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Newsletter: Autumn Term 2020: Week 9

Christmas is Coming!

Rehearsals are underway!

We are delighted that we are able to still be aiming for Nativities for Pre-Prep and Carols for Y2-6 this year, despite the restrictions. Whilst we can't have all Pre-Prep or Prep together and have a live audience, each Pre-Prep class are working on their own nativity with their class teacher and Mr Saul to bring the Christmas Story to life. We will of course, be recording the event and sharing with parents. Likewise, the traditional carol service in St Mary of Charity which usually ends the Christmas term, isn't able to take place. However, pupils in Y2-6 are busy preparing songs for recording and are hoping to use various filming locations (and some costumes) to make this a wonderful Christmas event that you can enjoy online. We are also looking at other Lorenden Christmas traditions and are aiming to let you have more information next week as to how these may work this time, to make a festive end of term for pupils.

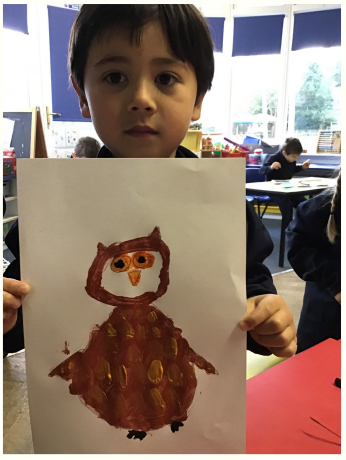
THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES

Nursery

Nursery Art projects

The children love to draw and colour and they are now able to gather all the resources they need before sitting down to work on their pictures. We encourage such independence as it gives the children the freedom to choose and complete any task they like

Reception



Owl paintings

Reception children have had a fun week and have been learning about owls and enjoying the story Owl Babies.

Year 1 - Magnets

Year 1 have had fun with magnets this week

This week Year 1 have enjoyed their outdoor area and have been learning about team work. In Science they had great fun with magnets.

Year 2 - Autumn Poetry

Getting ideas for some Autumn Poetry

This week Y2 went on an autumn nature walk around the grounds to get inspiration for writing poetry. We made notes on the senses while we were out -what could we see, hear, smell, taste and touch. Then we used our notes to write some poems using the senses.

In autumn I can smell the damp leaves that are about to break.
Autumn tastes like delicious brown hot chocolate with marshmallows.
I can hear sleepy wasps buzzing everywhere.
In autumn I can see steamy grey chimneys from the heating.
In autumn I can touch prickly holly bushes.
In autumn I feel calm and happy.

By Tilly

In autumn I can smell the colossal, gigantic bonfire burning all the log, sticks and twigs.
In autumn I can hear the shuffle and crunch of the golden brown, yellow and green leaves under my woolly feet.
In autumn I can see the brown prickly hedgehogs scamper on the ground.
In autumn I can taste the burning hotdogs on the barbecue.

By Max

In autumn I can see wet, soggy leaves slipping under my feet.
In autumn I can taste a beautiful tasting hot chocolate in my mouth.
In autumn I can hear the wind rustling through the leaves.
In autumn I can touch a prickly holly bush, hurting my fingers.
In autumn I can smell our beautiful school dinners cooking.
In autumn I feel calm and happy.

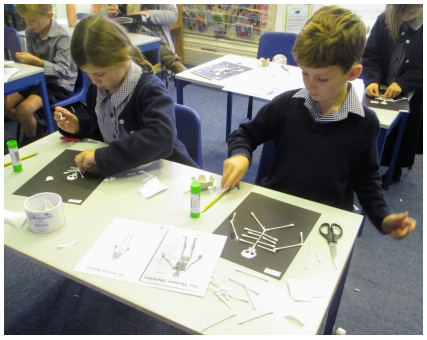
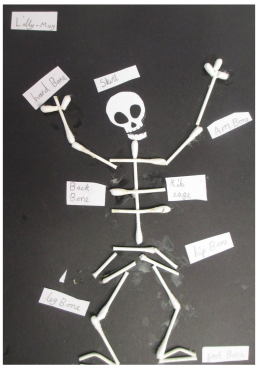
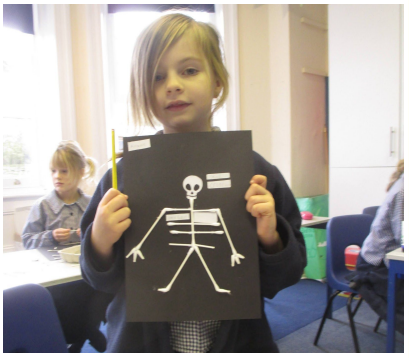
By Matilda

Year 3 - Plate making

Ancient Greek Plates

Year 3 has been enjoying working with clay this week to make Ancient Greek plates. They engraved Ancient Greek pictures on them and will paint them next week. Watch this space!

And Skeletons..

Year 4 - Practice

Saxons and Normans

Year 4 have had fun practising for their singing assembly. They are all in role as Norman soldiers and Saxon ladies.

Year 5 - Sweeney Todd

Getting ready for their Performance

Year 5 rehearsing for their Sweeney Todd performance this week. Their singing was beautiful!

Year 6 - Diwali

Festival of Light

Year 6 has been celebrating Diwali and the festival of light. They have created their own Diwali lights using clay and have painted them in an array of colours.

Drum Lessons come to Lorenden

New Peripatetic Teacher Appointed

We are delighted that Mr Matthew Raymond has joined our team of peripatetic music teachers as drum teacher and we are likely to be setting up more information for parents and pupils after 2 December, or early next term and will let you know as soon as we are able to. Mr Raymond has taught extensively and is also a performer and we really look forward to welcoming him to the school.

Ringing in the Festive Season

Playing the handbells

Mr Saul has been encouraging the children to learn to ring handbells this was the scene before 8.30am this morning on the field! They sound so Christmassy!

Building a Hedgehog Shelter

Forest school fun

Reminders and dates for your diary…

We hope that after school activities will revert to normal from 2 December, but please note the last day for clubs after school is anticipated to be Friday 4 December, but may be brought forward to an earlier date if we need to for safety reasons. After school care is available until, and including Friday 11 December. Next term, clubs will start in the second week back, with after school care being available for the first week, subject, of course, to any restrictions in place at the time.

Mrs Swann would like to invite you to join her as she raises money for the mental health charity Mind. Mrs Swann is leading a craft workshop on zoom on Sunday 22nd November 2-4 pm. The event is via donation based ticket and can be accessed here:

'We will be making 3D Christmas cards, salt dough decorations and a twisted advent or gift box. All monies received will be forwarded to the charity once I have received it and I will let everyone know how much we raised!
I do hope that you are able to join in. It would be lovely to see some of you there! '

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cygninis-crafternoon-in-aid-of-mind-tickets-128049101309

Here are some of the events coming up:

- Friday 4 December:
  Flu immunisations
- Christmas events - to be confirmed nearer the time.

All the best for a lovely weekend,

Mrs Uttley

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