



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

So finally the season of goodwill is upon us and more importantly, time to catch up on lost sleep, eat wonderful food with good company and celebrate the joy of giving. How can it be Christmas already? I remember being super-duper organised last year with everything ticked off the almost impossible list by the end of November but not so this year – help!!

The term has been incredibly long and events incredibly memorable so do enjoy reading about them all in this wonderful newsletter. The achievements of both children and staff always astound and it is so nice to have a record of them all to reflect on.

I do hope you enjoyed the Christmas celebration at St Georges church on Wednesday. We do question every year whether it is the right 'venue' to host our concert and with consideration already being given to a totally new event for next year, please do share any ideas that you may have.

On behalf of all staff and governors, please do have a wonderful Christmas – we'll see you in the New Year ! So without further ado, on your marks, get set and get wrapping!

Festive wishes,

Wendy Moore

Closing the Autumn Term

KS1 -The Sleepy Shepherd

KS1 performed 'The Sleepy Shepherd' by Niki Davies. They launched the production through a dance from Base 7. Various children narrated the play whilst all joined in with 7 fantastic lively songs. Base 8 performed a 'snowflake dance' during the production along with Base 2 who had created a star dance. Reception and Base 9 were the tableau, with Base 1 finished the performance off with a Christmas poem. The children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed performing to all.



KS2 - A Magical Christmas Jigsaw

The audience were taken on a journey back to Roman times when King Herod was the 'All Powerful' ruler of Judea. Luckily he was thwarted by the power of the blue angels and everyone rejoiced at the birth of the new born king.



Reception & Base 9



On Friday 13th December Reception and Base 9 enjoyed two circus workshops in the school hall whilst the rest of the school visited the theatre.

The children used a huge variety of circus toys throughout the day. They had the chance to spin plates, juggle with scarves, dance with ribbons and play with stacking cups and puppets.

Steve was highly entertaining and the children had lots of laughs and a huge amount of fun. At the end of the day children chose their favourite toys and put on a show for the rest of the class.

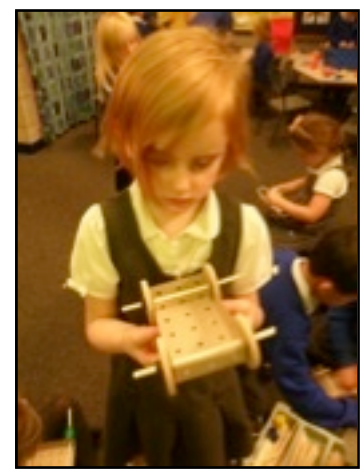


Base 7 & 8 - Year 1

This half term Base 7 & 8 have been learning about the local environment. We all went for a 'Welly Walk' around school and took photographs of the various features within the school grounds. Although the weather was cold and the ground extremely muddy, the children thoroughly enjoyed the time outdoors.

Children looked at the difference between physical and man-made features and identified examples of each within the school grounds.

The children have also explored moving vehicles for Design & Technology this half term. They have carried out a range of design and make activities prior to constructing their vehicles.



Friday 25th October raised £495.00 for 'Think Pink'. Cakes were sold at the end of the day and proved a huge success. Thank you to all those who donated.

Diary Dates 2013/2014

6th January - PD Day
 13th February – Valentines Disco
 6th March - World Book Day
 11th April – Easter Egg Bingo
 15th May - Priorslee's Got Talent
 21st June – Summer Fayre
 17th July – Y6 PROM

Dates are provisional and may be subject to change

Year 3



On Thursday 5th December, the Year 3 children enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service. The children were shown a presentation all about the work of the service and how to keep themselves safe and took part in an interactive quiz. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and have hopefully gone home knowing more about how to prevent fires and how to escape safely.

Arts Ambassador's Art Competition

In the second half of the term, the Arts Ambassadors ran an Art Competition with an 'Autumn' theme. Thank you to all those children who entered their drawings, paintings, poems and collages. Congratulations to Bethany Tilsley-Curtis for her winning entry.



Art News



Lily Appleton

Priorslee Academy were pleased to have a competition winner for Sainsbury's Halloween Competition.

Well done to Lily Appleton Base 8.

Key Stage 1 Art Club



Art Club KS1 were looking at drawing and painting all kinds of beautiful butterflies which was then mounted on a canvas. This is now displayed outside Base 4.

Year 3/4

Year 3/4 have been working hard to produce some fantastic homework projects this half term, based around their 'class tree'. There have been wonderfully creative models, posters and booklets made and the children have clearly enjoyed the challenge. We are hoping to put some of the work on display next term so watch this space!

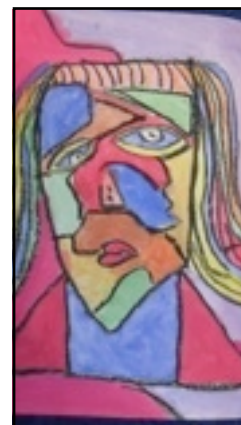


Friends update

I want to thank so many of you for attending our recent Christmas Fayre. We raised in excess of £2,300, which was a fantastic amount and will help us in providing new equipment for school.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support in our fundraising activities during 2013. It's great so many of you give your time to help us organise and run our events, without you this is something we would not be able to do. Finally, I want to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Kelly Mackay

Artwork of the term



by
Isobel Sheperd

Celebrating success!

Stars of the week KS1

Harrison Thorpe
 Daniel Marshall
 Ollie Hollingsworth
 Jacob Kaul
 Lara Burgess
 Fraser Brewer
 Oskar Haywood
 Emily Annett
 Alex Harley
 Grace Annand
 Ashton Barker
 Kian Smart
 Louis Wheatley
 Brylan Taylor
 Alvin Asamoah
 Aliyah Lee
 Zuzanna Syzmaniuk
 Simon Bagshaw
 Dan Craddock
 Isabelle Brennan
 Daisy Hancox
 Jessica Bahia
 Isobel Griggs
 Libby Whitehouse
 Holly Thomlinson
 Rhiannon Goodwin
 Maryjane Shepherd
 Isher Jagdev
 Louisa Elcocks
 Caleb Zhou
 Zane Hall
 Harveer Mohan
 Dylan Wormstone
 William Mooney
 Jolene Bradley
 Phoebe Allen
 Thea Lee
 Lucy Evans
 Rowan Turrell

Stars of the week KS2

Molly Reade
 Millie Atkins
 Nick Read
 Bethany Tilsley-Curtis
 Fenn Ashmore
 Paige Prosser
 Louis Molyneux
 Alex Holland
 Harvey Polatajko
 Millie Gadd-Clarke
 Leo Faulkner
 Haaziq Sheikh
 Shweni Varia
 Charlotte Bramford
 Riley Horton
 Kate Williams
 Afreen Shaheen
 Reece Fielding
 Jacob Bryceland
 Zachary Morris
 Jessica Barnes
 Lily Moxham-Dabrines
 Muhamed Moxham-Dambrines
 Gracie Plant
 Christiana Pirgozlieva
 Fatima Ejaz
 Jenson Plant
 Aidan Williams
 Krish Shah
 Jay Yu
 Freya Andrews
 Myles Flintham-McLean
 Chloe Kaul
 Ayla Morris
 Regan Thiara
 Ayden Allison
 Nana Nyarko-Bonsu
 Kyle Randall
 Jack Wootton
 Zayden Hussain
 Emma Carter
 William McLeod

Base 1 and 2

We investigated bubbles and made our own bubble blowers. We found out that our cup blowers made the biggest bubbles. Although we were a bit short of the world record bubble, there was a lot of excitement! We also learnt about how bubbles are handy in real life, when we looked at spirit levels.



Sporting Events

Prefects

The Prefects have continued with their fundraising this half term. Their chosen charity for the year is Hope House and the children will be doing some research into the work carried out by the charity next term. With your kind support, the Prefects have helped the children to raise a total of £72.95 this term, through the biscuit sale and their AMAZING Christmas Stocking Stall. By the time this newsletter goes out, there will have been another biscuit sale and more plans made for further fundraising next term. Thank you for your support so far. The work of the Prefects is helping all the children in the school to learn about the work of charities and how we can support them. Please contact Mrs. Court if you have any suggestions as to how we can boost their fundraising total!

Theatre Trip - Sleeping Beauty

A good time was had by all at Theatre 7 this year. The pantomime dame 'Nurse Nellie' broke her record for the ritual humiliation of Priorslee members of staff by picking on Mr Plim throughout the performance.

Four children were lucky enough to be taken onto the stage with the cast and after a little dance routine were rewarded with a 'Toot Sweet' goodie bag.



Year 5/6

Having won the Birchfield 5-aside tournament last year, the Year 5/6 football team were full of confidence and ready to defend their title. The team got off to a flying start, winning their first two group matches convincingly. This put Priorslee top of the group and in a fantastic position to progress into the semi-finals.

A difficult third game against a strong Westfield side saw the team concede their first goal. Although Priorslee played some fantastic football in this particular match, they were unable to break down the defence and ended up losing the game 1-0.

Slightly deflated, the team wanted to make amends for their defeat in the final group game. A strong performance saw the team get back to winning ways and secured their place into the semi-finals.

A very close encounter against Coalbrookdale was decided by a moment of brilliance from goalkeeper, Joe Young. A sweet strike from his own goal area caught the opposing goalkeeper off guard and went straight into the back of the net.

Another tense final against a well organised Albrighton team promised to be a difficult task to overcome. Both teams had very good chances throughout the match with it being 1-1 for the majority of the game. With two minutes to spare, Priorslee split the opposition defence open and scored two quick goals, securing the trophy for the second time.



Thursday 19th December saw another biscuit sale. The prefects have now raised a total of £110.05 for Hope House this term.

Netball

The netball coaching will continue in the New Year. Zoe and I have been well supported this year both by children and parents.

We finished third in our group in the recent netball league and were extremely proud of the children who took part.

We finished the term off with a christmas party which was enjoyed by all.

We would like to wish all the children a very happy Christmas and look forward to playing in another league in the New Year.

Carol Taylor

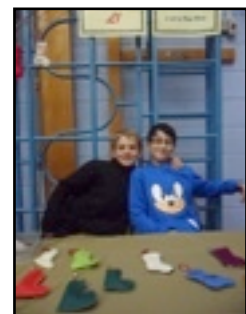
Choir

The year 5/6 choir have performed a few times this term to include the Harvest Assembly, the Christmas Fayre and the Church Service. The choir were due to perform at Weston Park however due to lack of support the event was sadly cancelled.

Fortunately, the choir are looking forward to their trip to the LG Arena in January for 'Young Voices 2014'.



Nick Read and Dylan Harley pictured selling their stockings at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December.



Hobbycraft Christmas Hat Competition

Priorslee Primary Academy are proud to announce we have once again won the Hobbycraft Christmas Hat Competition.

A hamper to the value of £100 full of art equipment is the winning prize and will be shared amongst classes in the New Year.

A huge thank you to all who took the time to vote at this very busy time of year. Thank you to Mrs Atkins for putting the hat together.



Year 5 & 6 Artwork

