Panda pupil elected to Parliament

A year 6 pupil has been selected to be the deputy mayor of Richmond’s Pupil Parliament.

Elena Hind in Panda Class was elected after giving a speech about the importance of libraries in 2018.

“Pupil Parliament is a mini council meeting for year 6 children,” Elena told Kingfisher Frenzy. “It is where you write and perform a speech and can then get elected as mayor or deputy mayor.”

Elena was up against 70 other children. There was a vote at the end of the day and they chose who they wanted to be mayor and deputy mayor.

“I’ve always wanted to do it because I have always liked speaking in public and changing things,” she said.

A boy and a girl from each primary school in the borough attended the Pupil Parliament election.

Elena went with Aidan Haughan from Koala Class.

“The top 10 voted pupils go through to a final and another vote then takes place,” Aidan explained. “The winner becomes the pupil mayor and the second place pupil is made deputy mayor.”

Elena’s role is to make sure that libraries aren’t being shut down and to do what she can to help them.

“I felt good and I am proud of myself because year 6 wanted me to represent them,” Elena said.

Goodbye Mrs Cox

Sadly at the end of this academic year Mrs Cox is leaving Holy Trinity School.

She has been at the school for 14 years and head teacher since September 2006, and while she has been here she has made the school a happier place.

At this moment we don’t know who will be replacing her but we will enjoy the rest of the time she is head. During her time at the school she was awarded an MBE for services to education.

Mrs Cox has also witnessed the change of the house team names.

Over the years she has worked very hard and Holy Trinity was given the highest award of ‘Outstanding’ by OFSTED inspectors. Mrs Cox turned the school around from being an okay school to being one of the best in the whole borough.

We will all be very sad when she leaves and are grateful for everything Mrs Cox has done for Holy Trinity.
**New kid on the Rock**

A pupil from Koala Class has made her debut on the West End stage in an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. Ten-year-old Ellie Jones is appearing as Marcy in School of Rock at the Gillian Lynne Theatre in Drury Lane.

Ellie says the musical is about a school called Horris Green and a man who loves rock. He gets kicked out of his band that was about to go to a big rock competition and he gets an offer to teach at the school. He then teaches the class rock to get into the competition, and they have lots of adventures and laughs together.

Ellie told Kingfisher Frenzy she got into musical theatre because she loves performing. “I’ve loved it since I was little and I had a big passion for singing,” she said. “I sing everywhere and anywhere.”

This isn’t the first time Ellie has auditioned for shows. “I have done previous auditions in the past, and some of them I got into the top five but I’ve never made the cut,” she said.

Ellie’s sister Lilah inspired her to audition for School of Rock and her dance teacher Hannah also helped her to be the best she could be.

She says she never gets tired of performing the same show. “Every night is slightly different and every audience has a unique reaction,” Ellie said. Ellie also starred in the School of Rock Children in Need performance, and aspires to be an actress and work in the West End when she leaves school.

**Year 6 visits air-raid shelter**

During November, Year 6 visited an air-raid shelter near Mortlake station as part of its World War 2 topic.

The shelter is in the grounds of a block of flats called St Leonard’s Court. It is underneath a raised area of ground that looks like a nice lawn.

A while ago some of the owners wanted to turn it into a car park, but it became an English Heritage Grade 2 listed building in 2009, so this couldn’t happen.

Visiting the shelter was an incredible experience. During World War 2, residents of the flats used the shelter to stay safe from enemy bombs.

The St Leonards Court Residents Association, the Mortlake with East Sheen Society and the Environment Trust look after the shelter, but it is under threat once again because it is in a poor condition and has become unstable.

The groups were kind enough to give us access to the shelter, which is on the English Heritage at risk register and could collapse soon. They are trying to raise money for conservation work to save the shelter.

If you would like to find out more about the shelter and how to save it, please visit https://www.environmenttrust.org/air-raid-shelter-heritage-conservation.

**Cycle Training**

A couple of weeks ago year 6 pupils did their cycling proficiency training.

Cycling proficiency is when you go out onto the roads on your bike and learn the rules of cycling and how to cycle safely.

Some of the rules we have been taught:

- Always wear a helmet
- Check your bike is safe – check brakes and wheels are working properly
- Wear a high-vis jacket
- Make sure your bike has lights
- Always make sure that there are no cars behind you before you pull out from the curb
- When you are passing a crossroad, always check the side roads
- A road sign with a red circle means you have to do whatever it says
- A blue circle road sign means you need to follow what it says
- A red circle with a line through it means you cannot go that way
- A triangle–shaped sign is warning you about what might be ahead, for example a narrow road or traffic lights.

Always stay safe on your bike!
Out of Africa

SA versus UK schools

Mr Alyward joined Holy Trinity in September as a year 5 teacher in Zebra Class. Before coming here he lived and worked in his own country, South Africa. He was a primary school teacher in Durban and Kingfisher Frenzy spoke to him about what it was like teaching in Africa and the differences between the two schools.

Mr Aylward says schools in South Africa are very different to Holy Trinity and he much prefers it here. There are a lot less resources there and the curriculum is very strict, not allowing him to carry on with a subject for more than a set time, even if his class is not ready to move on.

He says he feels more respected here and it’s a lot more fun. History lessons are different too. Instead of learning about Celts, Romans, old English kings and other things concerning Britain, they look at South African history.

“There are no teaching assistants,” Mr Aylward said. “It’s a lot harder.”

Class sizes are similar to ours with about 28 children per class. But children in South Africa have much more tests, making lessons a lot less fun and more “old-fashioned”.

Mr Aylward is loving teaching here and is hoping to help the school progress in Eco.

We really enjoy him teaching and we hope he stays for a long time.

The plastic problem

Plastic pollution is an ongoing issue we all know about. But how do we solve it?

Last year around eight million tons of plastic rubbish went into our oceans and 100 million marine mammals die each year because of plastic that finds its way into our seas. We all need to help in some way. Some of the world’s governments have been trying to tackle this problem.

The UK government said in October that it plans to ban the sale of plastic straws, cotton buds and drink stirrers within two years.

An organisation called Ocean Cleanup is trying to solve the problem of plastic pollution by putting thick, long tubes into the Pacific Ocean and letting them drift through the sea. Underneath these tubes are nets that trap and collect the plastic. Every month, a small vessel comes to collect the plastic the net has captured. Once the plastic is on dry land it is made into reusable items like lamps and sunglasses.

Mr Aylward is head of Holy Trinity’s Eco Committee and he believes children should be educated about this tremendous issue. “It should be promoted in schools,” he said.

He also says that every little thing helps and adds up to diminish plastic waste. Everyone should do their part and do little things such as not buying plastic straws and not buying fruit in plastic packing. He thinks it will take a long time, but is solvable.
The Christmas Truce

by Gemma Vincze

25th December 1914

Scarce was heard in the trenches that night. Stars littered the velvet sky, still outshone by the moon despite how brightly they twinkled. Below the thick curtain of darkness sat a group of British soldiers, of which I was amongst. One of the men was holding a pair of binoculars, surveying the scene in case the Germans decided to launch a surprise attack. The others appeared to be immersed in an intense game of cards.

All of a sudden, the taunting silence was shattered by the sound of accentuated voices singing an all too familiar song. Everyone around me seemed caught off-guard, which I don’t blame them for. But I swallowed down all my worries, stood up in my trench, and began to sing along. Not long after, every man was taking part. The carol acted as a declaration of peace as it lingered in the cold night air, and with every word the Germans seemed to be stepping farther out of their trench. It was magical, like something out of a fairy tale. Except it was real.

Soon enough, the British soldiers and the German soldiers were united. We all shook hands with one another, and I, as well as many others, showed a few Germans the only photograph of my mother that I had. And, when it grew deeper into the night, we were unfortunately separated by booming crashes that still rang in our ears, as we reluctantly sauntered back to our respective trenches.

I will never forget that day – the 25th of December 1914 - when I learned the value of peace, even if it was only for a few hours, and I discovered that the German soldiers, despite being viewed as the enemy, were just like you and me.

POEMS

Year 6 has been writing poems to commemorate Armistice Day. Here are a couple of them:

We Will Never Forget

Poppies stand where thee fell,  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
They gave their lives to keep us free,  
To save the innocent like you and me.

We bow our heads in respect,  
To tell the ones who fell and the ones who wept,  
For the lives of others, for human rights,  
They left their families to go and fight.

Church bells rang out to whoever remained,  
To tell everyone no more will get slain,  
With fire in their hearts,  
They trudged on bringing us to victory.

We will never forget the brave souls,  
Who fought for our country when war was alive.

By Thomas Durrant

One Day

One day, every year,  
Earth stops and remembers,  
Poppies are the memories,  
Memories of the fallen.

In the fields they rise,  
Where the brave fell,  
They shall bow in their honour,  
Remembering.

There was a war, meant to end all wars,  
Fought for freedom, justice and valour,  
It lost so much, it gained so little,  
Yet it was not meaningless.

It taught all many things,  
It let us be free!  
So many died a hero’s death,  
And saved us from the enemy’s wrath.

So one day, every year,  
Earth stops and remembers,  
Everyone thinks of the soldiers, lions,  
And when the guns spoke no more.

By Alexander Stylianou
Football teams shoot for success

Sports round-up

The boys’ football team has played two matches recently and is competing in a knock-out tournament after Christmas. So you need to know how we have got on. You may have heard of our undeserved loss against Darrel. They won 5 – 4. Sam Padawi, William Streak, William Orr and Pietro Papini scored and we didn’t deserve the loss. Our composure collapsed and we lost to a late winner by their slippery striker.

Our other match was away against Kew Riverside. Again we deserved to win it. The score was 2-2. Right at the end we got a breakthrough with William O hassling number 10 off the ball and squaring it to Pietro. We were so close to earning the victory. With Pietro’s speed, he sped past the defenders but the goalkeeper got there first. Mr Callaghan has been a great help and kept our composure and attitude up. We have had a brilliant season so far and let’s hope the future is bright.

The girls have been doing very well. Their recent match against Sheen Mount was a huge accomplishment as we won 5-2! Maya Bell scored an amazing four goals! Joseph must have been a proud big brother. Elena Hind secured the win with a fabulous goal. Everyone went home with a smile on their face.

Now basketball was not as successful, and even with our best efforts we still could not secure a place in the top five teams.

Cross country running has been another event going on outside school. I call it the heart of chaos! Schools from all over the borough enter a boys and girls’ team and each race has about 150 runners.

Within about 200 metres you are compacted with 150 children surrounding you from every direction.

I am glad to tell you that no-one from Holy Trinity fell over, which is a great success as other year groups have taken a tumble in the past.

Best Premier League players

Kingfisher Frenzy has looked at every team in the Premier League and compiled a list of who we think are the best players. Do you agree?

Arsenal - Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang
Bournemouth - Joshua King
Brighton and Hove Albion - Anthony Knockaert
Burnley – Tom Heaton
Cardiff City – Sean Morrison
Chelsea - Eden Hazard
Crystal Palace - Wilfried Zaha
Everton - Jordan Pickford
Fulham - Aleksander Mitrovic
Huddersfield - Jonas Lössl
Leicester City - Jamie Vardy
Liverpool - Mohamed Salah
Manchester City - Kevin De Bruyne
Manchester United - David De Gea
Newcastle United – DeAndre Yedlin
Southampton – Alex McCarthy
Tottenham Hotspur - Harry Kane
Watford - Etienne Capoue
West Ham – Felipe Anderson
Wolverhampton Wanderers - Barry Douglas

FOOTBALL WORD SEARCH

So you think you know your football? Try your hand at our Premier League word search. And as an extra challenge, which word appears twice? Good luck!

LIVERPOOL
MAN CITY
CHELSEA
TOTTENHAM
ARSENAL
SALAH
FIRMINO
AGUERO
KANE

Challenge answer: HALAS
Meet HT's new vicar

Dan Wells

As most of you know Holy Trinity Church has a new vicar called Daniel Wells. He recently moved to Richmond with his wife Louise, who is a nurse who looks after poorly babies.

He enjoys watching American football and supports the Denver Broncos and also likes baking bread and cakes. But Kingfisher Frenzy wanted to know more! Dan very kindly answered our questions.

KF: How did you come to be religious?
Dan: I grew up going to church, but I came to know Jesus for myself when I was about 12 years old. I met people who spoke and lived as if Jesus was real. I came to realise that Jesus wasn’t just an historical person who lived many years ago, but that he is alive today.

KF: Did you want to be a vicar as a child?
Dan: Not that I can remember! When I was younger I wanted to be someone who made TV programmes, or maybe an astronaut. I didn’t really think of myself as someone who could become a vicar. It wasn’t until I was much older that I realised that God wanted me to do this job instead.

KF: How has your time as a vicar been so far?
Dan: It’s been great! I’ve had the chance to meet loads of people and make lots of new friends. It’s been busy, but a lot of fun.

KF: Do you have a favourite Bible story/verse and why?
Dan: It’s really difficult to pick just one. One of the stories I really love is the time when Jesus cooked breakfast for his friends on the beach. He is Lord over the whole universe and had just been raised from the dead, but he took time to make his friends a meal. I really love that about Jesus.

KF: What does Christmas mean to you?
Dan: Christmas for me means joy - the joy of fun, presents and family. But the most joyful thing about Christmas is that God has come to meet us in Jesus.

KF: What is your favourite Christmas Carol?
Dan: I love most of them, but one of my favourites is The First Noel. It tells the Christmas story really well, and the tune always makes me feel warm and Christmassy.

KF: Do you believe in any mythical creatures such as unicorns or mermaids?
Dan: I’m not sure I believe in unicorns and mermaids, but I love to read about them. I think fantasy stories and fairy tales are great fun and good for our imagination.

KF: Where is your favourite place in the world to go?
Dan: I love to visit the mountains and snow, so I love places like Austria and Switzerland in the winter. I had the chance to visit Iceland a couple of years ago, which was amazing, and I would love to go back there again.

KF: If you could change your name what would it be?
Dan: Wow, I don’t think anyone has asked me that before! I like my name, and I think my Dad might be a bit upset if I changed it. But if I did change it, I quite like the idea of having a name that begins with X or Z. So maybe Zachary or Xeno!

KF: Thank you Dan for answering our questions. Happy Christmas!
**CHRISTMAS FUN**

**Test your Christmas trivia with the Frenzy’s fun Christmas quiz**

**Q1:** What country do Christmas trees originate from?
- a: United States
- b: Norway
- c: Sweden

**Q2:** How many Christmas puddings do Brits eat each year?
- a: 10 million
- b: 15 million
- c: 25 million

**Q3:** How many rolls of Sellotape are sold in the UK in the run-up to Christmas?
- a: 2 million
- b: 6 million
- c: 12 million

**Q4:** How many Christmas crackers will British people pull this year?
- a: 211 million
- b: 154 million
- c: 346 million

**Q5:** How many Christmas cards and packets do Royal Mail deliver at Christmas?
- a: 150 million
- b: 170 million
- c: 205 million

**Q6:** How many slices of turkey will Brits eat over Christmas?
- a: 12 million
- b: 206 million
- c: 308 million

**Q7:** How many sprouts do we eat over Christmas?
- a: 411 million
- b: 450 million
- c: 700 million

**Q8:** How many Christmas trees are grown in Europe each year?
- a: 33 million
- b: 90 million
- c: 60 million

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**RECIPE**

**Reindeer Doughnuts**

**Ingredients**
- Shop-bought plain or chocolate doughnuts
- 20 chocolate covered pretzels, or Matchstick chocolates
- 40 white chocolate chips
- 120ml of full fat milk
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 4 tbsp of icing sugar
- 20 red sweets like M&Ms, Skittles or Smarties

**Instructions**
1. Firstly make your icing by mixing the icing sugar, cocoa powder and milk together.
2. Then pour it over the doughnuts and put in the fridge for at least three hours.
3. Next, take any leftover icing and put it on the sides of the doughnut.
4. Arrange the pretzels or Matchmakers in the top of the doughnut so they look like antlers.
5. Use a dot of icing to stick on the chocolate chips so they look like eyes.
6. Finally, do the same to the bottom part of the doughnut and add the red sweet as a nose.

And there you have it: reindeer doughnuts for everybody!

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**M&M Christmas Cookies**

**Ingredients**
- 150g of brown sugar
- 150g of white sugar
- 75g of butter
- 75g of vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp of baking soda
- 1 tsp of salt
- 1 tsp of baking powder
- A few drops of vanilla essence
- 450g of plain flour
- 75g of sprinkles (or mini chocolate chips)
- 150g of M&M sweets

**Instructions**
1. Preheat your oven to 180 degrees
2. Mix together creamed butter with the oil and sugar
3. Add eggs and beat until fluffy
4. Add the baking soda, salt, baking powder, vanilla and flour. Mix well
5. Stir in some sprinkles
6. After, make into biscuit shapes and put them on a greased baking tray
7. Top them with 4-5 M&M’s
8. Cook for 7-8 minutes, longer if needed
9. Cool, eat and enjoy!

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**JOKES**

**Christmas Jokes Special**

**When does Christmas come before Easter?**
*In the dictionary*

**What do you call an old snowman?**
*Water*

**What did Adam say the day before Christmas?**
*It’s Christmas, Eve!*

**What do monkeys sing at Christmas?**
*Jungle bells*

**What do snowmen usually wear on their heads?**
*Ice caps*

**What do you call a frozen elf hanging from the ceiling?**
*Elfcicle*

**What do Santa’s little helpers learn at school?**
*The elf-abet*

**What do you get if you combine Santa and a duck?**
*A Christmas quacker*

**Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?**
*They always drop their needles*

**How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?**
*Nothing, it was on the house*
**Reviews**

**Film: The Greatest Showman**

This amazing musical is based on a true story about a man named P.T. Barnum who grew up on the streets after his beloved father died. He makes friends with a girl named Charity who lives in a mansion. Her Dad hates Barnum! They find an old abandoned house together and make it into their secret den. In this part of the film they sing a song called A Million Dreams, and this song gets them through their lives when they are separated when Charity goes away to finishing school.

August has two parents, a sister named Olivia and a dog named Daisy. He struggles with relationships with the other children but becomes friends with a boy called Jack.

This book is a motivational masterpiece which goes in-depth with describing how each character feels in the chapter that is written in their perspective. Even when introduced to a supposed “bad” character, you still see their humanity when you read their own chapter that tells their story. No character is completely one-dimensional in this book.

The writing is often suspenseful, and there is usually build-up which leads to a big part of the story, which are never anticlimactic or disappointing, and they really add some exciting drama to the plot.

I have tried to think of some criticisms for this book, but I don’t have any.

I highly recommend this book, more specifically to ages 8 and up, because the writing isn’t over-detailed and the plot isn’t over-complicated, therefore it would be easier for younger readers to understand.

I am sure that you’ll enjoy this book as much as I did – so go read it!

*Kingfisher Frenzy rating: 9/10*

**Book: Wonder by R. J. Palacio**

Wonder is an incredibly powerful and inspiring story about a boy named August who has a facial deformity and struggles to fit in with the people at his school, Beacher Prep.

August is fascinated. They are separated when Charity goes away to finishing school. She lives in Jordan College with her daemon, hides in the cupboard of the room where the meeting will take place. During the meeting with the Master, Lord Ariel talks about “Dust” and “The City in the Sky”, which is known as the Aurora. Lyra is intrigued, and is determined to learn more and find out about Dust.

Later on, she also learns, from her friend Roger, about the Gobblers – a woman and her golden monkey daemon, who lead children onto a ship and sail to the North, telling them they were going on a voyage. Lyra is fascinated. But when she discovers that the Gobblers are cutting children’s daemons off, she sets off with Pantalaimon to rescue the kidnapped children, and to discover what Dust truly is.

Considering the somewhat dark storyline, the length of the book and the incredibly in-depth descriptions, I recommend this for ages 10 and up. It is truly a wonderfully-worded tale, and no bit of description is left unmentioned. The general plot is incredibly unique and original, especially the fantasy elements such as daemons being little animals that can talk as well as shapeshift, and bears that are able to speak English. I enjoyed this book to no extent, and you will too!

*Kingfisher Frenzy rating: 8/10*

**Book: His Dark Materials: Northern Lights by P. Pullman**

Northern Lights is the fantastic first book in the His Dark Materials Trilogy by Philip Pullman.

This book is an adventure story that is beautifully written with in-depth descriptions that paint a picture incredibly well.

The story is about a girl named Lyra Belacqua, who is the daughter of Lord Asriel, although she doesn’t initially know and thinks he’s her uncle. She lives in Jordan College with her daemon – a sort of creature that everyone has following them around - Pantalaimon. One night, Lyra finds out about a secret meeting Lord Asriel is having, and, accompanied by her daemon, hides in the cupboard of the room where the meeting will take place. During the meeting with the Master, Lord Ariel talks about “Dust” and “The City in the Sky”, which is known as the Aurora. Lyra is intrigued, and is determined to learn more and find out about Dust. Later on, she also learns, from her friend Roger, about the Gobblers – a woman and her golden monkey daemon, who lead children onto a ship and sail to the North, telling them they were going on a voyage. Lyra is fascinated. But when she discovers that the Gobblers are cutting children’s daemons off, she sets off with Pantalaimon to rescue the kidnapped children, and to discover what Dust truly is.

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