

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL



St Anne's School

Newsletter

December 2016

Christmas at St Anne's

It seems hard to believe that another term has come and gone, during which the children have worked on numerous projects and activities interspersed with the usual diet of lessons, sports and after School clubs. Our Year 6 pupils have sat the 11+ and we look forward to learning which schools they will move on to. With the publication of the 'Sunday Times Parent Power' tables it was pleasing to see that the children and therefore the School had done very well, achieving 19th place in the Country and 2nd in Essex. Once again the children (and parents) have supported the School's chosen charities. These events raise awareness of others' difficulties and it provides an opportunity for us all to realise how fortunate we are. The PTA have been busy as always, organising various activities in order to raise funds for the school, which is always greatly appreciated. The Christmas nativity and carol concerts, as always, were a delight and a fitting end to the Autumn term.

The festive season burst upon St Anne's earlier this month when Kindergarten 1 & 2 entertained their parents with 'A Special Night in Bethlehem' and year I & II performed 'Bethlehem's Buzzin'

The prep-department, together with their teachers and family, all enjoyed the ever popular Christingle Service held at St John's Church. Against the symbolic light of the candles, the children explained the meaning of Christmas through, prayer, song, readings from the Bible and musical recitals.

Mr Butterworth entered a team of 4 pupils into the Young Mathematicians of the Year competition. It was a very close result and we just missed out on reaching the final round. Well done to Aidan Wood, Hannah Newbrook, Bethany DaCosta & Stefan Neduclu.



Year 1 have been making nativity scenes and hope that they will become family treasures. They are looking forward to sharing them with their children!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Hannah Newbrook on being selected for the England Zone Diving Team.

We are all very proud of you Hannah—well done!

Please visit St Anne's website
www.stannesprep.co.uk
for up to date sports news from Mr Clark.

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Thanks to your generosity we were able to send donations to the following very worthwhile charities:

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| Children in Need | £ 483.00 |
| Jeans for Genes | £ 166.00 |
| Harvest Festival (CHESS) | £ 265.00 |
| NSPCC | £2,086.00 |
| Clowns in the Sky | £ 600.00 |

Thank you for your donations of selection boxes for the local Food Bank

Chess Club

Despite the short notice for the match we ended up with 14 players. Moulsham had 9 players. I wanted everyone to experience a game against a Moulsham player, so, each time a game finished we swapped the St Anne's player out. As a result, everyone managed to get at least one game in against a Moulsham opponent.

Of the starting 9 boards we didn't lose a single game, winning 4 and drawing 5. The five players "in reserve" scored three out of five which was a very good result against such strong players. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the match a success and well done to all the children who took part.

Mr White (Alice's Dad, Year 5)

Sir Simon came into assembly and told us a bit about working in Parliament. We all had a chance to ask him a question. He told us that from the age of 10 he knew he wanted to be an MP and that his favourite thing to do is help people.

Amelie Evans Year 5



Brentwood School Science Exhibition

Sidharth Thunga, Nikhil Pancholi, Alice White and Amelia Evans were all selected to represent St Anne's School at the Primary School Science Exhibition. We were given a warm welcome by the teachers at Brentwood School. Before the event started, the Headmaster gave all the pupils a speech on the importance of science. We got the chance to present our projects to the Science Department, the Headmaster and the family and friends of participants. Although none of our entries won a prize we enjoyed the morning. We were all happy to receive achievement certificates from the Head of Science.

Sid Thunga, Year 5

Gareth Lewis, Head of Biology said of Amelia & Alice's project "They evaluated the investigation and their method of was easy to follow, collaborative and brightly coloured."

Of Sidharth & Nikhil's project, Mr Lewis said "I loved their idea of adding magnets to your hot-wheels—excellent futuristic applications to transport - great use of embedded videos."



Chelmsford Cathedral Visit

Year two visited Chelmsford Cathedral for a Christmas Workshop. We enjoyed learning about 'The Journey of Christ's Birth' and of the special message he sends. At the end of the workshop we performed the nativity with another school. Elsie played the star and Oliver got to be Joseph. It got us all in the mood to perform our own nativity, 'Bethlehem's Buzzin'.

Amber Myerscough, Year 2

The staff at St Anne's would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Peaceful New Year.