

8TH DECEMBER 2023



THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

Welcome to the final Prep Weekly of the year - where has this term gone! As we move towards the last two and half days we have an incredible amount to fit in and the children are most definitely in the Christmas spirit. This week we have had two wonderful Nativity performances that provided many moments of joy and laughter - if you were fortunate enough to witness Baarmy Bethlehem you will know exactly what I mean! Putting together these productions requires a great deal of patience & creativity and I would like to thank the staff involved for all their efforts - I know they will be relieved that it went so well. Next week we have many festive events happening culminating in the Carol service at OLSP Church with all children being required to be taken home directly after the service at 12pm - I hope to see as many of you as possible for what is always a lovely way to end the term. Tonight, your child will come home with their Autumn Term Reports which will reflect upon the start they have made to this year. Please take the time to share the comments with your child and celebrate all of their achievements from a busy term. I'm going to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 11th Dec
Reception Class Trip to Kents Cavern.

Reception & KS1 Fireside Event.

Tuesday 12th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day.
Christmas Lunch.

Wednesday 13th Dec
Carol Service @ OLSP Church.
Term ends @ 12pm.

Around the classes



The Lodge

By Miss Hulbert

This week in the lodge we have been getting into the Christmas spirit! We have been using our physical and gross motor skills to take part in festive yoga and skipping around the Christmas tree with Mrs Barlow in ballet. Also, we have used our fine motor skills to stencil around letters in the alphabet and making marks for our Christmas cards to our families.



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week, we have made our letters to Santa by using our scissor skills to cut out pictures of a few things we might like for Christmas and copying our name cards to form recognisable letters. We have been opening our Advent calendar to find yummy treats behind specific numbers and opening our Advent books that have been wrapped under the tree as a surprise story for circle time. We have also been making lots of exciting Christmas surprises to take home for our families. Merry Christmas from everyone in The Stables.



Reception Class

By Mrs Ganner

What a busy, Christmassy week Reception have had! In between being super stars in their Nativity, the children have created Christmas cards, Christmas tree decorations and played in their Christmas Workshop! The children particularly enjoyed making a Christmas snack by decorating yummy biscuits fit for Santa himself!



National ISA Swim Finals

Last Friday, three Prep Swimmers competed in the ISA National Finals at the Olympic Pool in London. In what was an incredible experience, all of our swimmers did themselves proud. Henry finished 8th in both of his races, Lucy did amazingly finishing 4th in both of hers and Eris capped off a very successful day by picking up a bronze medal as part of the Year 4 Freestyle relay team.



Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

Prep 1 have used needles and sparkly festive string to sew their Christmas cards this week. They all concentrated incredibly well and persevered with this new skill. Every child is very proud of their gorgeous card, which has been beautifully hand written, and it will be coming home in a decorated envelope this weekend.



Prep 2

By Mrs Miller

The Prep 2 Christmas elves have been busy this week making beautiful cards using their knowledge of shapes and technical language like 'vertical' and 'diagonal'. Super following of instructions and a brilliant outcome. They can't wait to give them to their families.



Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in prep 3 the children have been writing their own Roman myths about a Roman God of their choice. The children used lots of skills they have learnt this term and have enjoyed reading them aloud to the class. Super work Prep 3!



Work of the Week

Friday 8th December

Nova Jeffery
Henry Foulds
Kristian Muzvimwe
Ben Yandle
Teddy Jeffery
Alastair Barr
Barney Rushton
Penny Firth
Oliver Leveridge
Shaun Hauxwell
Hannah Till
Mena Rowlands
Dante Eykyn



Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

Prep 4 decided to raise money for our school charity the RNLI. They enjoyed working collaboratively making ginger bread biscuits in the food tech room and decorating them ready to sell to the school! They are now planning their next fundraising event!



Prep 5

By Eli Lewis

In English, we have been making posters to show how to survive on a deserted island. For example, you can drink from green coconuts but not brown ones because they would give you diarrhoea! We watched Nativity on Tuesday. The best part was when one of the kings said, 'I bring a cheese sandwich.' In Science, we are learning about germination. Plants need water, sunlight, the right temperature and soil to grow. Next week, we are having Christmas in a day. It will include opening Secret Santa gifts and Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.



Prep 6

By Mr Partridge

Prep 6 have had a major focus on maths this week using place value knowledge to help convert between different units of metric measurement and exploring the strange world of imperial units. We have also celebrated the outcome of our "homemade Christmas" project with a class party featuring decorations, crackers, food, games and puzzles all created by class members - plus two self composed and performed songs.



KIT

Firstly, thank you to those parents that provided feedback on proposed changes to wearing kit into school on the days they have sport or forest school. The idea behind this is to reduce the amount of kit in school each day and make it easier for children to look after their belongings. We will trial this next term and a letter will come out at the start of next week outlining how this will work with further guidance. As previously mentioned there will be occasions where additional kit will be needed on a specific day, hence why we will trial its effectiveness and impact on organisation.



Nativity!



Prep Life Gallery

