Welcome from the editor

Welcome to our third edition. We have been busy getting ready for our Christmas Nativity play and learning lots of new songs. Both the nursery and school are starting to do lots of Christmas activities (watch out for the glitter) and we are all getting excited for Christmas! It is getting close! I hope you have a Happy Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.

Dhriti
Dhriti Balakrishna, Editor

Headteachers Update Helen Everley

We are coming to the end of a very busy term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team. As you know they are extremely hard working and loyal. Without their commitment our nursery and school would not be the same. I know I can speak for them all, that being able to teach and care for your children is a privilege, making each day so worthwhile.

A very big thank you, to you the parents for all your support throughout the year.

This is a very important edition as there are some important dates to take you through to the end of term, plus lots of news from the past few weeks.

HAIYAN:

Please support the Philippines Typhoon Appeal

In the devastating wake of Typhoon Haiyan Save the Children teams are in the Philippines and are doing whatever it takes to get life-saving supplies to children and families. 5.4 million children, 460,000 under 2-years-old, have been affected in the aftermath of the superstorm.

Amanda Nkemena in year 3 felt so strongly she wrote about it for news time:

There was a big typhoon in the Philippines and it destroyed lots of houses and a lot of people died. Some Scientists think that the climate change caused the typhoon. Climate change means the weather gets hotter or colder, windier and rainier. Climate change is due to lots of emissions from buses, aeroplanes and cars.

As a school and nursery we have chosen to support Save the Children with their Christmas Jumper Day.
Please place a named carrier bag on your child’s peg for the end of term.
Beware the GLITTER!

Christmas Concert
Dress Rehearsal,
Thursday 5th December

Can any parents help with the sale of Mince pies, coffee and tea prior to the concert starting?

A Christmas Post Box will be in the entrance from Monday 2nd Dec - Wednesday 11th Dec

Christmas Raffle
Please donate a raffle prize, this will be drawn on the day of the party.
(Support ongoing fundraising)

Christmas Concert
Thursday 12th December
Doors open 11.00

Can any parents help with the sale of Mince pies, coffee and tea prior to the concert starting?

Christmas Party
& last day of term
Friday 13th December
PARTY CLOTHES A MUST
All to bring a packed lunch
(School will close at 12.15)
Please send in £3.00 per child for the end of term party. Siblings welcome

School will re-open on Tuesday 7th January

Look out for “Guess the name of the Reindeer” and “Find Father Christmas”
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2013

On Wednesday 11th December we are inviting all pupils to take part in Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.

Thousands of people up and down the country will be wearing their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas woollies. So, wear your silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas woollies to nursery and school and make a donation of £1, or whatever you can give, to help save children’s lives around the world.

If your child doesn’t have a festive sweater, don’t worry – it’s easy to decorate a plain jumper with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes.

To find out more, you can also visit the event website at: www.christmasjumperday.org and learn more about Save the Children at: www.savethechildren.org.uk.

On the 7th November Daniel and Joseph’s mum and dad came in to play their musical instruments for us. Their dad played a clarinet and their mum played the cello.

First their dad told us about the clarinet. He said the wood the makers use to make a clarinet is from the mpingo tree. The mpingo is in Kenya and is painted in a special kind of black paint so if it gets wet it won’t get soaked through. There was another thing he had, it was called a reed and is made from bamboo. He said you need two things to vibrate and make a sound. He put it at the back of where you blow, and it made a sound.

Then their mum told us about the cello. A cello is like a big violin so it kind of stands on the ground. To play the cello you use a bow. The bow is made of horse hair. At the top, wherever you put your fingers then move the bow on the string it makes a sound. Sometimes you can play the cello with your fingers instead of the bow; that is called plucking.

I liked it when they played for us; their dad told us he had played on the background music of two films: Harry Potter and Star Wars and their mum plays in an orchestra (CBSO).

We would really appreciate your help to make Christmas Jumper Day a huge success.

With your support we are looking forward to a woolly fun day!

Helen Everley

We heard some musicians play instruments it was very peaceful. It could make you go to sleep. The clarinet can be small and really big. The cello is a big beautiful instrument.

Amanda Nkemena
Mr and Mrs Lines the parents of Daniel and Joseph came to play for us. The clarinet comes from France. The cello is 200 years old and costs lots of money. The cello bow is made out of horse hair it vibrates on the strings of the cello, making loud and soft noises. There are 8 different types of clarinet.

Finley Owen

In the top of the clarinet there is a reed in a little slit. There is a clarinet that goes up to the ceiling. I love music! Music sounds good when the instruments are played together.

Alice Wasley

The clarinet played high notes and the cello low notes. They played a nice piece of music. There is another clarinet that is 20 times bigger and the bottom looks like a saxophone. Mrs Lines has been playing since she was five and Mr Lines started to play because he used to suffer with his breathing, his doctor suggested to his mum that he should play a wind instrument.

Ben Cornfield McMahon

News from Patrice

We have been having lots of fun learning songs, tasting French food (croissant, saucisson and even snails! Here are the songs for you to sing along too.

**BONJOUR**

"Bonjour, Bonjour Madame la Lune bonjour, comment ça va? ça va bien, comme ci comme ça; ou ça va mal Bonjour, Bonjour Monsieur le Soleil, comment ça va?"

**FRERE JACQUES**

"Frère Jacques, frère Jacques, dormez vous, dormez vous sonnez les matines, sonnez les matines ding ding, dong, ding ding dong"

**SUR LE PONT D’AVIGNON**

"Sur le pont D’Avignon, on y danse, on y danse, sur le pond d’avignon , on y danse tous en rond. Les beaux messieurs font comme ça (salute) les belles madames fonts comme cela (courtesy bow)"

**STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS..**

We are very excited we have been asked by network rail and Murphy the contractors at the railway station to draw and paint some posters to decorate the station. In exchange they are going to give the children some high visibility vests.

Thank you, from the news team. We hope you enjoy the read.