



Headteacher Newsletter Friday 7th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, as they say, it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. The Christmas trees are now up and decorated – not quite to Mr Wallis-Clarke's standards – but tasteful nonetheless and the children are in fine voice practising songs for their performances. Just a reminder, that our **KS2 Christmas Sing Along will be from 6pm onwards on Monday 17th** – come along sing, dance, share a drink or two and be merry!

Next week we've all been invited to **St Hilda's Christingle** by Rev. Canon Hurst. As this is Rev. Canon Hurst's first year at St Hilda's it would be lovely to see lots of faces from school supporting him.



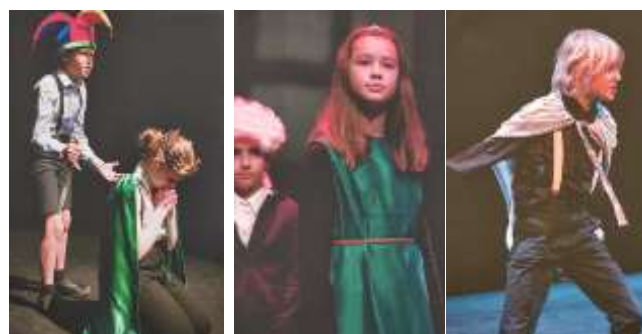
A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored my run last week. Conditions were certainly challenging, but I loved it and was delighted to finish in 16 hours and in the top half of the field. I carried a good luck goat mascot all the way around which a group of staff very kindly gave me.

I'd also like to thank my fundraising partner Drew Swinburne who has kindly entered me into two ultra-marathons this year. Together we've raised over £3000 towards the Secret Garden.



I'm very proud to share below some of the feedback from our recent **Shakespeare Schools Festival performance of Hamlet**. Again, congratulations to the team of directors and the cast:

'You and your teachers should all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved -one of my personal stand-out performances of the entire Festival. Fabulous stagecraft, across the board, with really bold imagery and clear storytelling. The command of the text across the company was nothing short of astonishing. This production was a precise and graceful picture of a troubled household and an example of Shakespeare Schools Festival feeling as vital and exciting as it can.'



Don't forget to come along on Sunday!



It was **5R's** turn to visit the **Grainger Market** this week to sell their festive creations! Super selling 5R – well done!



Congratulations to Miss Jordan and the Eco team who created '**sus-tin-abilitree**'; yet another winning entry at the annual **St Hilda's Festival of Decorated Christmas Trees**.

Christmas Key Dates Reminders

Date	Event	Time
13/12/18	Christmas dinner and festive jumper day	ALL DAY
14/12/18	Reception Christmas Performance	9.00am
17/12/18	KS2 Christmas Sing-a-long	6.00pm
18/12/18	Year 1 Christmas Performance	9.00am
19/12/18	Year 2 Christmas Performance	9.00am

Young Achievers



Maisie, Y2S	Gymnastics Level 8
Elijah, R2	Gymnastics Level 8
Kayden, Y10	Orange stripe for Taekwondo Level 4 Swimming Tennis Certificate
Finn, Y2TJ	Level 5 Swimming Certificate
Freddie, Y2TJ	Level 3 Swimming Certificate
Scarlett, Y2TJ	Gymnastics Level 8
Adam, Y2H	Man of the Match for Ice Hockey
Joshua, Y2H	Purple stripe for Taekwondo
Tanida, Y3L	Green belt for Taekwondo
Elijah, R2	Gymnastics Level 8
Sophia, Y3F	Level 5 Swimming Certificate
Max, Y1B	Level 5 Swimming Certificate
Frederick, Y2S	Gymnastics Level 8
Chloe, Y2S	Purple stripe for Taekwondo
Rahaf, Y3F	Fabulous drawing of a bear
Anay, Y2TJ	Level 5 Swimming Certificate
Lara, Y2TJ	Level 3 Swimming Certificate
JJ, Y2TJ	Yellow stripe for Taekwondo
Scarlett, R2	Gymnastics Level 6
Maiya, Y3C	Gymnastics Level 3 and Yellow stripe in Taekwondo
Serenna, Y3C	Yellow stripe in Taekwondo
Scarlett, R2	Level 3 Swimming Certificate
Ionna, Y2S	Level 2 Swimming Certificate
Lara, Y2TJ	6 th Award for Newcastle Gymnastics Academy
Jonny, Y1W	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Betty, Y10	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Emily, Y10	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Emily, Y10	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Cidney, Y1W	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Tara, Y1B	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Henry, Y10	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Henry, Y10	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course

Alfred, Y1B	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Charlotte, Y1W	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Keren, Y10	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Iris, Y1B	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course
Felicity, Y1W	Completion of their first La Jolie Ronde French Course

With best wishes for the week ahead,

Dominic Martin

Head of School