



## Wish You Were Here

10th December 2021

Nothing says Christmas like the strains of Little Donkey emanating from The Townsend Hall – so, it was with considerable disappointment that we had to cancel the Nativity last week.

The boys have worked hard in the interim learning some festive songs (including the mentioned equine journey classic) and we have recorded the boys singing - for your viewing pleasure.

Their conductor in chief has been Mrs Minter, ably assisted by the Junior School team – and in an act of supreme sustainability we reutilised the Christmas Fair tree and presents.

Mr Peyton expanded his repertoire with filming and editing duties and the end result is, although not polished, a slab of Christmas feel-good!

We know it will never replace seeing the performances in the flesh – we can only hope we get the chance to do so next year.....

In the meantime the video can be accessed via the link below – password = THSXmas

<https://vimeo.com/654915394>



# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITES



# JUNIOR SCHOOL PANTO

The Junior School boys were treated to a fantastic rendition of Pinocchio in this year's socially distanced, well-ventilated pantomime performance. Most of Year 1 scored the show a 10 out of 10 and some of the Year 3's favourite parts were: Cat's terrible spelling, the water gun fight that broke out between Pinocchio and Lampwick, Mr Cherry talking to a tree, the doctor with a dodgy accent listening to Miss James' dreams of dancing like Angelina Ballerina at break times through his stethoscope (!), Fox's badly remembered list of reindeer names which included 'Kebab' and 'Mrs Hogan,' Cat's satsuma-heavy Christmas list and acting out the parts of the ocean's waves, a puppet-eating shark and Busy Bees. THS has a long-standing relationship with the Cat's Grin Theatre Company and it was wonderful to be able to have them back for the boys to enjoy such a memorable show. The laughter ringing round the hall and their smiling faces said it all.





## CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!

Here are Reception looking fabulous in their Christmas jumpers!



## ANTI-RACISM POSTER COMPETITION

Well done to Harry in Year 4 for winning the Anti-Racism Poster Competition. Harry wins a copy of *Black and British*, an excellent book for children showing the impact of Black people in Britain over 1000 years. There were loads of great entries all highlighting the key values we have looked at across Black History month and beyond e.g compassion, kindness and equality.

Mr Satterthwaite





## CHINA IN THEIR HANDS

Several years ago we redesigned the Art Studio at THS and decided to upgrade the old kiln.

An industrial standard model was brought in (no mean feat getting it up two flights of stairs since it weighs nearly 400 kilos); two potters' wheels 'appeared' and ceramics became an even bigger feature of Art lessons here at school. Mr Wolf was delighted with his new toys. He taught himself how to throw pots with the aid of YouTube (and a great deal of talent) and the output ever since has been prodigious to say the least!

Last year Jo Whiting joined the common room - primarily to be the Teaching Assistant for Year 3. What many people probably don't realise is that Jo is a ceramicist of some repute, having studied all things clay at Central Saint Martins. In parallel with Mr Wolf many boys have been benefitting from Jo's experience and expertise each week. The attached photo shows some beautiful tea light holders made by Year 3 – simple stunning and very festive!



## MUSICIANS OF NOTE

Congratulations to Wilfie Hogarth and Herne Smedley (both in Year 4) for recently passing their piano exams – lots of hours of practice rewarded – well done!

Our best wishes go to other boys who are taking music exams in the upcoming days and weeks.





Year 5 have been busier than Father Christmas' elves in their writing workshop. One of the most delicious pieces they have been working on are their ingredients poems. Here is a random selection of Year 5's ingredients for a perfect Christmas.

### Christmas Cheer Recipe

Raffy Lambrechts

A dash of excitement  
Two cups of Christmas cheer  
Add some turkey  
Along with a sprinkle of snow  
A few calendars  
And a spoonful of ice  
Put some presents into the mix  
In a sack in a shining red sleigh  
And a bowl full of stockings waiting for  
the amazing gifts to fill them up  
Bake for 30 minutes and you have the  
perfect Christmas.

### Christmas Recipe

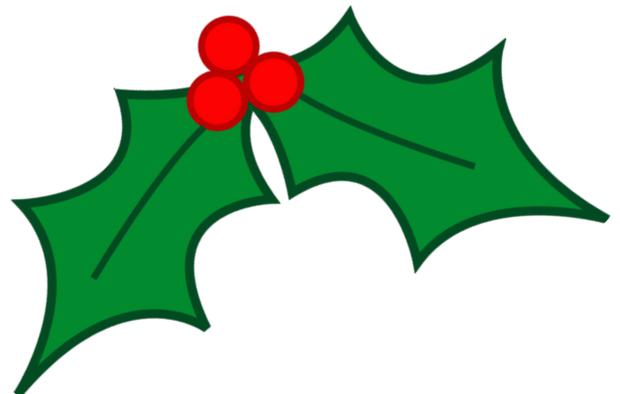
Ethan Diwan

A cup of Christmas cheer  
A pinch of frosty snow  
A litre of tasty milk  
A metre of chimney to climb  
Add a spoonful of joy  
A gram of time with the family  
A teaspoon of delight  
A splash of Santa's magic  
And finally, the roast dinner and  
spending time with your loved ones.

### Christmas Recipe

Ed Cowley

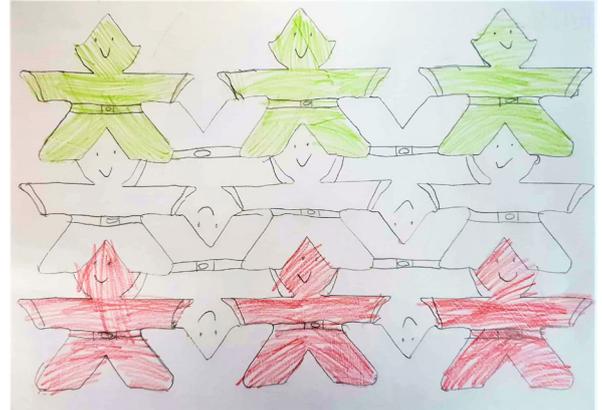
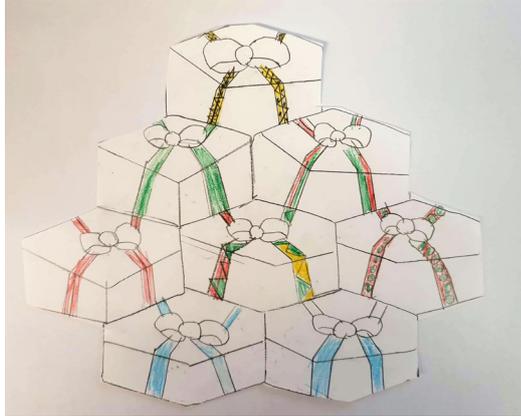
A sprinkle of Christmas trees  
A cup full of presents  
A spoonful of snow  
A table of pheasants  
A pinch of advent calendars  
A gram of storms  
A teaspoon of mince pies  
A kilogram of warmth  
A tablespoon of holly  
A bowl of snowball fights  
Half a cup of stockings stuffed  
Half a bowl of fire bright  
And a load of Christmas Lights





## YEAR 4 MATHS/ART

In their final maths lesson of term Year 4 learnt about tessellations and created their own work with a Christmas theme. Work below is by Jake (left) and Rory (right). Excellent work boys!



## NOTICES

### Music Department

I am delighted to announce that we have a new flute teacher starting at THS in the New Year. If your son would like to start learning the flute, then please do contact Bethany Tempest directly at: [beth\\_tempest@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beth_tempest@hotmail.co.uk)

Mrs Minter

### Junior School Charity

Thank you so much to all the parents who baked, bought and sold treats and gifts. From this as well as the donations from boys wearing Christmas jumpers we have raised £626.80 for Sophia for Children.



### CLUBS AND MINIBUS

Bookings for clubs and the school minibus will open on Monday 12th December around 10am. The code for booking the minibus is **m6wv2** and clubs are **ypxxr**



### House Match football

The final act of a spectacularly busy sporting term saw our, slightly jinxed, football house match finally played in the final few days of term. These were played in fantastic spirit and fun and it was great to see the boys playing and competing against their peers whether at school for the unlucky Year 4/5 boys in the rain, or at the fields for the rest of the school.

Some extremely tight contests, invariably going down to the final round of matches, were played out and every house won at least one of the year group contests across the school from our Year 2 tournament right up to the Y6/7/8 A/B team tournaments.

When all the results were counted and verified the results were;

4th place Kew, 3rd place Barnes, 2nd place Putney and the champions....Chiswick. Congratulations. All HPs earned were added to the end of term final total.

### Sport Next term

A reminder that when we come back next term we will be straight into rugby during games so all boys in Years 4-8 MUST have a Custom fitted mouthguards please.

### Football summary Autumn 2021

It was amazing to play so many matches across this school this term after such a long time without. We as sports staff, enjoyed getting the boys back out there in a competitive environment so much and really appreciate all the efforts of the boys. It's also been amazing to see so many parents coming along once more to matches to spur the boys on.

Well done to all boys who have played this term, from an unbeaten 1st & 2nd team season and some fabulous 3rd/4th team matches to some outstanding performances from our U11, U10 and U9 teams; it has been a memorable one. Everyone knows I love a stat and with a brilliant 78% win and draw rate across the school, I think we can all be unbelievably proud of the boys efforts.

Well done and looking forward to getting some rugby matches played in the new year.

Mr Peyton



## UPCOMING EVENTS

No clubs this week (including homework clubs)

Tue 4th	-	INSET day	
Wed 5th	-	Term starts	
	-	Beginning of term assemblies	morning
Thur 6th	-	FOTH second hand uniform sale (hall)	8:15am



This picture sums up much of the last term and illustrates the resilience shown by our community; it shows Jack and Felix doing some paired maths via the power of the internet.

Bravo to everyone throughout the school - the learning and social connections have been maintained whatever the obstacles!

Congratulations to this term's house point champions who are ...**Kew!**

## Have a lovely Christmas

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster

