

## **Parent Events**

Thank you to the families, who filled the hall to





celebrate their end of term events in school. The pupils

loved creating artistic masterpieces/learning about Viking life/sharing songs and food with you.

## **Beauty and the Beast**

A huge thank you to the PTA and to everyone that supports their projects. The children had a wonderful time at the pantomime at The Customs House.



## **Christmas Fair**

It was great to see so many of you attending the PTA Christmas Fair at the infants' school. The choir

represented our school superbly. Well done to the pupils involved and to the staff who have been working with the choir this term.

## **Cyber Bullying**

Staff from Barclays Bank visited Y6 to talk about the safe and appropriate use of technology. The pupils considered 'How to stay safe' and the cyber footprint they leave online

#### Class 3DG visit to The Word

As part of our collaborative winter themed writing project, we were inspired by huge projections of snowy scenes from the Winter's Child by Angela McAllister. The work is to be displayed in the Customs House in the future. More information about that soon...

## **Packed lunches**

We encourage children to bring healthy packed lunches to school, please do not include any nut based products, sweets or fizzy drinks in your child's lunch. Could



we also remind you that packed lunches and school dinners are not to be mixed in any one week, except for special circumstances such as a trip or the parents lunch day.

# **HIIT Workout**

On Monday, Year 6 went to Black Sheep Fitness to complete a HIIT training session. They worked with the coaches and learned how much fun exercise and loud



music can be! Despite the high intensity of the



workout, there were smiles all around as we learned how to use the equipment safely. What a fabulous trip for the healthy children of our school.

## **University of Sunderland Trainee Teachers**

We have had the pleasure this term of having trainee teachers from The University of Sunderland. They have benefited the school greatly and we would like to thank them publicly and wish them the very best in their studies and their careers. We have no doubt that they will all go on to do great things in education.

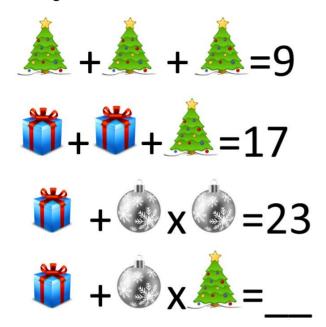
# **Bake Sale**

Some of our pupils wanted to raise money to pay for Christmas meals for the homeless. They raised £102.30 so that less fortunate people can receive dinner at Christmas. An amazing gift to give. Well done!

# **Pupils' Mathematics Challenge**

The pupils in Y6 have been solving algebraic challenges recently and they created some of their own. Have a go at these two challenges created by Helena Hawthorne and Nathan Stone.

## Challenge A



Reminder: Multiply before you add.

## Challenge B



Tip: Don't guess with these kind of questions. Find a row that you are certain about and then work from there.

Answers at the bottom of the last page.

### **Citizenship Award**

It is so difficult to choose two pupils, who have been excellent citizens in school this term because there are so many acts of kindness. Two pupils have stood out this term for their thoughtfulness, generosity and manners. PC Wilkinson popped into school and left Harriet Shield and Ethan Bonar tickets to Cineworld and selection boxes.

### **SAT Results**

We are very proud of our pupils' efforts and the SAT results in July were great! Here are the headlines (out of 49 schools in the borough):



- 6<sup>th</sup> in reading
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in writing
- 1<sup>st</sup> average score in maths
- 4th in achieving higher standard in reading
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in achieving higher standard in writing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in achieving higher standard in maths

The pupils worked very hard to achieve these amazing results. Well done!

## **This Term's Awards**

Many of our pupils have taken home Dojo certificates this week for their effort and positive attitudes in school.



If your child hasn't quite reached 25/50 Dojos yet, don't worry there are many pupils who will get their certificate soon.

74 pupils took home 100% Attendance awards for the term.



## Let's Celebrate!

## Writers of the week

- Year 3 Ariella Da Gama, Sienna Smith, Elise Searby and Eryn Howarth.
- Year 4 Cruz Adams, Daisy Legg, Riley Carr and James Duncan
- Year 5 Finley Kirkbride, George Robinson, Nathan Petre and Amelia Nixon-Aitchison
- Year 6 Alfie Kay, Jack Moffatt, Alex Elliott, Savannah Reilly and Lucas Archer

## Stars of the week

- Year 3 Jamie Macdonald, Travis Long, Class 3DG and Class 3DJ for their nativity shows.
- Year 4 Freya Morrison, Rose Rennie, George Boddy and Madeleine Duell
- Year 5 –Freddy Male, Daniel Smith, Francesca Navi and Will Newman
- Year 6 Jessica Patchett, Finlay Ward, Arnie Rea-Mackey and Summer Moore

### **Head Teacher's Awards**

Kathleen in Year 3 came to see me to say that her bracelet snapped and all of the beads scattered on the playground. Seven boys in Year 6 stopped playing to help pick them up and repair the damaged jewellery. Well done to Frankie Page, Nathan Stone, Jude Macdonald, Isaac McCulley, Jake Simpson, Taylor Wilkinson and Joe Stores.



# Term dates for your diary

20 Dec: Carol Service at St George's

(1:30-2:30 – please collect children from school following the service)

Spring term: 7<sup>th</sup> January – 15<sup>th</sup> February 25<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> April

# **Child Safety Reminders:**

# **After School Provision and Clubs**

Just a reminder, after school clubs are now finished until the New Year. To ensure the safety of the children please let us know if your child will not be attending their after-school club so this can be marked on the club register. If arrangements for collection by Helen Gibson Kids Club or The Happy Shack change, please inform school and the providers. Thank you.

# Video/photo on social media

Please be aware that photographs or video taken at school events such as shows and assemblies should not be shared on social media if they



contain images of children other than your own. Failure to abide by this may result in parents being asked not to take photos or video in school.

### **Parking**

Please do not park on the single yellow lines outside of school. Children's safety is paramount. The Police visit all schools regularly to check that children are safe when arriving at, or leaving, school.