



As we enter December our event calendar really ramps up next week, with the much-anticipated infant nativity performances taking place next Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. The children and their teachers have put great effort into preparing so they are really looking forward to showing off their retelling of the nativity story to you. Have a lovely weekend and we hope those of you attending the STBSA 'Jingle Mingle' this evening have a lovely time.

St Thomas Becket 'Great Exhibition'

In Year 2, the children learnt all about the Victorian Great Exhibition as part of their History learning. They were inspired by Victorian inventions which would have been displayed in the Crystal Palace. As part of their homework project, some children recreated inventions or came up with their own. Their work was displayed at our very own Great Exhibition on Wednesday. There were model telephones, X-rays, robots and so much more! The children worked extremely hard and we were so impressed with the quality of work they produced. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended.



Girls Football

Our girls football team had a fantastic win at a tournament hosted by Crystal Palace football club at Dulwich College on Thursday. Our girls emerged as overall winners after a nail-biting penalty shootout victory in the final. Our girls conceded a total of 1 goal across 8 matches – what an impressive achievement! Our team now get the opportunity to go on and represent our area in a regional final for the south-east which will take place in January. We are back in action in the Croydon girls league on Wednesday v Robert Fitzroy.



NSPCC Workshops

Our Yr 2 and Yr 5 children took part in a 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshop at school this morning. It will have equipped them with some knowledge and skills to stay safe and to know how to get help if they are worried about their safety or wellbeing.

Shooting Stars



Butterflies
Ladybirds
St Joseph
St Elizabeth
St Francis
St Anne
St Peter

Remy Pereira
Esme Simpson
Kamsi Aka
Ariella Alexander
Leo Tsacpounidis
Aaron Khandeparkar
Laura Lingo

St Bernadette
St Paul
St Therese
St Martin
St Cecilia
St Benedict
St Brigid

Nicole Ellis
Edek Gibson
Nell Bennett
Emilia Krzyzewska
Lexarna Bryan
Henrika-Rose Pratt
Layla Kanji

Year 5 Rainforest Wildlife Experience

On Thursday Year 5 had their second special event of the week, where Andy the wildlife expert came to talk to both Yr 5 classes about the amazon habitat and the creatures that live there. We got to see (and even hold!) some amazing creatures such as tarantulas, corn snakes, flying cockroaches and a turtle. One of the funniest bits was when we all got to pretend to be Amazonian trees (as you can see in the photo below).

Report by: Emilia and Harper



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Science Museum Trip

On Monday Year 5 travelled to the Science Museum in South Kensington to further our investigations into space. When we got there, we went to the IMAX and saw a 3D film called 'A Beautiful Planet'. It was like we were actually in space, looking back at earth. We were even putting out our hands trying to catch the stars as the leapt of the screen. After that we had lunch in the basement café and then we went back upstairs to investigate the 'Exploring Space' gallery. It was a really fun and informative trip – thanks to all of the parent helpers who helped our teachers to take us there and back.

Report by: Harper and Emilia



Boys' Football

Our boys' football teams (A & B) travelled to Trinity last Friday evening after school for a league game (A) and a first friendly outing of the year (for our B team).

We had been undefeated in the league up to this point, but so had Trinity so we were expecting a tough game for the As, especially as we were away from home and playing on astro. However, our team finished with a great 2-1 victory, with the goals coming from Keelan and Linus.

Our B team also showed very impressive form, and will have given Mr Slater plenty of food for thought for future selections for the As. The final score in the B game was 3-1 to Becket, with Zach grabbing a brace in that game. Well done to both teams and we look forward to seeing you in action again in the near future.



Achievement

Well done to Gabriella (Yr 5) and Gianluca (Yr 2) for their fantastic achievements this week. Gabriella received a medal for her gymnastics display and Gianluca has passed his level 3 in swimming. We always love hearing about achievements outside of school so if there is anything that your child has achieved that they would like to celebrate, please send them to school with relevant awards / certificates.

Depending on the time available in assembly, we may or may not have the time to celebrate them then but they will definitely appear in the newsletter and be celebrated with a trip to see Mr Skehan.

