



Tormead *Prep*

Prep Newsletter

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023

Dear Tormead Families,

As we bid our fond farewells today and wish each other 'Happy Holidays', it is a time to reflect on a very busy term filled with academic achievements, artistic performances and athletic accomplishments. The joy of learning is always palpable as I walk around the school as is the laughter and friendship of our pupils. There have been so many memorable occasions including our final events in this past week.

Last Friday our Y5 and Y6 Choir sang so beautifully at Age UK Surrey's Christmas Carol concert in Guildford Cathedral. In this

vast space with a large audience, the girls' performance was confident and simply divine; their voices echoed around the building. I was immensely proud as I shed a tear or two. Thank you to Mrs Vega and Mrs Godfrey for their musical direction.

Speaking of large audiences, Saturday evening saw the annual Christmas Gymnastics Display. This was a fabulous celebration of all the girls who partake in gymnastics and the atmosphere in the room was electric. It is a very special event as we get to see the whole Tormead Family performing and how inspirational





the Senior girls are as they produce tumble after tumble or display their strength in floor routines. One cannot fail to be impressed by the progression from Reception through to 6th Form. Thank you to Mr Patterson and his team of coaches for their hard work in preparing such a spectacular show.

On Tuesday morning, the Tormead Prep School Family gathered at Christ Church for the Prep Carol Service. Mrs Vega had prepared the girls wonderfully for this beautiful occasion and it was an outstanding celebration of the Christmas story through Bible readings, poems and carols. May I extend my thanks to the TPA representatives who served refreshments following the service. In the afternoon thunder stopped play for the Reindeer Run, so the girls enjoyed a reindeer discothon, runathon, run-on-the-spot-a-thon. We are hugely grateful for your support and generosity in donating to the Phyllis Tuckwell Charity.

On Wednesday morning, our Y4 choir visited the Clock House Community Centre in Godalming and sang a medley of Christmas carols to the elderly. It was the most wonderful hour as old and young sang together and our girls brought real Christmas cheer to the room. Gifts for the customers of the lunch club were kindly donated by the TPA.

Mrs Jen Smillie will be leaving us at the end of this term; she has thoroughly enjoyed her time in the Prep but will be moving to Senior School where she will take up a part time position. I would like to thank her for her hard work this term and wish her all the best in her new role. I am delighted to announce that I have appointed Mrs Heather Hope as our new Reception teacher. Mrs Hope joined us last September, as a qualified teacher, working in all Pre-Prep year groups but mainly in Y2 as a teacher/teaching assistant with Mrs Louisa Godfrey. She is very much looking forward to working with our youngest members of the Tormead Family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fabulous staff who have worked tirelessly this term to inspire, encourage and support our pupils. I must praise their commitment in providing a nurturing, positive and engaging environment.

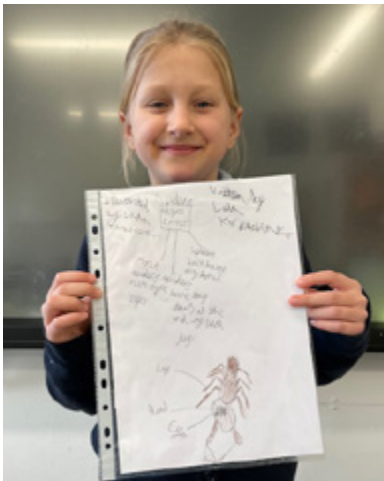
Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With very best wishes,

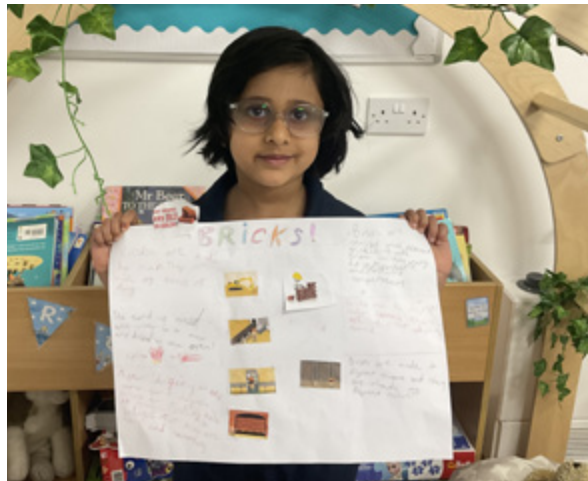
Nicki Fry,
Head of Prep School



Beacon Nominations



Lada
presented
a fantastic
Beacon
all about
spiders.



Sasha
completed a
very interesting
Beacon project
about bricks. We
found out how
they are made
and what they
are made from.
Sasha presented
her project so
confidently to the
class.

Commendations

★ Eloise A ★ Lauren D ★ Liv ★ Lily H ★ Lily P ★
Alexa ★ Ariana OD ★ Aurora ★ Lyra ★ Olivia C ★ Olivia W ★ Phoebe M ★
Rhea ★ Zara ★ Zoya ★ Aimee ★ Beth ★ Charlotte Ma ★ Elkarose ★
Grace ★ Isabelle ★ Izzy M ★ Lydia ★ Maddy E ★ Sasha ★ Frankie ★
Lola ★ Phoebe A ★ Raya ★ Tiffany ★ Alex P ★ Aimee ★ Alice ★ Amelia R ★
Amelie ★ Ayana ★ Beth ★ Charlotte Ma ★ Christine ★ Daisy S ★ Elkarose ★
Ellie ★ Elsie ★ Emily T ★ Erika ★ Frejya ★ Gauri ★ Grace A ★ Gracie ★
Harriet ★ Ines ★ Izzy M ★ Izzy O ★ Jessica ★ Josie ★ Juliette ★ Lara P ★
Lara W ★ Madelaine ★ Mimi ★ Navnidhi ★ Phoebe Y ★ Saara ★ Safiya ★
Violet ★

Lioness Award ★ Meredith ★

School Notices

Reminder

Photos downloaded from school events are for personal use only and may not be shared on any social platforms. Please only download photos of your own child.

Clubs

The Spring Term Clubs grid is available on the Parent Portal.

There will be no clubs Thurs 4 or Fri 5

January. Most clubs start w/c 8 Jan - please check the start dates on the grid on the Parent Portal for further details.

DT Request

During the Spring Term, pupils will be working on various projects leading up to International Women's Day. Any new or old tea lights, corks, nuts and bolts, pen lids, tissue paper, buttons, beads, old missing puzzle pieces, Lego, shells, small/mini plastic toys, straws, chopsticks, bottle lids and empty glass jars which you may have lying around or taking up space in cabinets or cupboards would be greatly appreciated for our upcoming DT projects throughout the school. Please drop off any donations at the Prep Office, clearly marked up for DT.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 4 January!

Year 3 DT Workshop

Prep's DT and Art Captains, Grace and Phoebe, presented a wonderful workshop for our Y3 and Y4 pupils. During the workshop, pupils created spiders, monkeys and snails. Congratulations go to our amazing DT and Art Captains for all their effort and planning which

led to a fun and creative workshop with many of the pupils leaving saying 'Can we do this again next week?'. A special thanks to Isla for helping the pupils and supporting our captains in what was most certainly a successful workshop.



Year 3 Stone Age Day



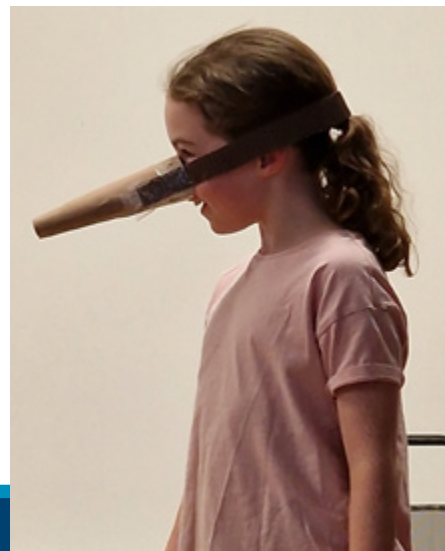






Year 4 Mini Production





Nativity





