



NEWSLETTER

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Words from our Headmaster

Festive spirit at WPS

The build up to Christmas is always a very special time at any school and this year has not been without its challenges! Following the brilliant productions of We Three Kings by the Infant classes and the Pre-School's Nativity last week, the preparations for the end of term were well underway when the weather provided its winter blast. However, in true WPS spirit the school remained open with business as usual.

At the end of this term, sadly we say goodbye to Mrs King who has done so much for music at the school over the years. We wish her every success in the future. We are delighted to welcome Mr Clark as our new Head of Music. Rehearsals for next term's production of The Lion King will still involve Mrs King as she has kindly agreed to work alongside Mr Clark. Those who were present at the Christmas services were able to experience a superb start to the season's festivities and we hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas.

M.R. Donald

School news

Carol Singing at the Whitgift Centre, Croydon

On Thursday, 7th December, the Junior pupils took part in carol singing in the Whitgift Centre, Croydon in aid of the Marie Curie charity. The carols were lead by Mrs King and we shared a lovely festive time. The beautiful singing brought smiles to the shoppers faces and many compliments were received. Thank you to all the families and friends who attended and helped transport the children on the day.



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Father Christmas Visits the Pupils

On Friday 24th November the children were delighted by a visit from Father Christmas and their advent calendar gifts. In addition, every class had the opportunity to visit the 'Secret Santa Shop' and purchase gifts for friends and family. Our thanks go to The Parents Association for organising this lovely festive occasion.

Class 3



Class 4



Class 5



Class 2



Class 6



Class 7



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Class 5 trip to The Royal Pavilion, Brighton

On Friday 1st December, Class 5 went to the Royal Pavilion in Brighton. It was an enjoyable day out and the children gained a lot from the trip. In the Music Room the children could lie down on the floor to look at the beautiful ceiling. They could also sit in Santa's sleigh surrounded by beautiful Christmas trees! The trip was finished off by a quick trip to the sea as it was a beautiful sunny day (albeit chilly!)



My trip to the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, by Jack Godfrey, Class 5

During my trip to Brighton, I learnt that Prince George was very fat and had eating problems. We visited the Brighton Pavilion. He had the outside of the Pavilion designed to look like an Indian palace, the inside is designed to look Chinese. There are approximately 30 rooms in the pavilion.



My favourite room was the Banqueting Hall. It was decorated with gleaming gold to show off his riches. A small banquet would have 30 courses, a large banquet would have 100 courses!

The Music Room was big and very interesting because the ceiling was an optical illusion. The ceiling had big gold shells at the bottom of the dome and small ones at the top. The audio tour told the story of when a pillar from the outside of the pavilion came

crashing through the roof and onto the carpet. Luckily that didn't happen while we were there!

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Class 1 Trip to the Polka Theatre

On Friday, 24th November, Class 1 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to watch a production of 'My Brother, my Sister and Me'. There were many amusing moments as the play illustrated the tolerance we have to have of our siblings, especially when a new baby arrives, resulting in the need to share a bedroom! On return to school, the children did some lovely writing about the part they enjoyed most and discussed the pros and cons of sharing a bedroom with a sibling – on balance, it was decided that sharing wasn't so bad, after all!

Class 3 Trip to The Snow Queen Performance, Polka Theatre

Yesterday, I went to the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon. I Liked Kay and the Snow Queen because her head was a bowl and her body was a cloak. I went with my class. It was really good and I saw a robber girl, she was trying to get some gold. There were a lot of people there. The snow queen's voice was funny and it made an echo. A cloak went over me and some fake snow. An actor was an evil wizard, a strong reindeer and a kind boy. I really enjoyed it.

by Alex Drury, Class

Congratulations to Amilie Hunt, Class 5

Well done to Amilie Hunt in Class 5 for getting a gold medal with her partner in the South-East Acro Regional Gymnastics Championships. She's worked really hard to achieve this and everyone at Warlingham Park School is very proud of her.



Class 5 Self Portraits



Class 5 have been producing some wonderful art work this term. They have been focusing on the detail behind self-portraits. Their hard work has paid off with some excellent self-portraits being drawn. Well done Class 5!

Class 7 Trip to Greenwich Observatory

The first thing we did was visit the planetarium. We sat in chairs which tilted back so we could see the dome shaped ceiling, where we watched a long interesting video about our solar system. It talked about all the different planets and why we can't live on any of them; it also talked about the time it takes for light from the sun to reach Earth (8min 30sec).

Next, we walked to the observatory, and had to climb up a long flight of spiralling stairs. When we got to the top we sat down on some mats and had a talk with an astronomer about different stars and how long it took to make a lens (OVER 8 YEARS!). Then we had lunch.

After lunch we walked to some rooms which explained about stars and

how there are so many. Also, we watched a video telling us about how stars burn out and how far away they actually are! (Nearest after our sun is 4.22 light years away and called Proxima Centauri). It also had more interactive games about rockets and how they are constructed and made. After that we went to the line of longitude 0,0 (the Prime Meridian) and then into a house all about John Harrison and his clocks. The house had all sorts of different things about his life, but the most important was his clocks! He was famous for creating the first clock that worked at sea (it took him 5 years), but over time it evolved into a pocket watch which is still used nowadays.

By Conor, Class 7



Congratulations to Jade Fielder, Class 2

Congratulations to Jade Fielder, Class 2, who was awarded her Music Theory 1 certificate for Piano this term.



Raising Money for The Lily Foundation

Each Christmas, our pupils take on a fund-raising challenge to raise money for our adopted charity. This year we are supporting the Lily Foundation. Thank you to all those who have donated to this worthy cause this term.

Christmas Jumper Day!

On Tuesday 12th December, the whole school celebrated Christmas together over lunchtime with a delicious Christmas dinner. The pupils were excited to be wearing their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed making hats to wear! All donations went to the Lily Foundation, our chosen charity for this year.



School Nativity, We Three Kings

Finally the day of the first performance arrived. After all their hard work, learning the songs with Mrs King and practising their words, there was much excitement as costumes and make up came together for the first time. Behind the scenes last minute costume adjustments were taken in their stride by the confident cast and with the support of an appreciative audience all went well and a good time was had by all.



All the Infant staff were extremely grateful to those parents who so generously gave their time to help. The children were thrilled to have them on their adventure and without them we would not have started so promptly. The make-up parents worked wonders with their very excited queue of customers producing glitter and beards on request and everyone appreciated those who volunteered to help with the provision of tea and biscuits. It was an ideal occasion for everyone to talk about the wonderfully talented cast of 'We Three Kings'.



All that remains is for the Infant Staff to echo the words that were expressed so joyfully by the children during the final moments of their show, 'Merry Christmas!'

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Nursery and Pre-School News

Father Christmas visited the Pre-School and Nursery children on Friday 24th November and to their excitement presented them all with an advent calendar. The excitement has continued this month as it has helped us with our counting!



Nursery



Pre-School 1



Pre-School 2

Pre-School 1 have been extremely creative this term and enjoyed making farm animals by using their hands!



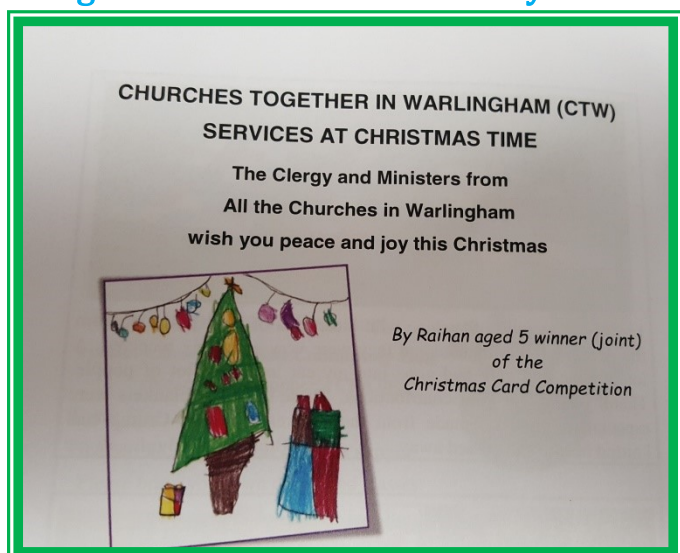
Forest School



Over the last couple of weeks at Forest school some of the children have been learning a safe way of using a knife to whittle, whilst others were building dens, climbing trees and of course playing Harry Potter!



Congratulations to Raihan Sunday!



Raihan Sunday, Class 1, has won the CR6 Christmas card competition.

Congratulations from us all at Warlingham Park School on being a well-deserved winner!

New Sofa and Electric Piano from the Parents Association



Our thanks go to the Parents Association who have purchased a reading sofa for the area outside class 2, and an electronic piano for the school this term. Thank you to everyone who has supported the fund-raising activities. If you would like to help with any PA events please email:

pa@warlinghamparkschool.com

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The Juniors, very pleased with the new electric piano

Diary Dates 2017

Mon, 8th January	School Opens for Spring Term
	Multi-sports starts
Tues, 9th January	Class 4 Trip to Chiddingstone Castle
Wed, 10th January	Swimming and Football Club starts
Thurs, 11th January	Ballet & Fame Dance Club starts
Fri, 12th January	Tennis starts
Mon, 12th February	Half-term week starts
Mon, 19th February	School re-opens after half-term