

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT



Mgr Rotherham celebrated Mass at school for the beginning of Advent this week. Four representatives from every class in the school attended the Mass and the first candle on the Advent wreath was lit.



ADVENT PRAYER

Lord God,
We light this candle to thank you for
your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the light
of the world.
We who have sat in darkness have
seen a great light,
the of Jesus Christ our salvation.
We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name,
because He lives and reigns with you in
your glory,
And in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
light Amen



You will remember reading in a previous Primary News about Cian, Esther and William's visit to Pope Benedict's 'The Big Assembly' and the letter that they wrote to the Holy Father afterwards. Imagine the excitement in school this week when a letter from Pope Benedict arrived enclosing a signed prayer card each for Cian, Esther and William.

Diary Dates

8 December 2pm

Primary Nativity Performance
(We regret there is no on-site parking available)

9 December 9.15am

Open Morning for Reception 2011 **Library**

9 December

5E Class Assembly in Primary Hall (5E parents welcome to attend)

9 December 6.30

Main Hall
Carol Service

10 December

Non-uniform day

17 December

End of term

CHATTERBOOKS

"Chatterbooks" is a club for keen readers from Key Stage 2 that is held after school on Thursdays in the Library. The idea is to promote reading and books in a fun, lively and hands-on way. The scheme started in public libraries before being opened up to schools and we are the first school in Lewisham to be running Chatterbooks. Adam from 6W is a member. He said "the club is fun and the members all chose special nicknames for themselves". Ria from 5W writes: Chatterbooks is great! Every week we talk about what we have read. We got the chance to go on the internet to help choose new books for the Library. It was very hard because there were so many good ones to choose from.

The club is a 12 week programme and will begin again in February. Anybody interested in joining should see Mrs Bache, the librarian, to join the waiting list.

Lighting the lanterns in Greenwich

Hi everyone, Eloise here, I am new to the Primary News, and I would like to tell you about the lanterns we made in Year 5. A company called Arty Party came to our school and helped us make star lanterns. First we got some bamboo sticks and made a star shape, then we made another one to go on top. We made them look 3D by connecting them with small bamboo sticks. After that we connected a very long bamboo stick with tape. We added the fairy lights and now it looked truly beautiful! Next we covered the whole star with Clingfilm and papier mache, the papier mache was very sticky.

Last Wednesday we took our lanterns to Greenwich because the Christmas lights were being switched on. When we got there we saw the lanterns that other schools had made. There were stars like we had made, moons and one school had made Christmas trees – they were sooo cool!! The mayor made a speech and a newspaper called the South London Press took our picture. We were in the paper!



Hi I'm Sara from 5W. It was like a winter wonderland when we saw all the moon, tree and star lanterns! We went to Greenwich market and saw... Rudolph the red nose reindeer! We had a countdown and it was a bit like New Year except we didn't say happy new year we said Turn the Lights On! It looked so magical. Thank you to the three teachers that came with us, Mr Nirsimloo, Ms Toprak and Ms Cregan, even though it was cold and terrible weather. I wanted to take my star home but it didn't fit on the bus!

PRIMARY ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Class	Percentage
RE Miss Bye	89.82%
RW Miss Adjetey	88.05%
1E Miss Gavin	93.33%
1W Miss Truan	93.31%
2E Miss Orme	86.43%
2W Ms Galvin	87.86%
3E Ms Weyers	74.67%
3W Mrs Ibbeken	95.17%
4E Mr Averis	86.36%
4W Miss Renner	78.10%
5E Miss Hannon	97.89%
5W Mrs Brehme	79.27%
6E Miss Hatton	99.20%
6W Miss Chick	92.31%

INTRODUCING THE 'PRESS GANG'

Regular readers of Primary News will know that articles written by our Key Stage 2 children appear frequently. To encourage more students to contribute we have launched the 'Press Gang', a new lunchtime club for Year 5 and 6 children. The 'Press Gang' met for the first time last week and were full of enthusiasm and good ideas. Over the coming months you will be reading their contributions. The article above is by three of the members, Eloise, Ashviny and Sara from Year 5.

Congratulations this week to 6E, 5E and 3W for very good attendance. Well done also to 6W, 1E and 1W for a good effort. Don't forget there will be rewards at the end of term for the class with best attendance!