



Newsletter

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Much Ado About.....St Peters!

On Wednesday a band of cheerful St Peter's Players set off with trepidation to tread the boards at the Theatre Royal alongside two other schools, to perform at The Shakespeare Festival. This was our third year of entering the festival, having previously performed The Tempest and Romeo and Juliet. This year we set off with our version of Much Ado About Nothing.

Fully costumed in traditional Shakespearean dress the 24 strong cast took to the stage with energy and enthusiasm and by golly were they amazing. Not only did they act, sing and dance with a skill usually displayed by secondary age pupils, but they told their story with understanding, commitment and absolute conviction. The audience were captivated by the professional way in which they performed, eliciting both laughter and surprise at the mature way they handled often risqué subject matter! They proved to be an incredibly talented and versatile cast who were an absolute credit to themselves, their parents and the school. We thought Mr. Hunter Whitehouse would pop his waistcoat buttons - he was so proud!

The feedback, from those running the festival to the audience, said that their performance was funny, polished, with really good characterisation from all involved and that it wouldn't have looked out of place on a professional stage. What amazing accolades to receive from real theatre professionals.

A huge thanks to Mrs Sydenham and Mrs Gardner for their constant support of the Arts, as well as for giving up the day and evening to be with us backstage.

G and T drama you truly were outstanding both from a performance perspective and in the way in which you behaved throughout the day, I am so proud of you!

Ms Websper

Thank you Pirates and Mermaids!

Whilst one group of G and T students were taking the Theatre Royal by storm, the other group were sailing the stormy seas in the studio, in a real pirate ship, with their musical aimed at infant school children, Pirates Versus Mermaids. A massive thanks to Neil Edwards our resident scenery and props expert for building our Mer-mazing pirate ship and for another fantastic backdrop that transports me to sunnier climes on miserable days!

This group also performed to both their audiences with a skill that belied their years. They used song, dance and drama to tell the story with clear characterisation and versatility. Again, the feedback from audience was impressive and showed how talented and disciplined the St Peter's Performers are. Their focus, maturity and commitment to the arts shines through time and time again. They give up their time freely and often work to very difficult time constraints. I feel incredibly lucky to work with such inspiring, creative and dedicated youngsters on a daily basis.





St Peter's Pupils Run to Paris!

Thank you to our wonderful St. Peter's Families and Friends for your support with sponsorship for this event.

The amount we raised =
£2183.32!!!!

Request from Mrs Newport –

Please can we have any photographs of pupils reading in unusual places! These will be featured on a new reading display in school! Please email pics through to office@stpetersthanet.co.uk

Christmas Card Competition time!

All our pupils are invited to enter our competition to have your Christmas designs printed onto the official St. Peter's card which will be sent out to our local partners. The winner will also receive 20 cards with their design to give out to their friends and family.

All entries on an A4 sheet of white paper to be in next Friday 30 November please.



Letters Home

Whole school:

- Christmas Lunch letter (paper)
- School Photos coming home tonight
- **Updated Christmas Dates letter (some changes to note)**

Specific:

- Elite Dance and Chorale Comp (paper)
- Open Day helpers (paper)
- Year 6 NHS HAPI Questionnaire (email)

Star of the Week

3B: Micah B – for his thoughtful and well delivered argument in our class debate

3H: Lola H – for her outstanding confidence and contributions in our class debate

3T: Teagan H – For her confidence and attitude towards the class debate – well done!

4NB: Louis D – For a fantastic attitude to learning this week – well done

4S: Mustafa A – for always having a brilliant attitude to his learning and always trying his best

4W: Freddie B – For fantastic descriptive writing in English this week

5S: Ollie H – For always being enthusiastic and having a super attitude to learning – particularly in maths

5W: Martha P – For excelling in her mathematical endeavours

5B: Megan G – For her conscientious attitude to learning

6W: Thalia S – For a fab attitude to learning and amazing work in 'Much Ado About Nothing'

6S: Billy B – For some super drama and written work this week

6I: Alicia H – For her excellent vocabulary choices and thoughtful response to her REPORT text

6G: Ava C – For her fantastic attitude and effort in her work – especially writing.



Reminders from the Office Team

Data Collection Reminder

Please return forms via your child by **Friday 7th Dec.**

PGL

Please be aware that PGL 2019 instalment is due in **TODAY**, for more information see school gateway.

Christmas Dinner

Reminder to return school Christmas lunch reply slip and money by **Mon 3rd Dec.**

Winter Coats

During the winter months, please ensure your child brings a named coat to school every day.

Friday 7th December ~ NON UNIFORM DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR A BOTTLE FOR CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

PTFA Santa's Grotto in the cabin from 12pm onwards, followed by PTFA Christmas Fair in School Hall 3.15pm onwards.

Year 3 Christmas Nativities:

Wednesday 12th December ~ 3B - 9.30am
3H - 1.30pm

Thursday 13th December ~ 3T - 1.30pm

Friday 14th December ~ Christmas Tree Festival
3.15pm at St Peter's Church

Friday 14th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day!

Monday 17th December ~ Christmas Service for Years 3 and 4 ~ St Andrew's Church 2.00pm, all welcome.

Tuesday 18th December ~ Christingle Service for Years 5 and 6 ~ St Peter's Church 2.00pm, all welcome.

Wednesday 19th December ~ end of term. School finishes at 1.30pm and there will be no clubs or extended day. Breakfast Club will still be running.

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January are staff training days. Children return to school on Monday 7th January 2019.

For all event info, please regularly check the event calendar on the website.

Key Dates for your diary

New dates in bold

For all Christmas events and further details, please refer to the updated letter coming home today and online on our website (some minor changes).

Wed 5th and Thurs 6th Dec – PTFA Children's Christmas Shop in Cabin (lunchtimes and after school on Thursday)

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

All pupil iPads purchased through the school must be fully charged and in school EVERY DAY next week due to IT carrying out some updates to them. Thank you.



OPEN DAY 29th November 2018 - 9.30 am & 6.30 pm



Come and find out how St. Peter's children flourish both in and out of the classroom, through our all round curriculum, high quality teaching and pastoral care, rooted in Christian Values.

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