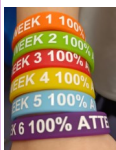




Attendance

Well done to **Juniper** and **Sycamore** in Infants and **Dujardin** and **Simmonds** in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. A special congratulations to our Junior children who have attended school every day this week for Attendance Week - they have been awarded a special 100% badge to wear. While in the Infant school many children now have the full set of attendance bands having been in school every day for six weeks!



PTA Christmas Events

The PTA have had a very busy month starting with their first Christmas Fair on 1st December. The crowds were entertained by our choir and then had the chance to browse the stalls. The Bake Off cake stall was particularly popular. Congratulations to the Bake Off winners who all received prizes today: **Frankie-Lee** and **Amal** from Nursery, **Ali-Christian** and **Alex** from Infants and **Nellie, Olivia, Harry, Elodie-Jayne** and **Eliza** from Juniors.



An amazing Bake Off entry



Choir singing at the Christmas Fair



Wrapping gifts



Christmas shopping

Last week the PTA ran their wonderful Christmas shopping event over two days, one for Infants and the other for Juniors. Children were able to select from a wide variety of gifts which they then wrapped before enjoying some refreshments.

All the money raised from these events funds various enrichment activities which benefit children across the two schools. This week, for example, the PTA arranged their own Santa's Grotto for all our Infant children. Nancy from Chestnut said, *"It was really good. We got to see Santa and we each got a book and had a photo taken. I got the book, I Was Made For You by David Lucas."*



Poetry Book Displays

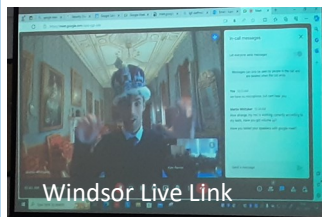


Santa's Grotto

The PTA has also gifted poetry books to each class. In the Juniors this has taken the form of a book advent calendar and in the Infants an advent library where the classes choose a different book to read each day.

Kings and Queens Day

Year 2 had a wonderful time recently when they dressed up as Kings and Queens for the day. They took part in a series of exciting events including a Windsor Live Link with Martin Whittaker



Windsor Live Link

where they learnt about the history of the castle, a dance workshop with Lee from Boundless Dance and a royal tea party. Valentina said of the live link, *"I liked it when Martin showed us the King's crown and put it on his head,"* while Mudassir preferred, *"seeing the cross bows and the arrows."* Anastasiia enjoyed the dancing most of all, *"We had to do royal dancing - half were on the left and half on the right. We had to bow and curtsy to each other."* Avneet said, *"My favourite part was eating yummy cookies at the Royal Tea Party!"*



Year 3 and 4 visit St Augustine's Church

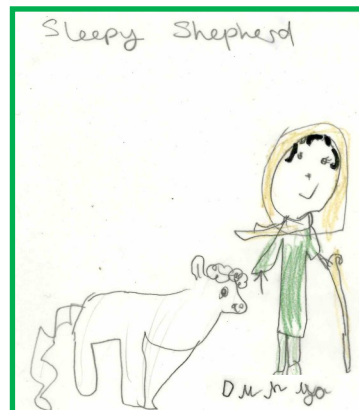
Children in Year 3 and 4 visited St Augustine's Church recently to learn more about the Christian faith and to understand the importance of worship for Christians. Olivia said, "We looked around the church and it looked really nice. There were loads of different colours, but mainly purple. This is because purple is used for when Jesus was born. Father John was there and answered all our questions about Jesus."

Earlier this week, our Infant children and choir also attended St Augustine's for their annual Christmas assembly. The children sang and listened to Father John's message about appreciating the many gifts we already have in our lives.



The Sleepy Shepherd

Year 1 delighted audiences with their wonderful performance of this year's Nativity, *The Sleepy Shepherd*. Mila and Amayah from Rowan explain, "Some people were in the band and some people were narrators. There were ten shepherds and one sleepy shepherd. He kept snoring! There were also sheep and stars and angels." Harper added, "I was a star and got to wave my hands to be a twinkly star. Our parents totally enjoyed it. My mum gave me Pringles after because I did so well!"



Year 3 Battle of the Borough Football Tournament

On Tuesday 5th December, our Year 3 boys' football team travelled to Richmond and Kew Football Club for the Battle of the Borough Football Tournament. Twenty schools took part in the competition altogether. O'sean said, "I was very happy because we got to the semi-finals". Mr Nuthall was very proud saying that our players "scored more goals than any other team and only conceded two in six games".



Dance and Gym Display

All our Junior children, who take part in our lunchtime gymnastics and dance clubs, put on three highly energetic displays on Monday showcasing their skills for the rest of the school and their families. Evelyn said, "We were nervous before we started, but once we began, all the nerves went away. Gymnastics is really good fun and great exercise too. Miss Wheeler is a fantastic teacher and I hope we have inspired some other children to join."



Applying for Reception & Year 3: September 2024

If you have a child who will be aged 4 or 7 years of age on 31st August 2024 you will need to apply for them to join Reception or Year 3 by **Monday 15th January 2024**. Please apply via the eAdmissions website: eadmissions.org.uk Tours of our Reception and Nursery are taking place on 11th and 12th January. Please book your tour place via the Infant School office.

Information about our Junior spring term clubs, and how to book, will be available via *ParentHub* next week.



Dates for your Diary

Monday **18th December** - Year 1 Christmas bookmarks with parents and carers

Tuesday **19th December** - Christmas Lunch (Christmas jumpers can be worn with school uniform)

Tuesday **19th December, 2pm** (Infants) and **2.45pm** (Juniors) - Willow Craft and Song

Wednesday **20th December** - Last day of term. Christmas parties (Christmas Jumpers with school uniform)

Tuesday **9th January 2024** - Children return to school for the start of the Spring Term