



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Saint Christina's has had a wonderful week: our first full week of the term and clubs are now in full swing. It is a delight to hear music in the mornings from some of the clubs such as the Junior Choir and the new Ukulele Club.

Thank you for your continued support around helping us minimise the spread of the virus by keeping children off when they are unwell and by doing daily LFDs when there has been a positive case in a class.

Year 6 have been very busy as they are continuing with their interviews for secondary schools. We are proud of their very positive attitude towards the whole process.

As ever, we have had another action packed week and I hope you enjoy reading through some of the interesting activities the children have been doing. I have particularly enjoyed hearing the children talk about their experiences playing 'tag-rugby'!

Simon Hirst

Deputy Head

House Photography Competition

I am delighted to share with you the results from the House photography competition.

Thank you to everyone who submitted photographs. There were 67 entries across KS2 and I was blown away by creativity and skills of the children (as was our judge). The judge was an external amateur photographer, and he spent a lot of time looking at each individual photograph and its relevance to the category that it has been submitted in to. He also looked at the focus, depth and framing of the photograph to determine the winners of each year group winner. It took him a long time to choose the overall winner as the photographs were all so great!

Each entry got a point for their house.

- Each year group was allocated at 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. (3,2,1 point awarded appropriately).
- An overall winner was chosen at the end and awarded 10 more points.

Well done to everyone who took part.

The results are as follows:

Year group	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
3	Han Ya (St Francis) Layla (St Francis)		Layla (St Francis)
4	Alice (St Cecilia)	Eunho (St Joan of Arc)	Eunho (St Joan of Arc)

5	Christina (St Joan of Arc)	Christina (St Joan of Arc)	Sienna M (St Joan of Arc)
6	Raffie (St Francis)	Raffie (St Cecilia)	Helen (St Cecilia)
Overall Winner	Alice Y4 (St Cecilia)		

With all the points added together the final scores were:

St Joan of Arc: 37 points

St Cecilia: 46 points

St Francis: 28 points

1st place: St Cecilia
2nd place: St Joan of Arc
3rd place: St Francis

Mrs Ellisdon

Head of Key Stage 2

Year 3 Layla and Han Ya (1st place)

Year 3 Layla (3rd place)



Year 4 Eunho (3rd place)



Year 4 Eunho (2nd place)



Year 4 Alice (1st place and overall KS2 winner)



Year 5 Sienna M (3rd place)



Year 5 Christina (2nd place)



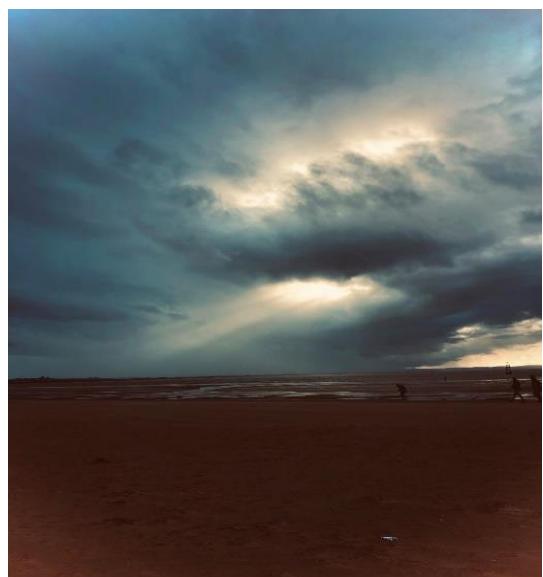
Year 5 Christina (1st place)



Year 6 Helen (3rd place)



Year 6 Raffie (3rd place)



Year 6 Raffie (1st place)



Nursery's Anywhere Farm

This half term Nursery have started on their latest project, an 'Anywhere Farm'. The children have been collecting their seeds from their fruit as well as propagating different fruit, vegetables and a variety of plants. We now have carrots, pineapple, garlic and two avocado plants growing to name a few. Each day two children are given the responsibility of being 'today's gardeners' and they plant new seeds, water the existing plants, and repot any that have grown. The children have been incredibly excited and enthusiastic to help and take on this responsibility, so much so that this will now be a year-round project rather than a topic only in the spring term. Watch this space, we might be able to grow some of our own food in the future!



Year 6 Inspired Art

Year Six decided to reflect on Mr Gloag's assembly on the Fourth King. They created some Art work in response to this and it certainly shows that they were inspired by the story.



Here are their thoughts on what they had heard:

"The story was very informative, and it showed that the fourth king never gave up on looking for Jesus. This means that we should never give up on things that we find hard, or things that do not go our own way.

We also learnt that in life, if we do good things and deeds to people who need it the most, we are also helping Jesus.
It's often better to give than to receive.

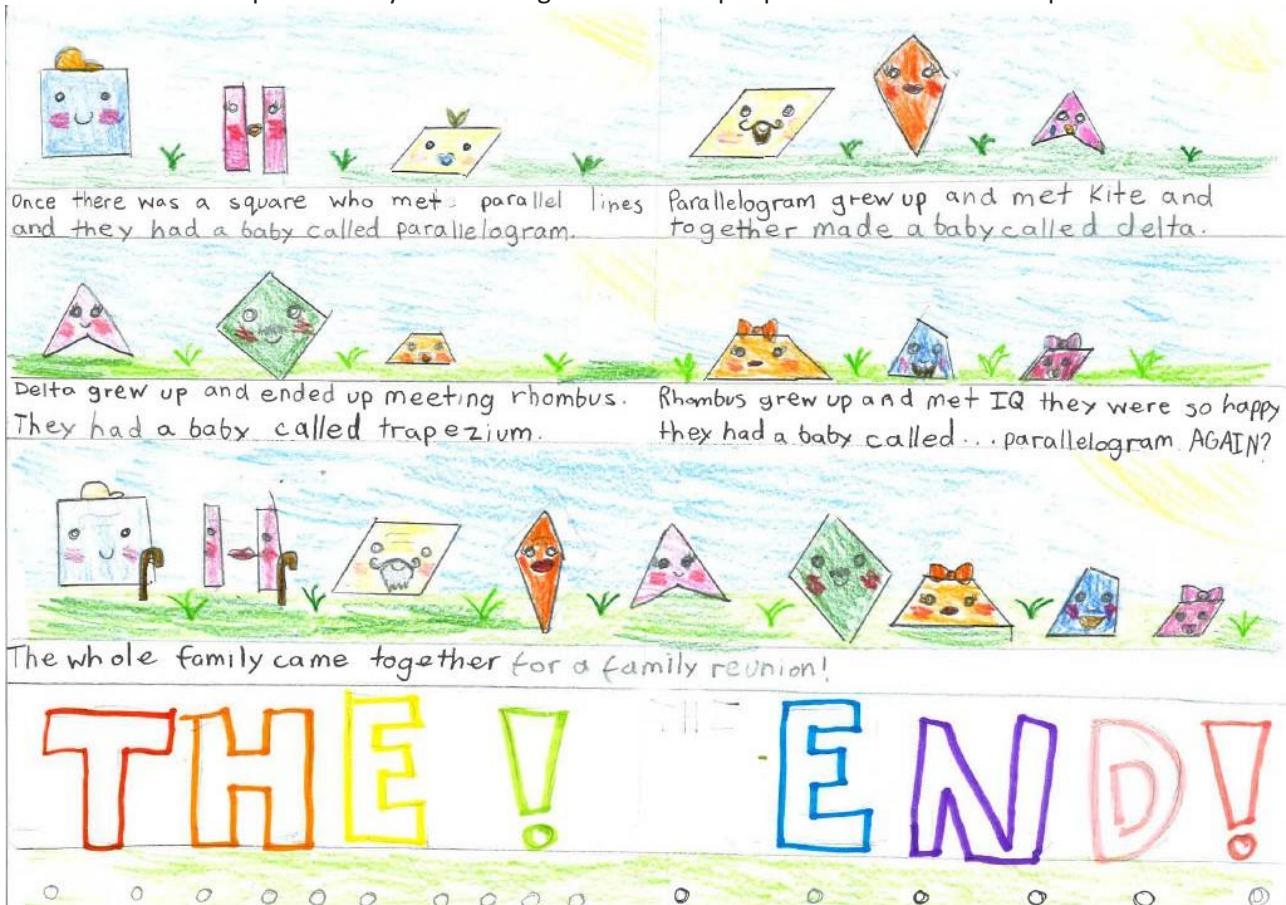
Never give up on things that you have never tried – and just because you think you are a failure, it does not necessarily mean that you are."

Georgia, Grace and Sloane

Year 6 Maths

In Mathematics Year Six have been calculating the values of missing angles in a variety of different mathematical shapes. To introduce this topic they also looked at the language they use with shape, and the properties of common polygons – especially polygons. To extend their knowledge and creativity they were invited to make videos, which three of them did.

Here is a cartoon strip created by one of the girls to remind people of certain common quadrilaterals...



Year 6 Presentations

This term the children in Year 6, as part of their leadership responsibilities, will be leading assemblies to their House groups to share key events. This opportunity allows the Year 6 children to further improve their presentation skills, and develop initiative and teamwork. It also provides an opportunity for all of the children within Key Stage 2 to learn about a variety of events which they may have heard of, but not know too much about.

On Wednesday, the children in Year 6 lead an assembly about Martin Luther King ahead of Martin Luther King Day, which is celebrated on 15th January every year. Year 6 shared information about his life and explained that he wanted to make the lives of black people better as well as sharing an extract from his famous speech. 'I have a dream...'

I was impressed with how the children in Year 6 chose to present their assemblies and the initiative that some groups came up with.

Mrs Ellisdon

Head of Key Stage 2



PE Update

I was very impressed to see the standard of the Year 3, 5 and 6 final gymnastics performances which took place in their lessons last week. The routines required the children to plan, perform and evaluate a short sequence which they had been working on last half term during their PE lessons. Year 3 explored symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes, Year 5 bridges and Year 6 the theme of counterbalance and counter tension. It has been so lovely to watch the groups working together and refining their routines during this unit. The children enjoyed performing the completed routines to their classmates, and providing some very constructive feedback to their peers.



The younger classes will be spending some of their lesson time this half term on gymnastics and I look forward to seeing them progress and develop key skills, including co-ordination, balance and spatial awareness. As well as this they have enjoyed playing a variety of running games with a focus on navigating space and dodging their classmates and balls.



This week the Year 2 class and all Key Stage 2 classes had their first tag rugby sessions which was a new sport for many. They spent time working on handling the 'strange shaped ball' and learning how to score a try and pick up a ball from the ground. Year 3 and up also went offsite for their football sessions, where they recapped some of the basic skills they were introduced to during the first term. Thank you for your support in ensuring the children have football boots, shin pads and long socks for this term, I am hopeful that going offsite will provide the children with opportunities to experience a wider variety of sports.



Mr Raveney

Director of Sport

Geography in Year 1

This term in Geography, Year 1 have been finding out about our local area.

Initially, the children used Google Maps to find where places are located in our local area. We then looked at an Ordnance Survey Map and decided on a route to take for a walk of our local area. We then went for our walk and the children pointed out significant places, landmarks, human and physical features and types of land use.



Year 1 then explored maps in further depth before creating their own of our local area. The children were encouraged to include symbols and a key on their map. We will now explore the use of co-ordinates to locate places surrounding us.



Learning in Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful start of term and have been very busy! We presented and celebrated the creative and informative projects that were completed over the Christmas holidays that were all about our new topic - the rainforest. We had some fabulous art creations as well as some engaging PowerPoint quizzes and posters full of facts.

We also let our imaginations lead us by taking our learning about negative numbers in maths and turning it into board games. Each pair made such a unique and well-thought-out game that helped to consolidate our understanding.

I look forward to seeing what the rest of the term has in store for us!

Miss Williamson
Year 4 Teacher





Happy New Year from the PL Committee. Let's get planning!

The Parents' Link would like to say a very happy new year to all, we hope everyone is enjoying a smooth transition back into school life. 2022 is already looking really exciting with a number of events planned for the next few months.

Our first event will be The PL Pyjama Party/Movie night at the end of January. Many of you will be familiar with this event, and how much fun it is, from years past. Dates and further information will be released in next week's bulletin, and via your Class Reps. The event will be offered over 3 nights to allow each of the existing class bubbles to participate, and will be in aid of charity.

The second PL event of the year will be the famous PL Quiz Night for parents and teachers, happening in March. Year on year this event has been sold out, so stay tuned for more info on how to purchase your coveted tickets for this one. As part of quiz night the PL will again be organising both a raffle and an auction, and we are asking parents for donations to both. Received unwanted Christmas gifts? Duplicated toys? Multiple copies of a book? Yet another cinema gift card? Now is the time to donate these new unwanted items to the PL raffle collection. Don't let it be landfill, let it be sunshine. Similarly, we are looking for fantastic, creative auction lots for the quiz night auction. So if you can offer; an experience, be it opera to a flying lesson, a service, be it a colour consult to garden design, or something truly boutique like time in a treasured family holiday home, please let your Class Reps, or a member of the PL committee know.

Lastly, there have been enquiries about Nearly New Uniforms. The electronic order form will go out on Monday next via email, and will include the email address for the form submission.

A big thanks from the PL Committee.

Parent Prayer Group

Parents are reminded that there is a prayer group that meets every Tuesday from 9.00 am in the Convent next to the School. All are welcome to attend.

ILLNESS

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. If they are displaying any symptoms relating to Covid:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or that things smell or taste different to normal

They will be required to have a **negative LFD test** and to be fully recovered before returning to school.

If your child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea, please ensure that they are kept off school for a minimum of 48 hours since the last bout and that they are fit and well enough to return to school.