



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 19th January 2018

Year 5 Mass

Last Friday, Year 5 celebrated the Baptism of Our Lord in their class Mass. Fr Terry, as always, led a beautiful and captivating Mass, and the children read clearly performing their duties confidently. All of the children sung their hearts out and we all left feeling uplifted with Fr Terry's favourite (and mine!) 'Shine Jesus Shine'. Well done Year 5, for leading such a lovely Mass.

Miss Donnelly – Year 5 Class Teacher

Year 4 Living Rainforest Trip

On Thursday 11th January, Year 4 visited the Living Rainforest. We had such a fantastic time feeling as though we were in the heart of the Amazon. We were able to experience the temperature, see the tall trees and exotic plants as well as some incredible animals.

We could just about see Cinnamon, the sloth who was hiding amongst the leaves high up in a tree. We also saw Harry the armadillo, a Chinese water dragon, turtles, constrictor snakes, poison dart frogs and many, many more.

We had fantastic tour guides who shared a lot of information with the girls about how different animals and plants have adapted to the environment of the rainforest. What a brilliant way to start our topic about rainforests!

Miss Argles – Year 4 Class Teacher



Rainforest Trip by Vittoria – Year 4

On Thursday 11th January my class and I went to the Living Rainforest because we are studying rainforests in Geography. The Living Rainforest is an artificial environment recreated outside of London.

It was a long journey that took one hour and a half. When we arrived we met our guide and went inside the rainforest. It was hot and humid, full of life with trees with huge leaves as big as umbrellas on them. Because it was humid, the ground was muddy.



We saw lots of animals like: birds, a sloth, an armadillo, fish, turtles and more. The animals that impressed me the most were the armadillo and the sloth. The armadillo, because he had lots of energy and he kept digging holes. The holes were necessary because if a jaguar wanted to get him, it wouldn't know in which hole to look. The sloth, because he was very good at hiding and we couldn't see him very well.



After lunch we went back into the rainforest, but this time without the guides. We saw other animals like poisonous frogs which were tiny and blue. We also saw a lizard that looked like a dragon. When I said hello to the lizard, it looked like it greeted me back because it lifted one of its legs. However, I think it was actually scared. I had such fun on the trip.

Rainforest Trip by Claudia – Year 4

On our trip, we went to a room with boxes to put our lunch and hat and coat in. Then we went to our rainforest workshop. We went with a man called Ted who showed us so many interesting animals that live in the rainforest.

First we saw black monkeys which were very cute and fluffy. He told us they live in the forest floor because they were black. Then we saw a venomous bug which had bright spots on it. Ted told us because it was bright, it was dangerous. Then we saw a poison dart frog. They were also very cute, but very dangerous. Ted said that one drop of poison from the frog could kill one hundred people. They were bright because they were dangerous like the bug.



We then saw two stingrays and some big fish in the tank. Ted told us that the stingrays have their gills and mouth underneath. The big fish had teeth like omnivores. Ted showed us a picture of the fish's teeth – they looked a bit like our teeth. We also saw some turtles that had a big shell which has a hinge on a flap so the turtle can flip its shell over and get away from a jaguar. Then we saw a plant called Dumb Cane that was poisonous inside. If you break it and touch the sticky bit and put your hands in your mouth it makes your throat swell up and then you can't speak. If this restricts you too much, you can't breathe properly so it is very dangerous. We also saw an armadillo who could dig a lot of holes in the soil. Armadillos have hard bones and bristles on their skin to stop the soil getting stuck on their backs.

We saw tortoises and Ted told us that they can't go into very deep water because their shell would fill up with water and they would drown.

We saw some pygmy monkeys which were very cute and extremely small. Ted told us that they were sharpening their teeth to bite through the tree to get to the inside (i.e. to find the sap). We saw some really interesting plants at the rainforest too. We saw a leaf that Ted splashed some water on and the water bounced straight off it!



We also saw a jug plant which had stomach acid inside, so that it caught bugs and fed the trees. We had such a great day finding out so many interesting facts about the rainforest. In the afternoon we even saw Cinnamon the sloth hiding in the trees.

Netball News

After a successful 2017, our New Year netball schedule began with Saint Christina's future sports stars. On Wednesday, the Year 4 class made a short trip to Paddington Rec to play a number of matches against Queens College Prep School, our local opposition.

Filled with excitement, Year 4 girls had a fantastic opportunity to represent the school in a competitive sporting fixture, showcasing their talents. With their nerves settled, the first matches began with Queens College winning the first game. Saint Christina's displayed great resilience and teamwork and won the second game with an impressive 5 v 2 win. The last match was tightly contested and both schools defended impressively as the game finished 0 v 0.



On Thursday afternoon, it was time for the Year 5s to take part in the South Hampstead netball tournament. In the event, Saint Christina's were placed into a tough opening group; the girls showed an abundance of determination, team work and excellent skill to finish 1st in their group. They were unbeaten throughout, picking up big wins along the way including beating the hosts South Hampstead 5-0, thanks to superb finishing from both Neha and Stephanie.



Saint Christina's were now up against Northbridge House who also won their group, playing for a chance to go through to the final of the tournament. Unfortunately Northbridge House executed some excellent attacks during the game and Saint Christina's lost the opportunity to go through to play for the title. The girls continued to battle in the semi-finals against Devonshire

House, but the opposition were determined to beat our girls after defeat in the first stages of the tournament - Saint Christina's unfortunately lost the battle finishing in 4th place. A big well done to all of the girls who played, and to Stephanie for being the player of the tournament.

Thank you to all of the girls who represented Saint Christina's this week, and thank you to the parents for their brilliant support.

Miss Vicky – Saint Christina's Sports Team

Pupil of the Week

Well done to:

Name	Class	Reason
Gina	Reception AE	For amazing improvement in her guided reading sessions.
Sasha	Reception RP	For fantastic confidence in her first 'Show and Tell'.
Lucy	Year 1 DB	For wonderful reading – always with a big smile.
Frida	Year 1 RQ	For a lovely, funny story all about animals.
Alexandria Isabel	Year 2 LS	For settling in so well at Saint Christina's. For such a fantastic start to the year and working with great enthusiasm.
Suzu	Year 3	For incredible independent work in English.
Kitty-Lily	Year 4	For an excellent piece of artwork using oil pastels.
Anna T	Year 5	For excellent character descriptions during our creative writing lesson this week.
Toni	Year 6	For a great start at Saint Christina's.

Specialist Teachers Certificates

Sofia – Year 2 Lara – Year 3 Anna – Year 4 Saachi – Year 4	Spanish	For tremendous hard work during the Autumn Term in every Spanish lesson.
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Dates for your diary –

Please note that dates/timings are subject to change and additions

Date	Event
Wednesday 24 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 Museum trip • Headteacher from Queenswood School visiting
Friday 26 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass led by Year 4
Tuesday 30 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 History trip
Wednesday 31 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 ICT trip
Thursday 1 st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate Mathematics Challenge – Year 6 • Year 6 Netball Tournament (away game)
Friday 2 nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass led by Year 3 – 2.00pm • Parents' Link Pyjama Party (details to follow)

Monday 5 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 Class Assembly – 9.00am • Year 5 & 6 Science trip
Tuesday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Classes History trip • Parent/Child Learning Reviews – Years 1 – 5 (Session 1) 8.15-8.40am
Wednesday 7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-School Quiz Championships (Four selected pupils) • Primary Mathematics Challenge – Final Round (for selected pupils) • Online Safety Workshop for Parents/Carers (Nursery to year 6) – 6.00pm followed by Information Evening from 7.00pm
Thursday 8 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Child Learning Reviews – Years 1 – 6 (Session 2) 8.15-8.40am
Friday 9 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-House Singing Competition • SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30PM FOR THE HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 19 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Staff return • London Youth Games U12 Netball Fixture
Wednesday 21 st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Netball Competition – Years 5 & 6
Thursday 22 nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gymnastics Display – Years 5 & 6 and KS2 Gymnastics Club
Friday 23 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO MASS
Tuesday 27 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception AE Class Assembly – 9.00am • Year 5 Music trip
Wednesday 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Classes Parent/Child Learning Reviews (letter to follow) • IAPS Netball Tournament (selected Year 5 & 6 pupils)
Thursday 1 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day
Friday 2 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Author (Karen Inglis) visiting • Mass led by Year 1 – 2.00pm
Saturday 3 rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belmont Netball Tournament – Year 5
Tuesday 6 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery Open Evening for current parents – 6.00pm (Parents only)
Wednesday 7 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 & 4 Gym Display – 9.15am • Year 6 Netball Tournament
Monday 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Week
Tuesday 13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Solo Concerts – 9.00-10.00am
Wednesday 14 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning for Prospective Parents – 9.15-11.30am • Year 5 Netball Tournament
Thursday 15 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Link Quiz Night

Tuesday 20 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evening (Reception to Year 5) 4.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Science trip
Monday 26 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO EXTRA-CURRICULAR OR TEACHER LED CLUBS THIS WEEK
Wednesday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12 NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 18 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff INSET
Thursday 19 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils return

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