

Advent at the Academy

In preparation for the great feast of Christmas we have prepared in many different ways. We started Advent with student led liturgy in the main hall, gathered around the Advent wreath. We looked at the themes of hope, peace, joy and love. Students were involved in reading prayers on the related themes and lighting the advent candles.

DEEP time (Drop Everything Except Prayer) has been introduced into the Academy. In this time the students are invited to listen and put into practice the weekly Gospel reading that is read at Sunday Mass in Churches across the world.

Mass was celebrated for the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It was a joyful celebration; students read the scriptures and prayers and joined in the hymns of praise.

The primary children are busy rehearsing their Nativity Play which will be performed in St Margaret's church this year.

We are looking forward to the New Year and a new term with lots of great opportunities for the students to get involved in the active Chaplaincy calendar.

Carl Fisher, Chaplain.



Carol Singing Visit

Both Reception classes visited Mulberry House, a local care home, to sing Christmas songs to the residents. The children sang beautifully and the residents really enjoyed seeing the children and hearing them sing.



Christmas Fayre

Thanks to the PTCG and staff who gave up part of their Saturday to support the Christmas craft fayre. Humphrey the Donkey stole the show...as he would not move for love nor money! He was as stubborn as a mule and Mary would never have got to the inn if Humphrey was Joseph's trusty steed!



Advent Charity

The Primary children have been invited to support the charity DePaul UK. The charity helps young people who are homeless, vulnerable and disadvantaged. Support with accommodation, training, and mentoring are just some examples of the great work they do across Britain. Each student received a small brown box to take home and fill with small change over Advent. Please can you ensure that all students bring their boxes in on Friday or in the first week of next term and give it to their class teacher or to the primary office. Thank you for all your support!



Sailing and Splashes, Wild and Waves!

On Friday 25 November, twelve of us had the chance to go to the Ahoy! Centre for an exciting day of sailing. We were singing awfully on the minibus on the way there! Finally we arrived and put on our waterproofs (which are not waterproof!) and put on buoyancy aids. When we got on the boat we started paddling. It was hard work. We went back to shore for lunch. Afterwards we went back on the water and paddled to the Creek, it was amazing! Ms Dhillon said: "I think it was nice and I learnt how to wear sensible clothes!"

Skye Menzies-Thompson reporting for Ms Hatton's literacy group.



Lewisham Schools Partnership Tag Rugby Tournament

Five local primary schools came to the Academy for a Tag Rugby Tournament. The teams consisted of Year 5/6 children. The tournament was a round robin meaning all teams got to play each other. The victors were St Margaret's Lee who convincingly won all their games. Our team did very well and came second. Report by one of our team, VisarXeba:

Our first match was against Lee Manor and the good news is that we won 3-1. I scored two tries and Zack scored 1. Our second match didn't turn out how we wanted, we drew with All Saints 4-4. In our third match we won against Brindishe Lee. We unfortunately lost our final match but we still played our best. William commented: "It was fun playing other schools and I was happy with the team's play."

Judo

KS2 students had the opportunity to try Judo at a special taster session. It was extremely fun. Most of us went into peals of laughter on our first activity. It was a 45 minute session and the time went very quickly! We congratulate Naychelle and Ashvan in Y6 for being the best players of the day! We would also like to thank all the teacher's that organised the session. We all learned how to protect ourselves in any emergency.

By Aida Daud and Alice Renshaw

Attendance update

Attendance figures for this half term. We realise that small children are prone to coughs and colds in the winter months, but attendance in the Reception classes and in 1W is very disappointing. Please ensure that your child comes to school every day unless they are too unwell to attend. Congratulations to 6W for coming top this time!

Class	Teacher	%
RE	Ms Williams	86.46
RW	Ms Adjetey	86.94
1E	Ms Reid	95.20
1W	Ms Chick	89.29
2E	Ms Hooker	97.47
2W	Ms Galvin	92.42
3E	Ms Goldsmith	96.03
3W	Ms Bennett	97.95
4E	Mrs Race	93.55
4W	Mr Averis	96.31
5E	Mr Kirner	93.30
5W	Mrs Fairweather	98.33
6E	Ms Hatton	97.34
6W	Mr Armitage	99.50

Lee Green Fire Station

Year 6 visited Lee Green Fire Station to learn about safety issues and how they can save people's lives. First we were put into 6 groups and did various activities to teach us about different kinds of dangers. Our favourite was when two old men tried to trick us. They told us to do funny faces and that the funniest could win an iPad.

Some people fell for it but some of us didn't. From this we learned that you should never trust strangers and do what they tell you. It was a good trip and we learnt a lot.

By Aida and Reis-Tyra in 6W



Trip to Wembley

A group of Year 6 children were lucky enough to go to Wembley to see England play Sweden. The match was in the evening so we left the Academy at 4.30 to drive to Wembley and the kick off was at 8.00. Gareth Barry scored a goal for England in the 24th minute. There was a Mexican wave, not once, not twice but nine times! After 90 minutes we left Wembley Stadium. Sajith said: "The football match was unbelievably great." Thanks to Mr Armitage, Mr Boyle and Mr Cole for taking us to Wembley.

By Ismael Cassama and Skye Menzies-Thompson.

