaint'. This has been very entertaining for the children as they were given the opportunity to complain about me! We finished the week with Shrek rehearsals with preparations well underway.



BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP

Teddy Jeffery
Hannah Yandle
Alastair Barr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Prep Life Gallery

