Dear Readers,

We hope you enjoy our new school newspaper Kingfisher Frenzy which we’ve written for all the pupils, parents, teachers and governors at Holy Trinity School Richmond. We’ve had great fun dreaming up all the ideas and writing the stories, we hope you have as much pleasure reading it.

Don’t forget to enter the competition on page 6 to win a giant box of Jaffa Cakes to keep you going all of January. Who wouldn’t like some of those yummy chocolatey orangey biscuits in their tummy?!

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas!

From the editors

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Infant nativity is a sell-out!

Wow what a show it was this year! We had the usual cast: a Mary, a Joseph, some donkeys, some pigs, some chickens, some sheep, some angels and three wise men. Then there were some very enthusiastic narrators.

The play continued for 45 minutes. It was a huge success and everyone enjoyed it hugely, including the teachers and the parents who came to watch. The costumes were fantastic, everyone was agreed on that.

We interviewed Sam Shepley, who played Joseph. He said, “It was a lot of hard work, learning all the lines as I was playing the part of Joseph. But I think that I did my best and remembered my lines all the way through!”

There were different amounts to learn and all of the Infants did a great job remembering everything including the lines or songs they had. The Year 2’s had more to learn and sing than the younger children. Year 1 were all animals from donkeys to chickens. Reception, however, had a joyful sing-along to all of the songs and some of them were beautiful angels, flapping their wings very elegantly.

Nursery also had a few songs to sing. One of them was “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”. Amy-Jane who is in Year 2 did a fabulous solo in each one of the Nativities. But everyone who played a part in it was excellent.

(Pictured left to right: Rebecca Filmer, Honor Pullman, Aurora Valero, Olivia Hawker, Xi’ann Minors-Dodd, Trinity Block, Georgie Shepley, Luke Staraman)
FRENZY FEATURES:

Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair was a buzz of beautiful ornaments and gifts and the energy spent on organisation and setting up by the PTA and other parents was spectacular! All of you, every single person who gave time, donations, hard-earned money and just their enthusiasm and love for our school contributed to another budget-busting Christmas Fair in December.

We interviewed some children from Leopard class about what they liked most about the Christmas fair.

“The hair braiding was fantastic and the hot dogs were delicious!” exclaimed Lilah Jones. Quinn Mannocci remarked, “I liked the singing from the choir and the teachers, the prizes and shows were also great!” Thank you very much to everyone who helped us raise so much money for our school!

OUR SCHOOL’S FIRST TRIP TO FRANCE

The trip was a huge success

For the first time ever Holy Trinity School went on a residential trip to France in September. It was phenomenal and everyone had a great time. Both Year 6 classes Red and Indigo could go and those who didn’t come stayed at school and had a French experience week. We wanted to give the younger years an idea of what to look forward to when they reach Year 6.

The journey

Everyone was bursting with excitement as we got on the coach. ‘Au revoir!’ we shouted as we set off from Richmond. Tony, our coach driver, drove us safely all the way to the ferry and back. We saw some amazing sights on the coach including the White Cliffs of Dover.

In France

Let’s start with the excitement of our arrival. As soon as we got there everybody was running around like headless chickens. We dropped our bags off in our rooms – we were separated into boys and girls dorms - then had a magnificent tour of the house where we were staying. The house was not old but was very large.

Activities

The first activity was the night walk. We had to keep the “Drop Bears” away from the house by chanting whilst marching. The next day we went to a sweet factory and watched a man making sweets. We were all very lucky to be given some to eat afterwards. The chocolate factory on another day was also a success and we also got to try a chocolate. One evening we went on a walk down to the beach and played loads of games.

“It was an epic experience and a great opportunity to bond with new people,” explained Xi’ann Minos-Dodd of the France trip.
A TESTING TOURNAMENT FOR GIRLS’ FOOTBALL

We arrived just in the nick of time for the football tournament! Quickly we ran to the organisers’ desk and signed in. PHew! We had 15 minutes until our first game so we went and set up a camp by the pitches that we would play on. Those 15 minutes flew by and next thing it was “HONK!” The horn blew and we were in action.

The team was made up of seven girls. Their positions, years and names were:
- Ceri Wilkins, yr 5, midfield/substitute
- Selina Tan, yr 6, midfield/substitute
- Xi’an Minors-Dodd, yr 6, striker
- Gracie Caine, yr 6, defender
- Debbi Curana, yr 6, defender
- Harriet Hutchen, yr 6, midfield/substitute
- Rebecca Filmer, yr 6, goalkeeper

We played seven matches altogether. Each match was fifteen minutes long and the last match was an hour.

Xi’an Minors-Dodd, our top goal-scorer said afterwards, “It was one of the best tournaments ever. I think all of us loved it and we got so far in the tournament. I couldn’t believe that we got to the final against Sacred Heart School. It certainly was a tough match and unfortunately we lost against them. But only on penalties.”

We hope the girls who play in next year’s team have as good a time as we did and that they get even further than we did!

BOY’S FOOTBALL TEAM FACE TOUGH TEST

On Wednesday 20th November 2013 a few difficult games took place for Holy Trinity School’s football team. Despite losing in the knock-out stage of the tournament, they came home just as they left - confident and ready to take on anything. The players tried their best even against the best teams. Their final game was against St John the Baptist school which they lost 4-0 but they kept going until the very end.

Man of the tournament, Freddie Buckler scored some great goals. “He was on fire!” said Conall Faith, one of the team players.

Team captain, Justin Romano said, “It was quite sad that we lost but we did our very best.” It was still a great tournament.

HT turns it around in Tag Rugby match

On Thursday, 21st November, Holy Trinity School’s Tag Rugby had a very successful afternoon’s play.

Despite losing 7-18 in their first match they made an amazing comeback winning 16-5 which put them in second place in the league. Team captain, Dominic Tresigne said, “It was a brilliant match that turned the tables on our ranking in the league.”
A Day in the Life of...

Mrs Ridall

For those of you who do not know Mrs Ridall, she is a loving, caring, sweet, bubbly, fun, kind, nice and I can go on and on forever but I won’t. If you don’t know Mrs Ridall you are either living under a rock, away with the fairies or only absorbed in yourself. Anyway back to Mrs Ridall I hope that you treat her with respect and dignity.

What do you have for breakfast?
“Usually I don’t have anything. But when I get to school I have a piece of fruit and a lovely cup of tea!”

How long is your journey to school?
“My journey to school is fifteen minutes. And I take the bus to get there quicker.”

What is the worst part of your job?
“I don’t have one! I love every minute of it!”

Did you always want to teach?
“No! But I’ve always wanted to be around children. Speaking of children I’m currently teaching Jade class. They’re a joy to be with!”

What do you regularly do in the evenings?
“I cook dinner, and feed my ducklings (children). Then watch telly while doing some highly approved yoga. Just kidding hahaha! I relax.”

What’s your favourite thing to do on the weekends?
“I shop out with my girls! And sometimes the family comes round which is a bit of a bore.” (Jokes)

Mrs Ridall wakes up to the smell of burnt toast then thinks I might as well have a lovely cup of tea and a piece of fruit at work. She then hears the sound of children screaming and arguing. She quickly gets dressed and gets in the car for a fifteen minute journey. She makes it just in time for the staff meeting.

“Mrs Ridall!!” She hears the children scream as she steps through the school door. She’s a very popular teacher and loves all the children. Mrs Ridall is currently working as Jade class’s assistant teacher.

She is an expert when it comes to children and food. Lunch duty is the time when Mrs Ridall’s eagle eyes come in; she has to watch every child in the lunch hall. “My job can be tiring but I love it all the same.”

After a long, hard day of work she comes home to a family that needs feeding. She can then relax after putting out the washing, and watch television and enjoy her evening.

Interview with
Miss Clifton

We asked her what was her most embarrassing moment?
“I was at a dance show and I tripped over and dropped my hat in front of a whole audience.”

Then we asked her if she could choose a famous person to marry who would it be?
“Robert Paterson, the actor in the Twilight series.”

We wondered what her dream car would be.
“A VW Golf which is bigger than the car I already have.”

Then we asked Miss Clifton if she could have a different job what it would be.
“An estate agent because I like looking around other people’s houses.”

Finally we asked her what her favourite food is?
“Chicken because it’s nice and easy to make.”

Thank you for letting us interview you Miss Clifton. We hope you might also try our festive recipe.

Miss Clifton is Year 3, Leopard class teacher. She used to run a cookery club at Holy Trinity so if you need some cookery tips ask her.
Excitement is bubbling up as everyone’s getting ready for another mouth-watering Christmas dinner at the end of term. Every year we can’t wait for the delicious meal to come. The teachers dress up in silly Christmas hats and serve us our scrumptious dinners. No one can resist the juicy turkey or the crispy potatoes.

Nathan from Red class remarked, “I always love the stuffing best and the school makes it fantastically well.”

Serena Garrod and Selina Tan also from Red class said, “We can’t wait to eat the stuffing and Brussels sprouts that many people would say yuck to.”

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Here a seasonal recipe for you to enjoy making over the Christmas holidays

### STAINED-GLASS WINDOW BISCUITS

These unusual biscuits look so pretty with the sweets in the middle of each one. You will love making them and can even hang them on your Christmas tree. They only take about 25 minutes to make and you will get 25-30 biscuits depending on the size of your cutter.

**Ingredients**
- 8-10 different coloured boiled sweets
- 115g butter, softened
- 55g golden caster sugar
- 180g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tbsp milk

**Preparation method**

Preheat the oven to 180°C/fan160°C/ gas 4. Cover 2 large baking trays with baking paper. Put the boiled sweets in separate plastic food bags and use a rolling pin to bash them up so they break up into small pebbles about 1cm big. Set aside.

Beat the butter and sugar in a bowl, until pale and creamy. Sift the flour into the mixture, then add the milk. Use your hands to mix everything together into a ball of dough.

Sprinkle a little flour over a work surface. Split the dough into 2 pieces. Roll out 1 piece with a floured rolling pin until it is about 5mm thick. Using biscuit cutters (about 8cm x 4cm), cut out Christmas shapes. Using a 1.5cm fluted pastry cutter, cut circles out of the middle of each of the biscuits. Carefully move the cookies to the trays with a fish slice. Repeat with the remaining dough, then re-roll the trimmings to make more biscuits, about 25-30 in total. Put a different coloured sweet pebble into the middle of each biscuit hole. The sweets melt while the biscuits bake to form ‘glass’ windows.

Bake for 15-18 minutes, until the biscuits are just golden. Cool on the trays, then transfer to a wire rack. (Make sure the sweets have set hard before removing from the trays.) Store in an airtight container in a cool place for up to 5 days.

Takes 25 minutes to make and 15-18 minutes to cook, plus cooling

**Chef’s tip**

If you’re giving these as presents to hang on the tree, make a small hole near the top of each one once cooked and still warm. Thread ribbon through the holes when cool.
there is one prize for the Infants and one for the Juniors.

1. What’s a baby turkey called?
   a. Lamb
   b. Poult
   c. Kid

2. What is another name for a reindeer?
   a. Moose
   b. Caribou
   c. Deer

3. What is the last day of Christmas called?
   a. New Year’s Eve
   b. Boxing Day
   c. Twelfth Night

4. How many days are there on an advent calendar?
   a. 24
   b. 25
   c. 30

5. What colour was Santa Claus originally?
   a. Green
   b. Purple
   c. Red

6. What is Welsh for Christmas?
   a. Nadolig
   b. Chzignal
   c. Rewinml

7. What is traditionally hidden in a Christmas pudding?
   a. Necklace
   b. Coin
   c. Diamond

8. In the song Twelve Days of Christmas, what did My True Love Give to Me on the 11th day?
   a. 11 Lords-a-leaping
   b. 11 Drummers Drumming
   c. 11 Pipers Piping

Send your entries by email before 6TH JANUARY 2014 to info@holytrinity.richmond.sch.uk