

THE PREP WEEKLY

29th November 2024



Message from Mr Lovett

As I write this, I am sat poolside at the Olympic pool in London where three of our Prep swimmers are competing in the National ISA Finals. I often sit back and reflect on the wonderful opportunities our pupils have. I will make sure we will keep you updated on how Lucy, Henry & Eris get on. As well as the academic & sporting learning that occurs, our annual Rotary Talks from Prep 4,5&6 is a staple event in the calendar. Public speaking is such an important skill that will play a pivotal role in the development of our pupils as they move into higher education and employment. Monday evening at the Rotary Finals was a fine showcase of the confidence and presentation skills of the different age groups. I was blown away by all participants but particularly so by our Prep 6 cohort. The maturity and engagement they showed was well beyond their years and was one of those moments where you are in awe of their accomplishments. We look forward to Nativity performances next week as the Prep Department well and truly gets into the festive spirit. Have a lovely weekend!

The Week Ahead

Monday 2nd December

Pupil Voice Meeting

Tuesday 3rd December

U9&11 Swim Gala @ Exeter School

Wednesday 4th December

Nativity Performance

Thursday 5th December

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Friday 6th December

Rec & KS1 Trip to Post Office
Reports Home



Reception & KS1 Golf

On Wednesday, Reception & KS1 were treated to a taster golf lesson from coach Leah Roelich. Leah will be offering these sessions as part of our club provision on Monday afternoons in the sports dome. We have already had a great uptake but if your child would like to join please complete the form below to sign up:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2E1ggKPBEc>

Birthday's Coming Up

Daisy Arthur

**George Whiteway-
Wilkinson**



Rotary Final



On Monday evening we held the finals of our Rotary Talks in front of a packed audience of Rotarians and parents. Every speaker did an amazing job and it was fantastic to hear a variety of talks and presentation styles. It was such a close vote in each year group with prizes going to:

Prep 4:

Runner Up - Seb Baxter

Winner - James Shill

Prep 5:

Runner Up - Isobel Jones

Winner - Florence Foran

Prep 6:

Runner Up - Lucy Hughes

Winner - Mali Eykyn

Wedgewood Cup for Most Entertaining Talk:

Eliza Morgan



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Around the classes



The Lodge By Miss Drewett

This week we have made Pop Cakes to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. We started off creaming the butter and sugar together then added some vanilla extract for flavour. Next we added the eggs and then the flour, we mixed the ingredients together to form a soft creamy consistency. We then put a teaspoon full of the ingredients into the pop cake maker ready to cook. Once the cakes were cooked and cold we dipped them in chocolate and then in sprinkles. We learnt a lot of new words such as cream, mixture, beat and bake. The smell of them cooking was amazing 😊. We also watched a short video about Thanksgiving and talked about what we are thankful for too. 😊😊



The Stables By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week we have been busy getting into the Christmas spirit! We have discussed our season changing and moving into Winter and after the excitement of the snow we had last week, we have been making snowman names for a beautiful display. The children copied their name cards after counting how many letters they have in their name, drew a snowman face and used a square and rectangle to make a snowman hat!

Our role play area has been transformed into a Gingerbread House with lots of sweet treats to enjoy at the Christmas table, a tree to decorate and a tray of sparkles to investigate. What a lot of sparkly fun!



Reception By Mrs Ganner

Reception have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts this week! We've made snowmen, Christmas cards, sparkly baubles and stained glass window decorations... all while singing and dancing to Christmas music! 🎄👤

Around the classes



Prep 1 By Mrs May

In Literacy this week, Prep One have been enjoying the text, *The Fox and the Star* by Coralie Bickford-Smith. Once there was a Fox who lived in a deep, dense forest. For as long as Fox could remember, his only friend had been Star, who lit the forest paths each night. But then one night Star was not there, and Fox had to face the forest all alone. This story really has inspired some excellent writing and I am really proud of the progress the children have made this term.



Prep 2 By Mrs Broom

In topic this week prep 2 have been learning about Thomas Edison. We looked at his life and the many different inventions he came up with (over 1000!) We then all had a go at making our own circuits but Mrs Broom did not tell us how to do it and gave us an extra challenge to add in a switch too. Some brilliant teamwork and discussion on how to figure it out.



Prep 3 By Mrs Young

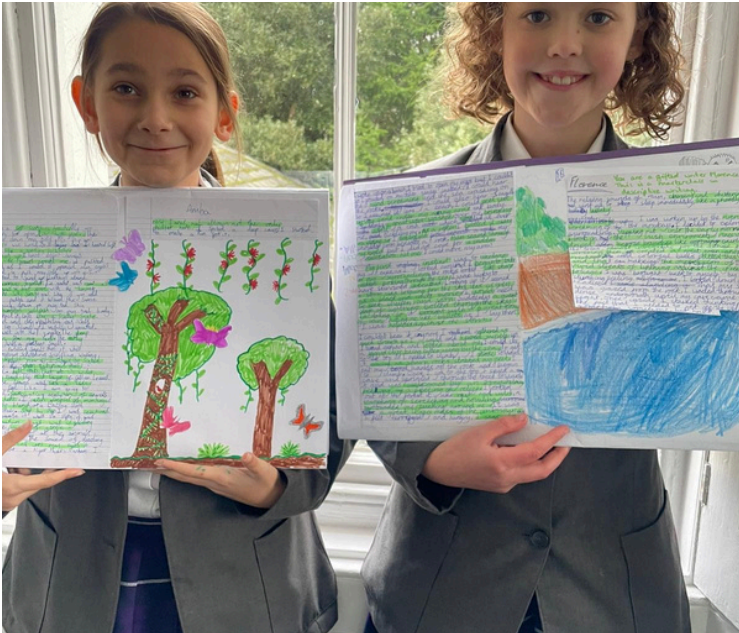
This week in Prep 3 the class have been learning about multiplication and division. The children learnt the difference between grouping and sharing and explored how many ways numbers could be shared equally using cubes and written methods. It was also lovely to see the children using their times tables knowledge to answer worded problems. Super work Prep 3 well done!

Around the classes



Prep 4 By Mrs Hughes

Prep 4 enjoyed creating artwork in Outdoor Learning this week inspired by Andy Goldworthy and his geometric designs. They worked together well to produce artwork with fading colours, repeated patterns, spirals and only using natural materials found in Forest School.



Prep 5 By Mrs Sutton

Prep 5 have been focusing on descriptive writing over the last few weeks. They have experimented with similes, metaphors and personification to help build up an image in their reader's mind. This week, they put all their new skills together to create some wonderful work describing what it would be like to wash up on a deserted island. Well done everyone!!!!



Prep 6 By Mr Partridge

It has been yet another varied week this week but a vague hint of normality and the start of the week has allowed us to make great progress with our new maths unit of co-ordinates and our ongoing English unit on fiction writing. However the highlight of our week was definitely the trip to collect the Prep Christmas tree along with the Upper 6th.



Prep Life Gallery

