



# Tormead *Prep* Newsletter

**FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER**

Dear Parents,

In last week's newsletter it was with sadness that we announced that the Cracker Fair Party would be cancelled. However, we want to make up for the disappointment by putting on a special day where the girls can welcome Christmas, the start of Advent, on Wednesday 1 December. Annabel and Eloise in Year 5 are going to help me kick off proceedings with co-presenting our Advent assembly. Girls can wear full mufti with a festive theme: Christmas Sparkle (please keep Christmas jumpers for later in the term!). I know that a little bit of sparkle runs through all our girls' veins and I trust that we can hit this brief as a whole school. (Teachers included!) The girls will have a programme of Christmas activities alongside their lessons. They will get a chance to experience a craft workshops and science show that were going to be held at the Cracker Fair. There will be a lunchtime Christmas disco on the playground with a special appearance from DJ Godders aka Mrs Godfrey. We would like to provide the girls with an opportunity to buy the loot bags and the TPA would ask that each girl brings in a small donation for this special day. Please note that tickets are in the process of being refunded.

Thank you to all the girls who have brought in their Christmas decorations this week. The tree is beginning to look very sparkly. We have had lots of fun each break dressing the Prep Family tree whilst listening to Michael Buble (One of our favourites!) crooning Christmas songs. If your daughter has not brought in their decoration yet, please can you to send it in as soon as possible as we are looking to have the tree filled with every member of the community's decoration by Tuesday 30 November.





On Thursday afternoon, there was much excitement as Year 4 performed their short play to their parents. Year 4 complimented their learning of Ancient Greece through a series of mini plays designed to introduce mythological creatures, heroes and playwrights, with a healthy dollop of laughs and banter between these characters. In addition to an informative yet witty comparison of the Olympics then and now. Although the audience was not in person, we were able to live stream the short production to families. I was so proud of each girl as they confidently performed this piece. It was funny and witty with jokes to make you groan and it was a fabulous piece of

entertainment. Thank you to Year 4 and to Mrs van der Byl-knoefel for putting on a marvellous show.

Winter seems to have well and truly arrived with colder weather after a very mild autumnal start to the term. Please can we remind your daughters to wear layers to school and for the playground wear named hats, scarves and gloves in the school colours of either blue, black or white.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend,

Best wishes,

**Nicki Fry, Head of Prep School**  
[nfry@tormeadschool.org.uk](mailto:nfry@tormeadschool.org.uk)

# MacArthur House Charity Day



Thank you to the MacArthur House Captains, Miss Hogan and Miss Colyer for organising a fun mufti day raising money for Parkinsons UK.

# Sports News

The U10 Netballers have been busy this week. The A team played in the GHS Bee Netball tournament last Friday. The girls played brilliantly against Amesbury and Rydes Hill. They progressed to the Plate competition and were 8th overall, a brilliant achievement. Well done to Lucy who was named player of the tournament for Tormead.

On Tuesday the U10 A and B girls travelled to Rydes Hill and played some lovely netball. The B team played a very determined and competitive game and displayed fabulous movement and team work on the court to secure a 4-2 victory. Sadly, the A team were out played by Rydes Hill A on this occasion and lost 4-0.

Curriculum sport has been in full flow again with the girls enjoying multi-skills, hockey, gymnastics and swimming. The Year 6 girls who were in school had a fabulous Handball workshop which was exciting and lots of fun.

Please can I remind all pupils in Year 3 -6 to have their mouthguards and shin pads for hockey as this will allow full participation on all aspects of the lesson. We have had several girls who have been missing their trainers this week, again please make sure your daughter has all she needs for sport in her bag.

The new Tormead sports kit has been widely admired. If your daughter is playing in fixtures, we would like them to wear a collared court top, skort and white socks for netball. As we enter a period of colder weather the underlayers can now be worn to keep the girls warm when playing outdoors.

Please keep an eye on your parent post as next week is quite a busy one! If your daughter is selected to play but unable to attend, please let me know by email to [rkemp@tormeadschool.org.uk](mailto:rkemp@tormeadschool.org.uk)



Date	Time	Opposition & Venue	Teams
Mon 29.11.21	3.45pm	St Cat's A	U10 ABC
Wed 1.12.21	4.00pm	Manor House A	Netball U9AB
Fri 3.12.21	1.00pm	GHS	Splash & Dash U9-U11

## Hockey

**Under 9 Hockey V Downsend Saturday 27 November is cancelled**

**Rachel Kemp,**  
Head of Prep School Sport

## Gymnastics

Our Christmas Display rehearsals are in full swing and by now you should have received the costume requirements for your daughters' group. A polite reminder that we have the dress rehearsal on **Saturday 4 December**. The girls will require their costume for the rehearsal. Please see below schedule for the rehearsal times as these are different to normal Saturday training.

### Dress Rehearsal Times – Saturday 4 December;

Reception, Year 1&2 Participation	9.00-10.00am
U8 Development	9.00-11.00am
Year 3&4 Participation	9.00-11.00am
Year 5&6 Participation	9.00-11.00am
Prep Development	9.00-11.00am

**All classes are running as normal on Saturday 27 November (with the exception of year 2, 3 and Year 6 who are not attending clubs at present)**

If you have any questions about the Christmas Display, the dress rehearsal or the costume your daughter requires, please contact me directly.

**Mrs Jo Drury,**  
Head of Prep and Senior School Gym  
[jdrury@tormeadschool.org.uk](mailto:jdrury@tormeadschool.org.uk)

# Notices

## Music

As we approach this terms' external music exams, I am offering extra aural training sessions to help girls in their exam preparation. These sessions will be free of charge and held in the Shackleton Music Room before school from 8.00 - 8.25 on the following dates next week:

**Wednesday 1 December**

**Friday 3 December**

The Tormead ABRSM exams will be held in school on Wednesday 8 December.

Please email Mrs Vega if you have any queries:  
[svega@tormeadschool.org.uk](mailto:svega@tormeadschool.org.uk)

## Polite Reminder:

If your daughter is absent due to illness please notify the prep school office via phone, email or via the parent portal, before 8.20am on each day of absence (You may wish to copy in your daughters' class teacher at the same time).

The exception would be when notifying about covid (or another absence with a fixed length) where we only need to know the start date and return date.

For other absences such as medical/dental appointments please provide a week or more notice whenever possible.

**Prep Office Contact Details:**

**Email: [Prep@tormeadschool.org.uk](mailto:Prep@tormeadschool.org.uk)**

**Phone: 01483 796 073**

## Commendations

**Primrose Y3**

**Erina Y5**

**Y3-6 Art Club has finished for the term.**

**The last classes were held this week 22 and 26 November.**

