Welcome to another edition of Kingfisher Frenzy, the wonderful Holy Trinity newspaper created by our Year 6s. This term’s contributors are Noah Hickman, Maddy McGeoch and Kate Sitaraman from Panthers, Elise Connor, Mia O’Donnell and Bella Pemberton from Tigers and Amalka Delevante, Max Meikle and Sofia Kawecki from Jaguars. We hope you enjoy reading this as much as we enjoyed putting it together. We wish our Holy Trinity community and their families a very happy Christmas and a joyful New Year!

Pictured L to R (back row): Kate, Maddy, Sofia, Amalka, Elise, Max (front row): Noah, Mia, Bella.

The National Young Mathematicians Competition

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In our brilliant team we have a range of pupils from Year 6 who all excel in maths. Our group consists of Matthew Durrant, Max Meikle, Noah Hickman and Isabell Jardine. These 4 children have now got through to the final round at Cambridge University which is the best maths university in the world.

In the first round our skilled mathematicians had to solve 3 challenges involving different numbers which we had to use to solve difficult problems. Although the pressure slowed them down, they were able to solve the challenges and pass the first round.

On 29th November, it was time for our elite mathematicians to enter the second round. The pressure was even greater this time and almost put them off but Matthew went into machine mode and solved the problems with the help of Max, Isabell and Noah. The group completed all of the questions and there was a lot of good teamwork.

Next in The National Young Mathematicians Competition our splendid team is going to Cambridge University for the third round. It’s not going to be easy, only 5 groups remain. Our team had the highest score ever in the second round so they’re in the lead. One of our mathematicians tells Kingfisher Frenzy, “I’m not saying that it’ll be easy, but there’s a solid chance that we’ll snag the win!”

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Junior Orchestra: ENROLLING NOW!

Do you have musical talent?

If you want to play music with other people, the school orchestra is definitely for you. Join and you can learn lots of new songs and meet new friends who share your interest in music.

There is a range of instruments in orchestra from cellos and trumpets to guitars and flutes. All of them put together make some amazing sounds - sometimes upbeat, sometimes more traditional. It has a very friendly atmosphere and according to 10 year-old Sophia in Jaguar class, “It is fun and exciting and we learn a new piece around every month.”

Orchestra is at 8am on Thursday mornings and the contacts will be on the new club sheet. We hope you can come - see you there!
Mr Hambling, our Year 6 teacher, will be having a new addition to his family very soon so Kingfisher Frenzy asked him a few questions about his soon-to-be little one. What responsibilities are you looking forward to as a dad? Singing the baby lullabies, pushing it around in its buggy in Richmond Park and hearing it say “Dad” for the first time. What persuaded you to have a baby? We felt we were at the right age and ready to have a child. Since my wife and I are both teachers we love spending time with children so we wanted one of our own at home. Do you have any ideas for the baby’s name? We are not allowed to say! But it’s very difficult for teachers as whatever name we suggest could be a name of a pupil we teach. Would you like the baby to be a boy or a girl? I don’t mind so long as it’s a healthy boy or girl. What do you expect from a newborn baby? Crying, dirty nappies, late nights, a lot of love and a very fidgety and clumsy baby. Would you like the baby to take after you or your wife? Definitely my wife since she has all the good genes! To conclude, do you know when it is due? Definitely my wife since she has all the good genes!

Mr Collett is a person who is always cheerful and helps many children (especially Year 6) with school. He does PE for most pupils but in Year 6 he’s always there making everybody happy and helping them. However, he’s leaving to travel around the world to different countries and even different continents. Though the question Kingfisher Frenzy wants to know is, will Mr C be back? Read on and find out. Now all know that Mr Collett is a cheerful person and always has a smile on his face but can he describe his own feelings about the trip? Well it took longer than you could imagine for him to answer but eventually, after about 45 minutes, he finally told us.

The question we asked was, “Name three ‘High-Level’ adjectives that describe your feelings about the trip.” It was a struggle for him but eventually, after a bit of help from Mr Hambling, he said, “APPREHENSIVE!” There was another wait before he finally answered “ENTHUSIASTIC!” and then finally he said “DETERMINED!” He didn’t take as long answering the other questions but that doesn’t mean it was quick! Here are some quick-fire questions and answers we asked Mr C: Rain or Sunshine? Rain. Hot or cold Christmas? Cold Christmas. Rugby Union or Rugby League? Rugby Union. Barbecue or Roast Dinner? Barbecue. Marmite or Vegemite? Vegemite. Now the answer to the key question? No Mr Collett has NOT gone forever, HE’S COMING BACK! (phones and computers) because he can’t live without them. Here are some quick-fire questions...
Meet Rudi - Britain’s Cutest Pub Dog!

Rudi is one of 70 dogs who were lucky enough to be featured in a book called ‘Great British Pub Dogs’ in which he won the ‘Cutest Pub Dog’ Award. Rudi lives with his owners in a cozy Victorian pub in Richmond named The Mitre. All of the customers absolutely adore Rudi and he loves all of the attention!

Rudi is a Golden Cocker Spaniel and is around 20 months old. We got him last year in June. He is quite naughty, as he has already caused two deer stampedes, which is why we have had to ban him from Richmond Park.

When he was 5 months old, a photographer came to take some photos of Rudi, because they had heard about him by word of mouth. At the time, they were working on a book of Great British Pub Dogs and they asked if we would be happy for him to be in the book. It took quite a while for the book to come out, but when it did we found out that Rudi was voted the ‘Cutest Pub Dog’ and was nominated for ‘Top Pub Dog’.

At the book launch, everyone adored Rudi and even asked to take selfies with him.

A day later, Rudi was featured in The Richmond & Twickenham Times, Metro and The Evening Standard. Next came The One Show: they didn’t mention Rudi himself or even rushing into a last-minute purchase without ample research or even rushing into a last-minute online purchase.”

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Across the world, Christmas is celebrated in many different ways. Around this festive time of the year and what makes it the special season it is. Kingfisher Frenzy took a look at how Christmas is celebrated in other countries.

Germany
In Germany, they throw huge Christmas markets known as Weihnachtsmarkt. Winter Wonderland in London is a Christmas theme park that is based on German traditions and includes the Christmas markets. A common meal at Christmas for Germany is roast goose or duck stuffed with apples, chestnuts, onions or prunes. A tradition is to hang a gingerbread biscuit in shape of a heart on your wall, usually decorated with colourful styled icing saying a phrase, and is often to give your loved ones.

USA
In America in the centre of towns they normally have a large Christmas tree. People’s houses are decorated with lots of Christmas fairy lights and all the houses are brightly lit up. It is traditional to eat turkey, pigs in blankets and eggnog, a sweet drink made of vanilla, sugar, eggs and milk.

Spain
In Spain they celebrate The Mass of the Rooster, representing a rooster who was supposed to have crowed around Jesus the night he was born. December 28th is Dia de los Santos Inocentes or Day of the Innocent Saints and is very much like our April Fools Day. A traditional Christmas meal in Spain is turkey stuffed with mushroom truffles eaten on Christmas Eve before a church service. On Christmas day they usually eat seafood.

Sweden
In Sweden a popular celebration on December 13th is St Lucia’s Day which goes back to monks who first brought Christianity to Sweden. St Lucia’s Day is now celebrated with a girl dressing in a white dress with a red sash around her waist and a crown of candles on her head. Small children use electric candles but from about 12 years old, real candles are used.

In Sweden Christmas food is the following: lussebullar which is a type of gingerbread bun, and then throwing the food in the fridge, not paying attention to a newborn baby and distracting the children from revising.

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“Are you aware of the Dogs Trust’s 34-year-old advertising campaign? It is meant to try to prevent people from getting a dog for a Christmas present and then throwing the adorable pet away afterwards for the silliest of reasons. They say that some of these ridiculous reasons include the dog eating the food in the fridge, not paying attention to a newborn baby and distracting the children from revising.

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Kingfisher Frenzy asked some HT children and teachers what were the best and worst Christmas presents they had ever been given.

Here is what they said:

Max in Jaguars
An Xbox 1s because I had wanted one for so very long.

An animal recorder over – I hated it because my sister always played it and it was so annoying.

Maddy in Panthers
Aiddle beauty set containing gingerbread bath bombs, lip balms and soap because it had nice packaging and I loved smelling them.

A knitting duck set – I didn’t know why I was given it.

Bella in Tigers
A bulletin board to keep me organised, because I have lots of things to do and pinning up reminders can help.

Some tiny smelly erasers from my twin brother, Ash. He knows I hate them.

Tagi in Tigers
An egg that had wanted one for a while.

An orange – I don’t like oranges.

Izzy in Jaguars
An Echo dot speaker, it’s very useful.

A dictionary because I don’t really need one.

Elma in Jaguars
A MacBook, it helps me to a lot with school work.

A dictionary as well.

Cornelia in Jaguars
A rabbit called Peter, he is very cute.

A book of Princesses and Fairies – I’m a bit old for that now.

Ellie in Tigers
A new bike because my old one was too small for me.

A potato
Miss Crampton in Giraffes
A mug, which my sister had painted. It was very detailed and I love it.

My cousin cousin bought me an emoji poo pillow.

Miss Fryer in Giraffes
I couldn’t choose a best and worst, but I have thought of a funniest! My Gran bought me the funniest pair of brown, flared jeans.

Mr O’Sullivan in Otters
It was either a home-made bauble to hang on the Christmas tree or Wallace & Gromit tie.

A snow globe that didn’t even work.

Miss Flynn in Year 5 and 6
A talking pyjama case.

A vintage hoover – I didn’t even have a carpet.

We are all grateful for our gifts, but sometimes they aren’t as practical! Thank you for reading, have a very merry Christmas!
Do you want to take up a new fun sport that doesn’t involve a ball?

Well you should consider climbing. It still keeps you really fit and healthy and all you need to learn is one knot (a figure of eight that will be explained later) at the start making it a really easy sport too. There’s always a new challenge that you’ll have a good time trying complete and if it takes quite long to finish you don’t notice because time flies when you’re having fun and boy do you have a lot of fun while climbing! The nearest place to climb is White Spider in Surbiton (ask your parents where that is) and you can have sessions before you decide to join the club to see if it’s right for you. The knots are quite easy but until you get the hang of them the teachers do it for you. The knots stop you from falling to the ground and you might surprise yourself. Almost everyone else is out. There is live music a few days a week which can be really fun to listen to. A lot of people I know come into our pub such as my piano teacher, my child minder, some parents and children from Holy Trinity and even Eve, we go to listen to more carols and we open the pub downstairs so they can look after me when everyone else is out. There is live music a few days a week which can be really fun to listen to. A lot of people I know come into our pub such as my piano teacher, my child minder, some parents and children from Holy Trinity and even a few teachers. It’s good that other people find it quite interesting that I live in a pub.

Christmas is a blast – especially when it gets too noisy downstairs. It’s a great place to live.

Do you have dancing potential?

If so, Sophie Burnham Academy is the place to start your future career. sba offers 2 styles of dance: modern and street dance. Modern is a fun combination of jazz and contemporary. Street dance is a loose, funky hip-hop class filled with cool acrobatics and tricks. Boys out there please don’t be afraid to try, we need more male dancers!

Class times are as follows:

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Come and give it a try!

At Christchurch Hall, Christchurch Road, East Sheen SW14 7AN

Contact Sophie on 07884 181354 sophie.burnham@btinternet.com or on facebook: sbaDANCE

This fantastic story is one of those books you simply can’t put down. Every time you might get bored another exciting thing will spark you back into reading it non-stop. Brilliant characters spring up just at the right time. The story is one of J.R.R. Tolkien’s most magnificent books. Its main character is a comfort-loving small hobbit. Thirteen dwarves and a mysterious wizard take this young hobbit on an extraordinary journey to reclaim the dwarves’ lost city which has been taken over by a fire-breathing dragon. They meet trolls, goblins, spiders, elves, men, orcs and even a power hungry hobbit who has evolved into a terrifying monster. I strongly recommend this amazing book for anyone aged 8+. 
Imagine you are in a dark room with no windows or doors and a roof, how do you escape?

I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

What has hands but can't clap?

A house has 4 walls and all of them are facing south, a bear is circling the house. What colour is the bear?

What starts with the letter ‘t’. It’s filled with ‘t’, and ends with ‘t’?

What gets wetter the more it dries?

Kingfisher Acrostic

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Christmas Jokes!

What did the angry snowman say to the carrot?
Get out of my face!

Why did the bear and the penguin not get along?
They were polar opposites!

What did the turkey say at Christmas dinner?
I’m stuffed!

What does a ghost like to eat for Christmas dinner?
Ghoulish!

What is Santa’s cat called?
Santa claws!

What is Santa’s dog called?
Santa paws!

What do you get when you cross a shark with a snowman?
Frostbite!

What does Santa get when he’s stuck in a chimney?
Claustrophobia!

Why does Santa have three gardens?
So he can Ho Ho Ho!

Why did Santa’s elf go to the doctor?
Because he had low elf-esteem!

What do sheep say at Christmas?
Merry Christmas to ewe!

What do you get when you cross a bell and a skunk?
Jingle smells!