



Tormead *Prep*

Prep Newsletter

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Tormead Families,

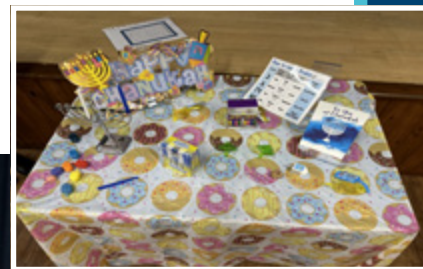
As I reflect on last week's events at Tormead Prep School, I am pleased to extend my sincere gratitude to all those involved in the success of the Christmas Cracker Fair, the visit from RGS Reception, the immersive Stone Age Day for Y3, and the Secret Assembly on Monday sharing the traditions of Chanukah.

Last Friday, a visit from RGS Reception class was a highlight for our youngest students; it is so wonderful to foster connections beyond our school walls. Such exchanges contribute significantly to building a sense of community and camaraderie amongst our youngest learners, and I am thrilled that we continue to create opportunities to facilitate these connections throughout the Prep School.

The Christmas Cracker Fair was a resounding success, thanks to the collaborative efforts of our dedicated school community. The festive atmosphere, coupled with the enthusiastic participation of pupils, parents, and teachers, made it a delightful celebration. A special acknowledgment goes to Jo Gee and Niala Yurek (TPA Chairs), the TPA Committee, the Cracker Fair Committee and Class Representatives for their tireless work in organising and ensuring this event's success. I am truly appreciative of the TPA's support for our school. I want to extend my thanks to a very special visitor; I could not quite believe that Father Christmas had taken time out of his very busy schedule to pop into Guildford and make sure our Prep girls could share their Christmas wish lists.

Yesterday, Y3's Stone Age Day provided an enriching learning experience for our pupils, allowing them to explore history in a hands-on and creative manner. The dedication and creativity demonstrated by both students and teachers during this thematic event were truly commendable. Thank you, Mrs Bayne-Powell, Mrs Price and Miss Insch, for organising this event.

I would like to thank Lana and her granny who presented Monday's Secret Assembly about Chanukah. As a school, we respect and value each other's faiths and beliefs, so I am extremely grateful to all the girls, with their families, who proudly share their traditions and celebrations in assemblies. We strive to ensure that our pupils have first-hand knowledge and understanding of different



festivals throughout the year, Lana and her granny's presentation on Monday was extremely engaging and informative.

As we look forward to the upcoming festivities, I would like to take a moment to remind everyone about Sparkle Day tomorrow, Friday December 1. We invite all pupils to embrace the spirit of the season by wearing sparkly outfits. The highlight of Sparkle Day will be dressing the school's

Christmas tree with handcrafted decorations made by each child. We anticipate a day filled with joy and festive cheer, and we encourage lots of sparkles to make the occasion truly magical.

Have a wonderful weekend!

With best wishes,

Nicki Fry,
Head of Prep School

Year 5 Prep Concert



Beacon Nominations



Having lived in China for 6 years, **Aimee** treated 6X to a lesson in reading and writing Mandarin. Everyone was delighted to also be given a fortune cookie!



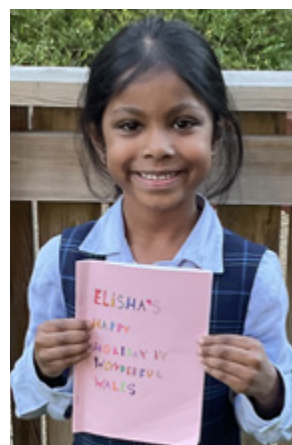
Isla T has completed a Beacon all about the Solar System.



Aimee, Amelie and **Elkarose** presented their ideas for raising money at the Children's Business Fair. Look out for their stall on Guildford High Street next spring.



Annie has completed a Beacon all about potatoes.



Elisha has completed a Beacon all about her holiday in Wales.



Anisha completed a Beacon all about the Great Fire of London.



Arha has completed a Beacon all about volcanoes.



Layla and **Amelia R** presented a Beacon about their enterprising way to raise money for charity by selling bracelets they started making when they both had chickenpox. Good luck!



Tianlin presented a fantastic Beacon. We heard all about when we grow and lose our teeth. It was so interesting and very scientific.



Congratulations to our talented Lily!

Lily recently won a silver medal in the Neon Floor and Vault Gymnastics Competition with the Aerial Tumbling Club. Lily showed true confidence and resilience after her first vault did not quite go to plan and delivered a fantastic second vault. We are enormously proud of Lily!

School Notices

Clubs

All clubs will finish w/c 4 December except:

Street Dance - finished 27/11

Y1&2 Choir - finished 28/11

Years 4-6 Orchestra & Years 4-6 Recorder ensemble
– will finish Friday 1 December

There will be no clubs in the final week of term.

End of day collection

If you are running late and have asked another parent to collect your daughter, please ensure you inform the school by emailing the Prep Office and cc in the class teacher. We will not be able to release your daughter unless we have prior notification from you as a parent.

Should you have advised the Prep Office of an ongoing collection arrangement we keep the details on file.

You may wish to write daily collection details in your daughter's reading record/homework diary, if your daughter is likely to be unsure, but the Prep Office does not need to be advised unless these details change during the day.

Please note the Prep Office telephone number is **01483 796073**.

Please note the Prep Office email address is **prep@tormeadschool.org.uk**

01483 575101 is the Senior School number.

Lost Property - Polite Reminder

Please ensure everything is named to minimise lost property. This includes water bottles and snack pots.

Parking and driving around Tormead

Please can we ask parents to be mindful when parking and driving during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

Three-point turns are EXTREMELY dangerous outside the school when parents and children are walking on the pavements.

Please take advantage of the designated parking bays in the surrounding residential roads and walk to collect your daughter. There are plenty of spaces.

Please do not park on the pavements, single or double yellow lines, close to junctions or across driveways.

Please do not park over at the Senior School in the visitor spaces as the coaches are being blocked in and are unable to leave the site promptly.

Frequently neighbours contact Prep to complain and we are saddened to hear that parents are parking and driving dangerously.

The safety of everyone in our community, as well as our neighbours, is paramount.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sesame Anaphylaxis

We have a pupil in the Prep School who has a severe allergy to sesame products. Many products that you might consider sending in as a healthy snack, such as tahini, hummus, crackers, bread sticks, cereal (health) bars, contain sesame seeds. In order to ensure that we reduce any risk of contact with the allergen please can we ask you to think about the healthy snacks you send in with your child each day.

As a reminder there is also a 'no nut' policy as we also have a number of pupils with a nut allergy.

Mrs Lucy Burrell, Health Care Lead

Important Notice about snacks – Polite Reminder

Can all parents please remind their child that snacks are not to be shared at break times.

Thank you.



Prep School Carol Service – (Years 3-6)

Tuesday 12 December 10.00am

On Tuesday 12 December Prep School girls from Years 3-6 will lead our Christmas Carol Service in Christ Church, Waterden Road, Guildford GU1 2AZ.

The service starts at 10.00am and lasts an hour. Refreshments will be provided after the service, and to help with catering preparations we would be very grateful if you could click **HERE** to reserve a seat.

On Monday 11 December the Years 3-6 girls will be off-site at the Carol Service rehearsal. The girls will walk to to and from the church accompanied by staff.

Save the Date!

Monday 4 December

Pre-Prep Nativity (Reception to Y2)
JCS Building
Performance commences at 2.00pm
Visitors to sign in from 1.45pm

Tuesday 5 December

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Friday 8 December

Years 5 and 6 Choir sing at the Age UK
Carol Concert. Guildford Cathedral
Parents invited to service.
Service commences at 11.00am

Tuesday 12 December

Prep School Carol Service. Years 3–6
Christ Church, Waterden Road, Guildford
Service commences at 10.00am

Wednesday 13 December

Year 4 Choir sing at The Clockhouse
Community Centre, Godalming

Thursday 14 December

Term ends midday

Dismissal times for last day of term

- Reception: 12 noon
- Year 1: 12.05pm
- Year 2: 12.10pm
- Years 3, 4 & 5: 12.15pm
- Year 6: 12.30pm
- Older Prep School girls may be collected with younger siblings
- Senior School dismissal 12.45pm

Pre-Prep Nativity

2.00pm Monday 4 December and Tuesday 5 December
Senior School JCS Building

We look forward to welcoming you to the Pre-Prep Nativity next week.

Visitors attending the performance will need to sign in outside the Senior School Reception at 1.45pm. Prep staff will greet you and give you a visitor's badge.

Please may we remind you not to park in the visitor spaces over at the Senior School as the coaches are being blocked in and are unable to leave the site promptly.

TPA Cracker Fair News

Thank you from the TPA Chairs

We hope you and your girls really enjoyed the Cracker Fair on Saturday. A small team of parents started planning this back in August, working out what stalls and games to include, and how best to do it. A special thank you to Rebecca, Nyree and Kim in Year 2 and Emily and Simone in Year 3, you have all been amazing.

Dr Gee - Prep TPA Chair

A huge thank you to all 400+ people who attended our Cracker Fair on Saturday. The atmosphere was buzzing and we took over £5,000 so a massive success all round! A colossal thank you to all those parents and staff who donated their time during the fair. The success of the fair is attributed to all those who not only participated but volunteered their time across Prep and Seniors by filling in rotas and committing to time slots. Some parents dedicated the entire duration to man stalls and we are extremely grateful that they could do that and cover for those that could not make it. We really appreciate the support received and all the positive feedback so far.

N Yurek - TPA Chair

Sport

There is one more round of House Netball matches to be played and so far the competition has been extremely close! A special mention goes to Avyukta and Olivia B for their excellent goal scoring in the Y4 matches and to Mimi and Addie in Y6 for their wonderful goals.

The U10s have been very busy with their netball fixtures. They secured wins against Holy Trinity on Wednesday 22 November and played some fantastic netball. On Friday they attended the GHS invitational tournament. Well done to the Bs for their 4th place.

Upcoming Sports Diary:

Tuesday 5 December

U10 A-C v St. Teresa's (A)

Tuesday 12 December

Whole school Christmas Cross Country (details to follow next week)

Rachel Kemp

Head of Prep School Sport



The Week Ahead

at a glance...

A copy of the Co-Curricular Clubs grid is available on the Parent Portal under the 'Co-curricular' tab. This includes times and collection points. Details and team sheets for all matches can be found at [Tormead Sport](#).

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Friday 8 December

Age UK Carol Service (Y5 & Y6 Choirs)

Guildford Cathedral

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Values



Christmas Gymnastics Display

Once
upon
a
time

Saturday 9 December 4.00–6.00pm

Admission charged at £12 per household or £6 for ARC members

All profits will be donated to the ARC 1905 programme

Book tickets here

