



Christ Church School Newsletter 3rd December 2021

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NEXT WEEK—VISITORS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

Tuesday 7th December, am	Y5	Guided Walk—Local Area
Wednesday 8 th December, 2.30pm	All	Christingle Service
Thursday 9th December, 4.00pm	Choir	Choir Singing In Pavilion Road
Friday 10th December 9.10am	Band	Performing in hall in Special Mentions
Friday 10 th December	Whole School	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Saturday 11th December, 1.00pm-3.00pm	All	Christ Church, St Nicholas Fair

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Reception Class:

Selina and Hector

Year 1:

Phoebe and Natalie

Year 2:

Charlotte and Xander

Year 3:

William and Agatha

Year 4:

Whole Class

Year 5:

Henry and Ruby

Year 6:

Alicia and Affan

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15th December - **Christ Church Christmas Assembly 2.30pm Christ Church** - All parents welcome.
Friday 17th December - **End of Term at 1.30pm**

POSITIVE TEST RESULTS—REMINDER

If your child tests positive with a lateral flow test, then they must have it confirmed with a PCR. Any siblings in the home must also take a PCR test and stay at home until they receive their results. If it is negative, then they are free to return to school, but it is advisable to take regular lateral flow tests for the 10 days their sibling is isolating. If a parent in the home tests positive, then you must test your children using a PCR test and receive a negative result before returning to school.

Important Notice



Christingle Service

Wednesday 8th December, 2.30pm

The Christingle service will be held in church.

All Parents and Carers Welcome!

Please see notes overleaf regarding fundraising for the **Children's Society** and requests for volunteers to either make the Christingle Oranges or to sit with a group of children during the service.



Friday, 10th December

On Friday next week, for a donation of **£1**, children may come to school in their **Christmas jumpers!** Don't worry if you haven't got a Christmas jumper—a bright coloured jumper or a jumper that you could jazz up with something sparkly will be fine!

Please pay your £1 donation to Save the Children via our Pay+ system

All money raised will be donated to Save the Children. For more information go to www.christmasjumperday.org/

Children will also be given their Christmas lunch on that day!



OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

Twitter

[@ccht federation](#)

Federation Instagram

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School Kitchen Instagram

[@christchurchschoolkitchen](#)



Philosophy For Children



Each week in the newsletter we will pose a question that you and your child or your family can discuss.....remember, listen and respect each other's views!

If you find something, is it yours?

Can You Help?

We will be needing help assembling Christingle oranges on the morning of Tuesday 7th December in readiness for our Christingle Service the next day.



If you are free and able to come in and help us, we would be most grateful.

There is a sign up list in the school office if you are able to come along. Even if you can only come for a short while, it will be gratefully appreciated.

Christingle—Fundraising for the Children's Society

Your children have been given a collecting box to raise money for the Children's Society. These have been handed out today. The money should be collected and brought to school in the boxes on **the morning of the Christingle Service. These should be CLEARLY marked with your child's name and given to the class teacher for safe-keeping during the day.** The children will then take their candles to Christ Church to be given by them during the service.



<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Volunteers to sit with children



We will be escorting the children to the church at 2.20pm from school for a 2.30pm start. We need to have some additional adults to supervise the children during the service, especially when the Christingles are lit and would be grateful if any parent attending the service would agree to sit with them in church. We hope to have one adult for every six children whilst the candles are alight.

If you are able to help, please email Mrs Kelly at jkelly@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk. **Please let Mrs Kelly know by Monday morning. If you are volunteering, please could you inform Mrs Kelly of your child's class.** We will try and sit you with your child's class, but if not we will seat you as near as possible. If, as in previous years, the numbers of offers exceeds the helpers we need, please do not be offended if we can't accept your offer, your kindness is appreciated.

Message for Y6 and Reception Parents

The Shepherds and Sheep have been making lovely Christmas cards for "Elders" who may be lonely at Christmas. The children have worked brilliantly as pairs writing lovely messages and decorating their cards. These are going to go into Christmas hampers that are being made by Age UK and we are asking the children to bring in small donations if they can too. They could bring small toiletries, small chocolate treats or maybe a little candle etc.

If you are able to help with this special collection, please bring your donation to school to give to your class teacher by Monday 6th December as they will be collected on Wednesday 8th December.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS CHANGE OF VENUE

**The CCHT Choir will now be singing in Pavilion Road
behind Peter Jones**

**on Thursday 9th December,
4.00-4.30pm.**

Do come along!

***Special Mentions Assembly will be in the school hall on Friday
10th December and the band will be playing. We ask that
only parents of band members and Reception parents of
students of the week attend .***

**ELECTRICIAN
AVAILABLE**

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF
A RELIABLE
ELECTRICIAN—CALL**

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Message from school governor Vicki Lant on behalf of the Kensington & Chelsea Foodbank

Advent is upon us and we are already thinking about stocking up the December larder for the Kensington and Chelsea Foodbank (K&CFB). The Church Times this week has identified that use of Foodbanks has already exceeded pre-Brexit and pandemic levels. As all the reductions in credit support and rises in fuel and other family essentials bite, our contributions to K&CFB are an essential lifeline to increasing numbers of people in our community.

Susannah the manager is asking for the same larder staples as we requested from you in November:

**Long life Milk
Long life fruit Juice
Tinned meats
Tinned fish
Dried rice
Tinned fruit
Coffee
Honey
Chocolate spread/Peanut butter
Cooking oil
Rice pudding
Custard
Washing up liquid, washing powder, shower gel, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste.**



Any warm clothes that are in good condition and freshly laundered, would be welcome in separate bags.

But as it's Christmas, might you also add some small gifts for children (leave unwrapped), maybe Christmas stockings and for families, tins of chocolates, biscuits or well protected cake? Please don't send mince pies that crush easily or other food/cakes in flimsy boxes that may spoil (even if they have a long sell-by date).

You can bring your gifts into Holy Trinity from Thursday 2nd December from 10.00 – 17.00 and on Sunday 5th around the 11.00 Eucharist Service. Thank you so much for your generous help as always.

Giving Tuesday *doubles donations* for 7 days until 6 December 2021 – to GLASS DOOR

glassdoorlondon

This Giving Tuesday, Matched Giving is On!

Online donations towards the Glass Door 2021 [Christmas Appeal](#) will be matched, £1 for £1, by The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust from 6.00am (GMT) on 30 November **to 11.59pm on 6 December 2021** or until all available funds (£25,000) have been allocated, whichever occurs sooner. Full terms and conditions can be found on the website.

This year we are setting an ambitious target for our Christmas Campaign to support more people on the journey out of homelessness, this Christmas and beyond.

Can you help to make a difference for people who would otherwise be alone and homeless this Christmas?

Christ Church St. Nicholas Fair is fast approaching!

Saturday 11th December 1pm – 3.30pm



There will be a whole host of wonderful and jam packed Christmas games and festive fun for families throughout the afternoon. Come and meet Father Christmas in his Grotto, enjoy a Horse & Cart ride. There will be a sizzling hot dog stand, mulled wine, hot chocolate, the Christ Church Band playing, chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, face painting, homemade cake & bake stall offering homemade goodies and treats as Christmas gifts and the Church Christmas Raffle draw with fabulous prizes to be won.

A Child's ticket pass for all the Christmas Games is now available to buy on Pay + . £12 per child goes some way to help us cover the cost of all the gifts and toys and games we have made for the children for the fair and means no money has to pass the children's hands while they enjoy this section of the fair!

Thank you to all our Parent Coordinators who have been busy behind the scenes rallying volunteers for the day and also to help set up and clear away after the event. We rely on our parents for the smooth running of this event and we know how much work is involved so thank you all very much.

A little reminder as to what stall each year group is in charge of and what there is to do:

YR & Y1 – the Chocolate Tombola

- Organised by your parent coordinators, we will need to collect a lot of **Christmas Chocolate** please, for example advent calendars, giant Father Christmas's or Snowmen, chocolate reindeer, bags of chocolate coins or chocolate Brussel sprouts, or even tins of Quality Streets. The choice is yours as long as it is chocolate and it is Christmas Chocolate. Please remember the amount of chocolate will need to be monitored before the event to make sure we have enough!
- Please arrange for volunteers to come and stick on raffle tickets to the chocolate closer to the event. Parent Coordinators will kindly arrange this. Volunteers are also required to man the stall and be in charge of collecting money on the day. We will provide you with a float.

Y2 – Hot chocolate, Tea & Coffee Stall

- We will require several volunteers on the day to help man the stand, serve tea, coffee and hot chocolate with all the trimmings, replenish and collect and be in charge of money. Please could parent coordinators arrange for at least 4 volunteers per time slot.

Y3&4 - the Bottle Tombola

- Organised by your parent coordinators, we will need to collect a lot of **Bottles** please, for example champagne, wine, beer, spirits (but definitely not exclusively). We will also welcome all sorts of cordial, juice, shampoo, shower gel, bubble bath, body lotion....even fairy liquid or hand sanitizer. As long as it is a full, unopened bottle it will be accepted into the tombola. Parent coordinators of these year groups please tell your year groups how and where you would like to collect the bottles – please remember the amount of bottles will need to be monitored before the event to make sure we have enough!
- Please could parent coordinators arrange for volunteers to come and stick on raffle tickets to the bottles closer to the event. Volunteers are also required to man the stall and be in charge of collecting money on the day. We will provide you with a float.

Y5&6 – the Homemade Cake Stall

- Coordinated by your parent coordinators, we will need a selection of homemade bakes or Christmas creations for this stall but also to be presented in a way that could be a lovely gift. We would love homemade donations of Christmas Cakes or Christmas puddings, boxes of homemade mince pies, cupcakes or brownies, jars of spiced nuts or granola, even jams, jellies, chutneys or pesto. Homemade boxes of fudge, truffles or even jars of old fashioned sweets or shortbreads. Infused oils, cheese biscuits, jars of olives or cheese straws – all of the above!
- Please could items be dropped off either on Friday 10th December or before the start of the fair. Please could parent coordinators arrange for volunteers to man the stall.

If you are unable to make the Fair but would like to make a donation for the chocolate or bottle tombola, homemade cake stall or make a donation for prizes for the children then please contact Katie Rose krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk. Thank you very much and we look forward to seeing you all there.



Christmas Shop Orders



Dear Christ Church Parents

Thank you for all of your support with all of our Christmas Fundraising so far. I just wanted to remind you the deadlines for orders and for collection for all of these wonderful treats, and they are as follows:

Oh Christmas Tree!

We were bowled over with the number of orders for Christmas Trees this year, thank you. There are still some mini ones available on our Christmas Shop but for everyone who bought a large, stand-alone tree, they will be ready for collection on **Friday 3rd December from 2-4pm onwards**, and again on Monday anytime during school hours.

Christmas Shop

The Christmas Shop www.echtshop.com has been a great success for the second year running and the ever popular plant sale, online this week only, is in high demand.

The first collection day for Christmas Shop Orders is **Wednesday 8th December after our Christingle Service**. The Shop Orders will be ready to collect from our outdoor classroom. Please remember if you would like to have your Christmas Card orders from the Online Christmas Shop ready to send before the final Royal Mail postal dates, you will need to order these this week. The deadline for all **Plant & Bulb orders** will be this weekend for **collection on Tuesday 7th December** before the end of the school day.

Final shop orders will be ready for collection on **Wednesday 15th December if you miss this deadline!**

Elf Auction

The Elf Auction is in full flow, please dig deep and bid high as we only have one week to hit our target of £6,000 for much needed Reception Class resources. Thank you to everyone who has donated, there are plenty of festive feasts and fabulous fun lots on offer so do have a browse and spread the word. [https://www.32auctions.com/](https://www.32auctions.com/CCHTelfauction2021)

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Only 22 more sleeps to go...!

Best wishes
Ratie



Final Day of the Elf Auction



<https://www.32auctions.com/CCHTelfauction2021>

The **ELF AUCTION** is in full swing and we are over half way to our target total of £6,000 for Reception Class resources. With less than a day to go we would like to encourage everyone to take a look at the fabulous lots on offer:

- A night time tour of the Christmas lights around London's west end in a black cab - hot chocolate included!
- An enviable Christmas cheese board to be hand picked by you from London Cheesemongers.
- A 3-course lunch for two, including wine, at Michelin starred restaurant, Elystan Street.
- Hand painted Christmas baubles
- Homemade Christmas pudding and Christmas Cake
- Tickets to Christmas Carols at the Royal Albert Hall
- A Family pass to Winter Wonderland, including the real Ice Slide and Zippos Circus. Magnums of vintage Red wine.

There is something for everyone and all price ranges, so head to the site for some unique and creative ideas and gifts but more importantly you will be helping to embed an important legacy for generations of children to walk through the doors of CCHT. With these funds we will provide important playtime and learning resources for our early years. Our schools rely heavily on our combined fundraising efforts and what better time to start than the jolly season of goodwill - a time for giving and a time for gifting (and gift-aiding).

If you prefer not to bid on an auction lot, you can still make a charitable donation via the green **DONATE** button on the top right hand side of the auction page

This year's Reception Class Elves would like to raise much-needed funds for outdoor play on the Beach, in Cadogan Gardens playground and in the classrooms. We are interested in looking at how children can take ownership of the resources they use for play and would like to provide the children with more open-ended play equipment. On this wish list includes Bxbots, construction bricks and wooden blocks, outdoor weaving looms, cascading water kits, role play items such as cement mixers and road signs and magnetic tiles and phonics lozenges as well as sand and water sets.

We thank you very much for putting forward all these wonderful lots, so please dig deep and bid high. We appreciate we are asking a lot from parents at this time of year but in doing so we are set on making ever evolving improvements on our children's education.

Thank you for your continued support, and remember, the **auction closes at 7pm tonight!**

Christmas Dates at Christ Church 2021



We really look forward to inviting you to several Christmas Events over the next three weeks. We are not anticipating having to massively change our planning due to new covid regulations, but we may well need you to wear masks for indoor events.

Christingle Service Wednesday 8th December 2.30-3.30pm

Christ Church (Church). All parents welcome and enjoy this magical and poignant service in aid of The Children's Society.



Macmillan Tea Pot Auction Thursday 9th December 8.30-9.30am

Christ Church School Hall. Come and have a cup of tea in aid of Macmillan and bid for one of the beautiful tea pots that Year 6 have painted.



CCHT CHOIR SINGING CAROLS ON THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER

The CCHT Choir will be singing in Pavilion Road behind Peter Jones on Thursday 9th December, 4.00-4.30pm.
Do come along!



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Friday 10th December

This event is for our children. Please bring £1 in aid of Save the Children. Delicious Christmas lunch will be served for everyone.



Christmas Fairs Saturday 11th December

Holy Trinity Fair in the Church 11am-1.30pm &

Christ Church Fair 1pm-3.30pm Christ Church School and Church

Come to our fairs with lots of fun activities, stalls, and refreshments. Look for all the information in this week's newsletter.

The CCHT Choir will sing at 12.30pm and then they will walk to Christ Church alongside Mrs. Santa and Father Christmas who will be in a horse drawn carriage travelling down the King's Road to the Christ Church Fair!



Christ Church Christmas Assembly Wednesday 15th December 2pm

All parents welcome to this special whole school event in the Church.



End of Term Friday 17th December at 1.30pm

YEAR 4'S RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO HOOKE COURT

Once again, our Year 4 children had a fascinating three day residential trip to Hooke Court in Dorset. They learned a lot about what life was like for people during Tudor times. They took part in lots of activities, like baking, dressing in Tudor costumes and learning what it was like to be a pupil in a Tudor school.



"The rich Tudors had lots of big banquets and they only ate meats because they thought that vegetables were only for the poor people. They also thought sugar was good for you. When they had their portraits painted, they had to keep their mouths shut otherwise you would see their rotten teeth! I liked learning about the Tudor boats and the boats we made to sail in the moat. The boats the Tudors sailed were galleons which were used to bring things to this country like spice, tobacco and cocoa beans. The men used to wear galligaskins which were a type of very short, loose, wide shorts and it did make us laugh when the boys tried them on!" Isla



"I enjoyed dressing up in a Tudor costume – the top was quite thick to make them look bigger and strong. A lot of people had straps on their clothes which they would attach to their young children so that they wouldn't run away. We made some boats which was fun. The Tudor sailors would get a disease called scurvy which made their eyes look sunk and their teeth would fall out – this was because they didn't eat fresh food whilst they were on their long journeys. When we did candle making we had to keep dipping the string in hot wax and then cold water repeating this until the candle was thick enough and then we rolled it into shape. We learned that some men had cuts in their galligaskins because it would look like they had been very brave and had been in a big battle." Hector



Informal Concerts

Wednesday 1st December - Performers from Years 3, 5 and 6

As part of Mr Dollard's Music Assembly, some of our musicians from Years 3, 5 and 6 performed for us. We were very impressed by the standard! It was a very entertaining afternoon. Thank you so much to our performers and to Mr Dollard and all the music tutors.



We are looking forward to hearing from performers from Years 1, 2 and 4 during special mentions assembly today.

Just a reminder, face masks should be worn by all visitors at all Christmas events (unless you are exempt).



DH-SPORTS COACHING
CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL CAMP



DH-Sports will be running a football camp in the Christmas holidays. This will be **Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st December**. The camp will run from 9.45am to 2.45pm and will take place at Battersea Park by the Albert Bridge car park. The camp will consist of skills, fun games and small sided matches delivered by fully qualified and first aid trained coaches.

Our prices for the camp are as follows:

Two Full days	£40
Full day	£20
Half Day 9.45am-12.15pm or 12.45-2.45pm	£10

We will also offer siblings discounts too.

If your child is aged between 4 and 14 years of age and you would like to book a place for them on our camp, please contact Dean Henwood on 07772547192. Or you can email at dhenwood@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk

Regards

Dean Henwood (DH-Sports Coaching)

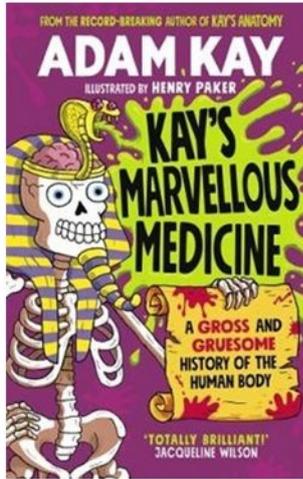


Recommended Read



Kay's Marvellous Medicine (ages 9-11 & up)

Author: Adam Kay Illustrator: Henry Paker Publisher: Puffin



Did you know that in the 15th century, a popular book entitled *The Distaff Gospels* advised pregnant women not to eat fruit, and to definitely not eat fish heads – because they would make the new baby's mouth too pointy?

Did you also know that in the Middle Ages, people believed that our brains were powered by spirits moving around inside them? Or that in Australia, there exists a brain-eating amoeba (luckily it's incredibly rare)?

If your children aren't already whizzes at medical facts and the history of medicine (and who is?), then they might like to brush up with Adam Kay's completely marvellous and very funny book. Covering the brain, circulation, bones, liver and kidneys, reproduction, skin, lungs, the gut, and much more, Kay explains some of the odd things that doctors in the past believed about the body and how illnesses worked, as well as teaching children about some of the truly brilliant people who made scientific discoveries in the area of medicine.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!



Weekly Headlines



Most	Fastest	Most	Rank Amongst Local schools
Year 6 EH 95.59%	Year 6 EH (2.21 sec/q)	Year 2 ZP 67 %	18/30

Individual Class Leaderboards

Holy Trinity

Year 2 _{ZP}	Year 3 _{JD}	Year 4 _{EA}	Year 5 _{CH}	Year 6 _{TM}
Mohammed	Annabel	Ziyad	Zaki	Leonardo

Christ Church

Year 2 _{MK}	Year 3 _{EH}	Year 4 _{NK}	Year 5 _{MB}	Year 6 _{EH}
Yaseen	Ellie	Maia	Anna	Clara



Weekly Headlines



Holy Trinity

Year 1 _{MQ}	Year 2 _{ZP}	Year 3 _{JD}	Year 4 _{EA}	Year 5 _{CH}	Year 6 _{TM}
Julian	Anastasia				

Christ Church

Year 1 _{OD}	Year 2 _{MK}	Year 3 _{EH}	Year 4 _{NK}	Year 5 _{MB}	Year 6 _{EH}
Rowan	Charlie	Kristian	Rosa	Adam	



Friday 3rd December

Reception Class Newsletter

This week we:

- Learnt how to read and write the sounds /r/, /w/ and /x/ in our Alphabet Code lessons. We also learnt the tricky words *is*, *his* and *of*.
- Discussed Christmas traditions and wrote a sentence about what makes Christmas special. We wrote Christmas cards and read sentences to match the pictures. We also listened to the story *Get Well, Santa Christmas*. We wrote a set of instructions for him to follow which would make him feel better again.
- Explored 3D shapes in our Maths lessons. We learnt that 3D shapes are solid and 2D shapes are flat. We sorted shapes, built models and looked for 3D shapes in the environment. We spotted 2D shapes within 3D shapes e.g. a cylinder has two circles on either end. We can now recognise cubes, spheres, cylinders and cones.
- Read the story of Angel Gabriel visiting Mary. We thought about how Mary would feel. We made artwork of ourselves as angels.
- Read *Beautiful Oops* in our Art lesson. It is about turning mistakes into beautiful pieces of art. We learnt that all mark making is art and that accidents can be made into art work too. We used a wiggly line as a basis for an artistic design. The children used their imagination to transform it into whatever they liked.
- Had a second visit from our alien friend, Zarg. He taught us all about gravity.

Next week we will:

- Learn how to read and write the sounds /y/, /z/ and /qu/ (queen).
 - Be assessed in reading, writing and maths

Have a lovely weekend ☺



Learning at Christ Church in Year 1

Friday 3rd December 2021

In English, we are finished making our owl nests and baby owls! Year One did such an excellent job at making their cosy nests and fluffy owls! We have also been retelling the story of 'Owl Babies'. We have used time conjunctions to describe when something happens in the story and to help move the action of the story along. We have also included some exciting expanded noun phrases to describe the 'dark, gloomy forest' and the 'cosy, warm nests'.

In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction within 20. We have also looked at addition and subtraction word problems and tried our best to solve them and write them in numerals. Next week we will begin looking at place value.

For Alphabet Code this week we have been looking at the /er/ code and writing sentences using this code. Next week, we will start the /u/ code.

In DT this week we have started making our levers to create a moving picture! We have worked so hard on them! We will be finishing this next week.

In Science this week we investigated where our food comes from. We identified many different plants and the food these plants produce.

Next week, in English, we will be looking at some exciting Christmas themes.

A brilliant week in Year 1!
Have a great weekend!



Learning at Christ Church in Year 2

Friday, 3rd of November 2021

Year 2 are continuing to impress everyone with their fantastic attitude towards their learning. In fact, Miss Kelly finds it incredibly hard to choose only two people for special mentions every week and wishes she could give it to the whole class.

This week in Maths we continued looking at multiplication and created our own multiplication stories. We then looked at the opposite or inverse operation (division or sharing) and were introduced to the division symbol. We read *The Doorbell Rang* and worked out how many cookies each child got as the doorbell rang (and rang) and more people came to share. We then applied our knowledge to different word problems such as: *We need to share 30 pencils equally into 6 pencil pots. How many pencils would be in each pot? Can you solve this problem at home?*

In English we retold the story of *Something Fishy* but, rather than writing about the girl, we wrote in first person (using words such as 'I', 'my' and 'me') and imagined we were the one venturing into the special underwater washing machine. We used lots of time conjunctions and expanded noun phrases to help us to describe what happened and what we saw. Later in the week we looked at a range of non-chronological reports and discussed and identified their features, such as sub-headings or fact boxes. Next week we will write our own non-chronological reports using the information we collect as part of our homework.

In Science we checked the designs for our material monsters and created a list of items we will need to create our monsters next week. Please remember to bring your recyclable materials in a carrier bag on Monday.

In History we learnt about a local hero, Olaudah Equiano, who was born c. 1745 and died in 1797. We found out information about him by looking at different sources, including his autobiography/memoir, his marriage certificate, his baptism certificate and the blue plaques.

Great work, Year 2.

Have a fantastic weekend you super stars!



Learning at Christ Church in Year 3

Friday 3rd December 2021

This week in Maths, we've been applying our times tables knowledge to lots of different problems. We have seen just how useful times tables can be, which I hope will fuel some more practise over the coming weeks - Mrs Hermes has been very impressed to see lots of Year 3s on TTRS and Numbots, contributing to our class high scores!

In English, we've been working on our fiction-writing skills this week, adding in some new skills to make our setting descriptions even better. As well as our usual ambitious adjectives and basic conjunctions, we've added relative clauses to our repertoire and been using *as* and *when* to introduce two actions happening at the same time or one caused by another. This has made for some fantastic writing this week about the dark, gloomy forest setting of our short story 'Marshmallows'!

Elsewhere, we've had lots of fun finding more homophones as we practise our spellings with silent letters, we've been reviewing what we've learnt this term about the Bible and how that helps us to know about Christmas, creating graphs to present scientific data about planets and their moons, learning about how to be a good friend to others and having wonderful fun creating music together in assembly and in our music lesson. We've also been looking at how the Stone Age relates to other periods in History and creating some giant murals showing all that we've learnt about the Stone Age which we look forward to exhibiting soon!

We also had great fun getting our classroom ready for Christmas with a giant, collaborative effort to make (possibly) the world's longest ever paper chain! I'm sure the children will delight to show you their skills at home too if you're in need of some extra decorations and a few minutes peace...



Have a wonderful weekend!



Learning in Year 4 at Christ Church

Friday 3rd December 2021

Please check out Special Mentions this week to see just how proud we all are of Year 4 for their incredible efforts this term, particularly in reference to their behaviour and attitude on all of our school trips. I could not be prouder of them and look forward to taking them on many more trips throughout the year. They really have been amazing and gained so much from the experiences outside of the classroom – thank you for supporting our trips by volunteering and covering costs.

This week, we have continued with advertisements – paying attention to logos, catchy slogans and rhetorical questions to ‘hook’ an audience. We have also noticed other persuasive devices used in advertising for example, music and emotive imagery. On our way to Matilda, Year 4 were identifying adverts on the way and were able to spot so many devices used on posters. They are beginning to make prototypes of sandwich boards, which they will start to make next week to advertise the produce on sale at our Christmas fair next weekend.

In maths, we have been using the short division method to solve division problems. They have been encouraged to use their previous learning of multiples to think whether they should expect to carry over remainders. I have incorporated a reasoning question in their maths challenge for this type of greater depth understanding. Division can be very tricky for some children so a lot of patience is needed when encouraging them to use this method. We will continue this next week and apply our understanding of short division to solving word problems.

We are taking some time with our class book, *Why The Whales Came*, but we are getting there and discovering lots of new language – using the context of the sentence to help us understand the meaning of some words. Please encourage this at home before jumping to a dictionary.

The Christmas assembly is back this year – Wednesday 15th December at 2:30pm. For new parents, each class sings a song which they’ve been practising with Mr Dollard, and it’s woven into a Christmas story performed by Year 6. Y4’s costume this year is ‘school children’ so they can wear their uniform but we will Christmas it up’ with tinsel/sparkle. If you have any tinsel that can be recycled, then please start to bring it in and we will keep it in the cupboard until the performance.

Very best wishes for a lovely weekend,
Miss Kennedy



Learning at Christ Church

Friday, 3rd December 2021

This week some children in Year 5 performed in a Music Concert during Assembly on Wednesday afternoon! They were brilliant! We also went on a walk of Chelsea on Thursday to find out more about the Victorian past of our local area. On the last Wednesday of term (15th of December), we have a 'Time-Travelling' Assembly to look forward to. Each class will be performing a song and will need to dress up. Children in Year 5 will be needing Victorian costumes for this special occasion.

In English, we continued to use first and third person to write our narratives of the Lighthouse story. We also revised how to write factually and created a factual paragraph about air pollution in Delhi.

In Maths, children practiced how to transform mixed numbers into improper fractions and vis versa. They also learned how to use pictorial representations and number lines to represent improper fractions.

In History, we explored our local area, Chelsea and observed how it changed from the Victorian times. A special guest, father Brian, joined us during the first part of the walk and talked to us about the history of our church.

In Science, we learned about friction and designed our own F1 cars, thinking about how to reduce friction to make our cars faster whilst keeping enough friction and grip to make them safe to drive.

In Art, we continued working on our shadow boxes and children were able to share their work so far with their peers.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!



Learning at Christ Church

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This week in Maths, we have been revising and extending our knowledge on multiplication. We practised short multiplication where a number is multiplied by a 1-digit number and long multiplication where a number is multiplied by a 2-digit number. We also looked at lots of word problems involving multi-steps and different operations. We looked at how multiplication is used to solve problems about area and how we can use addition and multiplication facts to find the mean of a set of data.

In English, we have spent much of the week writing a letter as if we were an evacuee. We focused on making sure our work included interesting sentence types, passive verbs, colons and 'show not tell' to really showcase all of the hard work we have put into our lessons. The results were brilliant! We also spent some time editing our work by reading and getting support from a partner.

In Science, we continued with our graphs to show the change in our heart rate as a result of exercise. In History, we continued to learn about rationing and found out how much food each person was allocated during WW2. In PHSE, we learnt about the risks of household items such as cleaning products and bug sprays. We looked at packets of medicine and discussed what safety information had been provided for the user. In Art, we created Pop Art posters based on the items of food that were rationed in WW2 to create a visual timetable in the classroom.

On Wednesday, we all went to see the school concert and we were blown away by the quality and variation of the performances. In P.E. we played tag rugby and worked on our communication and hand-eye coordination.



Picture 1 and 2: Rationing Pop Art Poster



Picture 3: Graph constructing

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!