



LORENDEN

Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2019

Thank you to parents who joined us for our Woodland Walk through the trustlands on Monday morning and hot chocolate afterwards - a great way to start the last week of term as a whole school.



What a lovely final week of term we have had - It has been very busy and full of the spirit of Christmas!

Our reverse advent Christmas tree has been groaning under all the kind donations - thank you to everyone. These will be taken to the foodbank over the Christmas period.

Thank you to all Prep and Year 2 pupils for a beautiful Carols Service in St Mary's of Charity Church in Faversham this afternoon. As I write this, we have rehearsed the service and have enjoyed hearing the wonderful echoes around the church.



Thank you to Mrs Seery for leading our young singers this term, creating the 'Lorenden Specials' choir and for running the Parent Choir too culminating in a lovely end to the Christmas term.

Awards' assembly

On Friday in Awards' assembly, we celebrated Evie's (Year 4) sport's trophy, Holly's (Year 4) swimming certificates and Sophie's (Year 5) Invicta Championship Swimming trophy where she came third and has now been invited to an Olympic swimming training event.



We were also delighted to award the following end of term certificates:



Art	Ada	Year 1
Art	Olivia	Year 2
Art	Emmeline	Year 3
Art	Paige	Year 4
Art	Thomas	Year 5
Art	Tom	Year 6
French	Zach	Year 2
French	Ben	Year 4
Games	River	Year 4
Games	Sembeh	Year 5
Head's Prize	Mason	Year 1
Head's Prize	Autumn	Year 2
Head's Prize	Beaulieu	Year 3
Head's Prize	Holly	Year 4
Head's Prize	Lucy	Year 5
Head's Prize	Gilbert	Year 6
Music	Lilly May	Year 2
Music	Annabel	Year 4
PE	Rachel	Year 5
Spanish	Alex	Year 6
Spirit of Lorenden	Annabel	Year 4

Pre Prep Nativity

Our wonderful Nativity took place on Wednesday morning to a hall full of parents and it really was a treat! All the children had their moment on the stage, carefully crafted by Mrs Taylor, and we were led through a story where everyone was special in the end.

Thank you to Mrs Taylor for leading the whole show, Mrs Seery for the lovely singing by all the children and to the whole Pre-Prep staff team who have put heart and soul into the show for the past few weeks.



Wednesday was also the day the two houses battled it out in the House Singing Competition judged by Steve, Mrs Seery and Mrs Dungay. Swallows were very enthusiastic and well coordinated in their rendition of Jingle Bells but Amazons were crowned winners - much to their delight as they hadn't won the competition for at least three years! Well done everyone for our singing, your costumes and your enthusiasm!



Thank you for the donations of pre-loved Christmas Jumpers last week and especially to those who have given them new homes.

We will be arranging the same next year so if you have just realised that you can't squeeze another Christmas out of your jumper, or don't relish the thought of putting them back in the loft in January, don't forget to pass these to FOL at any point throughout the year.



Thank you to Claire, Hayley and Caroline for serving us a full Christmas lunch on Thursday - it was delicious!

Volvo Ocean Race Talk

On Wednesday Years 2 - 6 were treated to a talk by Hannah Diamond who completed the 2017/18 Volvo Ocean Race which is a 'round the world' sailing race. Their team consisted of a crew of nine sailors and one reporter. The race started in Alicante in Spain and ended in The Hague, Netherlands. The race is over a 9 month period and consists of 3-week race legs between stops. In total they travelled over 45,000 miles and stopped at twelve different countries. Hannah described how tough the race was at times but also how beautiful and amazing it was to see some of the sea life including whales and dolphins. We also heard how they had to live on freeze dried foods to survive in the middle of vast oceans.

Thank you Hannah for sharing your experiences with us.

Goodbye from Mrs. T

We said goodbye to Mrs Leah Taylor this week as she leaves Lorenden after seventeen years. We wish her lots of luck in her new ventures and hope to see her soon! Here is her parting gift to us:

18 Years ago my family and I returned to England having spent years living abroad. We were a bit discombobulated and immediately started the process of finding a school for our two young children. As soon as I walked through the doors of Lorenden I felt at home and that feeling has never left. Lorenden is a unique and magical mix of staff and pupils and I feel very honoured to have been here so long. I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for the gifts and wonderful letters I have received from both current and past pupils - All will be treasured. This week one of the year 2 pupils asked me why I was leaving, after having given a long and quite frankly over protracted explanation she thought a bit and then said " So it's a bit like when the Year 6's go to their new schools, it's just your time to be somewhere else " ...as usual the children at Lorenden say it better than I can! Thank you again and I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2020. _ Mrs. T

Shoebox Appeal

On behalf of the Blytheswood Trust, I would like to thank you all for your immense generosity in donating 31 shoeboxes to this year's Shoebox Appeal.

I hope that in the new year, we will be able to show pupils where their shoeboxes were sent to and the reaction of those who have been fortunate enough this year to receive them.

Thank you once again for your kindness - it is greatly appreciated.



JANUARY

Monday 6th

First day of Lent term

Thank you for supporting your children with their learning this term and for being part of our Lorenden community. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2020!

Best wishes
Mrs Uttley
