



## Happy New Year!

Class 3E have been sharing some of their New Year resolutions and hopes for the future:

Rochelle: "I am going to be more kind to people"

Patrice: "My resolution is to help people when they are hurt"

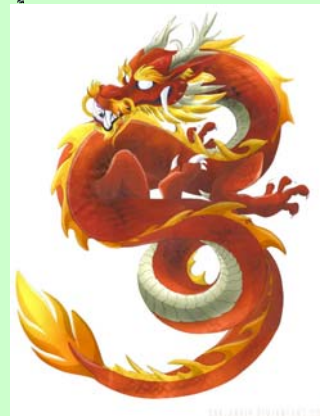
Matilda: "To let my light shine"

Leyla: "My resolution is to always be good"

Rosie: "I hope my family stay well and are happy"

Sharmalyne: "I hope everyone in the world will stop fighting".

The primary children wish Happy New Year to all our readers.



2012 year of the Dragon

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates how God's son was revealed to the world, Jesus is the star we are called to follow and we pray that people everywhere will discover Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Each class has thought of a gift they would like to give Jesus and they will be displayed in the Main Hall this week.

A massive thank you to all the parents, carers and students who accepted this year's Advent Charity Challenge. The amazing result of putting all your spare change into the boxes is a grand total of **£507.60!!**

Your support will make a dramatic difference to young people who are homeless, vulnerable and disadvantaged. DePaul UK work in the very heart of local communities and their mission is to offer homeless and disadvantaged people the opportunity to fulfil their potential and therefore move towards a positive and independent future.

**Jane Roberts - Chaplain**



## Beautiful Nativity

In the last week of term, Key Stage 1 children sang and acted beautifully at the Nativity staged in the beautiful St Margaret's Lee church on Lee Terrace. It was the perfect place to hold the Nativity. Children from Nursery to Year 2 sang Christmas carols and acted out the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. It was standing room only in the church and the audience of parents and staff really enjoyed the performance. Well done to all the children who took part. Thanks to Mr Kirner who directed the Nativity and all other staff involved in the production.





## Dinosaur Discoveries!!

This week sixteen Year 4 children from the Literacy Support Group visited the Natural History Museum in South Kensington. This term they will be working on extended writing about an encounter with a dinosaur. The visit was to extend their knowledge about dinosaurs and to provide inspiration for their stories. The children learnt a lot and had a great day. Alexie Vassell 4E said: "We saw lots of dinosaur bones and a T Rex that was moving. The T Rex was my favourite thing at the museum. I had lots of fun and would like to go there again." Taschean Davonte 4W said: "We saw moving dinosaurs and bones of real dinosaurs that used to be alive. I know a lot about dinosaurs because I have read a lot about them. The best things at the museum were the T Rex and the Velociraptor."

## VIDEO STARS

Just before Christmas the Invincible Media Group contacted the Academy to invite some of our children to appear in a music video for a charity fundraising record.

A group of students from Years 1-7 spent an exciting morning in the school hall filming! The song is called "Love Makes the World go Round". It will be released on Valentine's Day to raise money for the charity Warchild. The video is on Youtube (search: love makes the world go round music video). For more information about Warchild see [www.warchild.org.uk](http://www.warchild.org.uk)

Abigail from Y5 is one of the children who appears in the video: "It was the best experience I ever had! I was really shocked when I saw the video. My mum thought it was amazing and was really proud."



## TERM DATES 2012/13

The term dates for the next academic year are now available on our website.

Class	Teacher	%
RE	Ms Williams	91.82
RW	Ms Adjety	89.44
1E	Ms Reid	82.25
1W	Ms Chick	85.49
2E	Ms Hooker	80.06
2W	Ms Galvin	91.32
3E	Ms Goldsmith	93.48
3W	Ms Bennett	91.67
4E	Mrs Greene	93.52
4W	Mr Averis	93.21
5E	Mr Kirner	84.21
5W	Mrs Fairweather	97.50
6E	Ms Hatton	98.15
6W	Ms Casey	97.22

## Attendance update

We realise that small children are prone to coughs and colds etc in the winter months, but attendance in some classes is very low and needs to improve. Please ensure that your child comes to school every day unless they are too unwell to attend. Congratulations to 6E for coming top this time and well done to 5W and 6W who also have excellent attendance. Keep up the good work!