

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023

Dear Tormead Families,

Last Friday in the spirit of Christmas and the start of Advent, the Sparkle Day tradition saw the entire Prep community come together in a glittering display of festive cheer. Students and teachers were encouraged to dress in their 'sparkliest' attire to embrace the joy and magic of the season. I was impressed that some parents wore sparkles at drop off to our special day. One of the highlights of Sparkle Day is the children's collective efforts in adorning the Christmas tree in the main entrance hall with their unique hand-made baubles. The tree is stunning!

Undeniably, this is a week of major events in the Prep calendar. I am thrilled to share my heartfelt congratulations with our Pre-Prep pupils for their outstanding performances in the Nativity play, *The Innspectors*. The dedication and hard work that went into creating such a heart-warming production was evident on stage. Each performer displayed their unique talents and energy, contributing to a truly memorable portrayal of the Nativity story. It is so inspiring to observe the growth and confidence displayed by our younger Tormeadians; their commitment to a confident performance, be that expressive acting or singing, is a testament to the supportive environment cultivated at Tormead Prep. A special word of thanks must go to the parents, the Pre-Prep staff, and to Mrs Godfrey

who have all worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the Nativity play was a resounding success. Congratulations Pre-Prep: you have made us incredibly proud!

As we race towards the end of term, we hope that you enjoy photographs of the final events of the term. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 'Christmas Gymnastics Display' on Saturday afternoon and at the Prep Carol Service next week. Please note that the Pre-Prep will be transported by minibus to watch the older girls in their special celebration. I have asked Mrs Godfrey to lead them in singing a few songs from their nativity play.

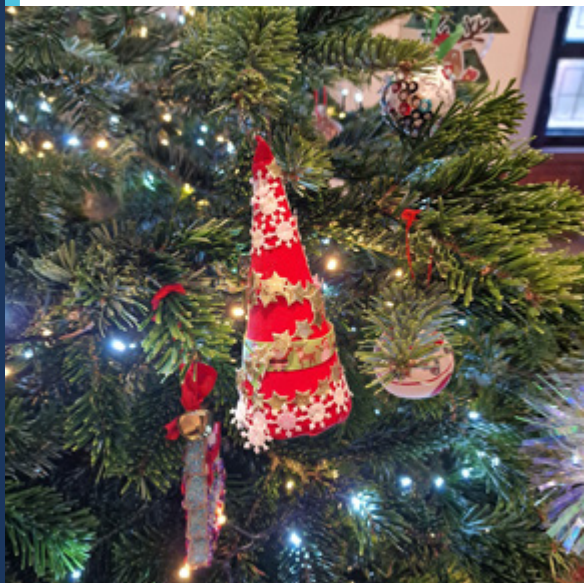
Have a wonderful weekend!

With best wishes,

Nicki Fry, Head of Prep School



Sparkle Day



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Beacon Nominations

Scarlett W completed a wonderful Beacon Project all about elephants. We really enjoyed finding out about these majestic creatures. Scarlett made a poster with pictures and excellent written work which she confidently presented to Y1.

Alejandra completed a wonderful Beacon on Ancient Egypt and confidently presented her project to the class.

Lana S shared her knowledge all about Chanukah with great enthusiasm and answered all 3Y's questions brilliantly.

Ivy presented a thoroughly enjoyable Beacon all about moths. 3Y thoroughly enjoyed learning lots of interesting facts.

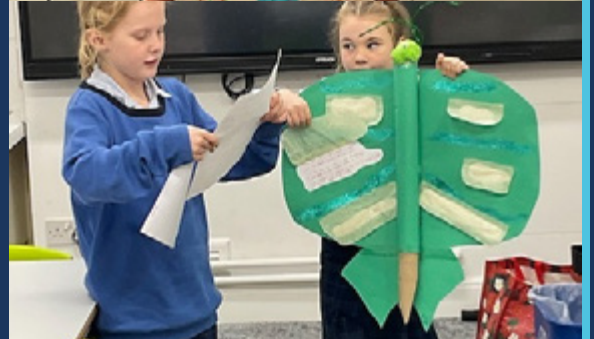
Phoebe M presented her Beacon about the island of Crete with its beautiful beaches, her hunt for the mural of the Minotaur, fabulous food and her experience of scuba diving. She also shared her beautiful sea urchin skeletons with the class.

Iliana and **Eva K** presented their Beacon on Greta Thunberg, her 'superpowers', climate activism and her hobbies.

Edie's short and fun Beacon on alpacas made us giggle. Did you know they only have bottom teeth, not top teeth?

We enjoyed **Aditi's** presentation from her travels in Nepal. We learnt about Annapurna and the secret mountain of Nepal, Match Putre, which you are not allowed to climb. Thank you for sharing the photos from your trip.

Evie presented a 'snappy' presentation on alligators. 5X learnt all about baby alligators, called hatchlings, how big they grow, what makes them different to crocodiles and what they enjoy eating.



Beacon Nominations

Agnes inspired us with her Beacon about JK Rowling. We learnt about her famous Harry Potter books, plus her other books.

Meredith has been awarded a Beacon for her beautiful section of bunting which she sewed using a sewing machine. We were so impressed, 5X are hoping Meredith will start making commissions!

Georgina and **Arianne** created a wonderful Beacon all about Thorpe Park. They spoke with confidence and the pupils really enjoyed learning about the different rides.



Commendations

Sophia B, Scarlett W, Kitty, Aria T, Emelia

School Notices

Prep School Carol Service - Tuesday 12 December 10.00am

Christ Church, Waterden Road, Guildford GU1 2AZ

Prep School girls from Years 3-6 will lead our Christmas Carol Service. Pre-Prep will attend the service and will sing songs from the Nativity.

Prep girls need to arrive in school smartly dressed, with warm coats, hats and gloves. The girls from Years 2 to 6 will walk to and from the church accompanied by staff. Reception and Year 1 will be taken by minibus.

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 on the link to reserve a seat <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CUPI>

As a polite reminder to all and for those parents who have not attended the service before, we ask that photographs or videos are not taken during the service and that we do not applaud the carols.

The Prep girls will be off site at a Carol Service rehearsal on Monday 11 December.

Music Reminder

Members of the Prep Jazz Band, Orchestra and Training Orchestra will need to bring their instruments to school on Wednesday 13 December as they will be playing in the music assembly.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 13 December

Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 13 December and the girls are encouraged to bring in Christmas head wear (hats/hair bands etc) to wear whilst eating.

CLUBS

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

Dismissal times for the last day of term:

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

Sports News

We are nearing the end of our fixtures programme for this term. Well done to the U11s who secured solid wins at Manor House on Wednesday 29 November. A combination of thoughtful and effective passing and evidence of work on shooting skills really helped the teams play well.

Congratulations to the Santa Splash girls. The Y3s looked amazing in their angel costumes. The girls swam brilliantly in the gala and supported each other during their races.

Well done to Agnes in Y5 who has completed her Netball Shooting Challenge - 240 goals scored!

I would like to thank Ruth from Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice who spoke to the girls in assembly and launched our annual Reindeer Cross Country run. Please see the separate letter regarding this event on Tuesday 12 December.

Rachel Kemp

Head of Prep School Sport

Monday 12.45pm-1.15pm

Y3 Netball Club (Trainers only), Sports Hall

Monday 4.00pm-4.30pm

Y1 Multi sports, Playground

Monday 4.00pm-5.45pm

Hockey Club Y 3-6, Broadwater School

Tuesday 7.30am-8.10am

Y3-6 Running Club, Sports Hall / Back field

Tuesday 12.45pm-1.15pm

Y3 and 4 Tennis, Top Courts

Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm

Y5 Netball, Top Courts

Tuesday 4.30pm-5.30pm

Y6 Netball, Top Courts

Friday 7.30am-8.10am

Y5 and 6 Invitational Netball (Trainers only), Sports Hall

Friday 12.45pm-1.15pm

Y5 and 6 Invitational Netball (Trainers only), Sports Hall

Friday 12.45pm-1.15pm

Y2 Netball Club, Sports Hall

Friday 12.45pm-1.15pm

Y5 and 6 Tennis, Bottom Courts



Save the date

Friday 8 December

Year 5 and 6 Choir sing at the Age UK
Carol Concert, Guildford Cathedral
Parents invited
Service commences at 10.00am

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. Please see dismissal times below:

Reception: 12 noon

Year 1: 12.05pm

Year 2: 12.10pm

Year 3, 4 & 5: 12.15pm

Year 6: 12.30pm

Older Prep School girls may be collected
with younger siblings

Senior School dismissal 12.45pm



At a Glance...

Tuesday 12 December

Prep School Carol Service

Service starts at 10.00am

Reindeer Run in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Wednesday 13 December

Y4 Choir sing at Clockhouse Community Centre

Christmas lunch – Festive headgear may be worn

Thursday 14 December

Term ends midday.

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Values

