

# Huish Episcopi Primary School NEWSLETTER

December 2nd, 2016

## Fundraising Friday

A huge thank you to all the families and children who helped to make Fundraising Friday such a special event. In assembly the children saw a video produced by Himalayan Children which showed the schools which will benefit from the money raised. They also saw Gail, the founder of the charity, giving the Headmaster of one of the schools the pencils, rulers, rubbers etc that we donated last time. It was funny hearing our school's name mentioned in a conversation that took place in Ladakh!

Raising money this time was great fun. The children arrived in school wearing their mufti with lots of spots in evidence! Generous families donated some amazing cakes that were quickly sold and then, at lunchtime, the 'pay to play' was great fun. Music blared out over the playground and there were some great challenges, equipment to use and games in which to participate. We raised over £350.00 which is absolutely amazing.

The money is being donated to 'Himalayan Children' as well as 'Children in Need'. Everyone should be incredibly proud of what they have done to help children both in this country and Ladakh. Well done to Oliver who won the Name the Bear Competition and also to Alicja who won the find Pudsey Bear in a Square.



### Special points of interest:

- *Image Theatre will perform Jungle Book in school on Monday 12th December*
- *It is Free Reading Friday on Friday 9th December*
- *Isle class cake sale next Friday 9th December- bring in your money to buy delicious cakes*
- *KS1 Nativity Production is on 13th/14th December- look out for the letters and book your tickets now!*

## Levels Academy Trust Debating Competition

The Huish Episcopi Primary School Team won the first Levels Academy Trust Debating Competition. The competition was held in HEPS school hall last Friday and in total there were five teams from the three Levels schools. The teams consisted of a Chairperson, Speaker and Proposer. Janis, Rhianna and Isla presented on their chosen subject of 'Should teachers be replaced by Computers'.....a very interesting idea! The judges were David Warburton MP and Duncan Sinclair, Head of Taunton Prep School.





Our team greatly impressed with their excellent presentation skills, confidence and humour. We were extremely proud of the team and two presenters from each school will go forward to represent the Academy in the Youth Speaks Competition which takes place in January. Well done to Isla, Rhianna and Janis.

## Skipping Ropes

There are still a few skipping ropes available to buy from the office at a cost of £5.00 each. They would make a great stocking filler.



## Isle Class Wonderful Inventions

There has been some super creativity with our recent work on explanation texts. There seems to be lots of wonderful and crazy inventions being made at home and being brought in. Thank you everyone who has made something. This was a 'bonus' homework and it's lovely to see the enthusiasm for crazy contraptions! We have Erin's Technological Box Troll, Brooke's Homework Marker, Kaia's Leg Stretcher Device and Hatty's Automatic Mindreading Texting Machine.



## Advent Concert

Congratulations to the Choir who performed beautifully at the CLP Advent Concert that was held in St Michael's Church yesterday. They performed Starry Night and then joined The Levels Choir to sing a finale. The Choir looked particularly smart and gathered confidence as the performance went on. We are looking forward to hearing them again in the Carol Service on the last day of term.

## Reindeer!

The children worked very productively with Serena de la Hey to produce giant reindeer that will go on display in the town. Look out for them!



## Lovely Floaty Cranes

Well done to Tom and Jasmin who went along to work with Sean Harris at the SAW offices to complete more of the work on the Animated Cranes. All of Kingsmoor worked on this project in school and Sean was delighted that Jasmin and Tom had enjoyed it so much they came along for more! The cranes will be on display tomorrow in All Saints Church and apparently look amazing. It will be a spectacle for all to enjoy.



## Isle Class Maths Challenge

Last week, Isle class had a 'simple' addition homework challenge. They had to compete against family members on an addition puzzle. The results of Isle Class vs Families was that Isle scored 65 points to the 58 points scored by the families. So hard luck families, better luck next time!

If you fancy playing along and adding to our class results, then here is the game:

*This is a game for two players. The aim of the game is to get a number as close to 5000 as possible. Each person rolls a 1-6 dice and chooses where to put the numbers on their grid. Once you both have filled up your grids, then you complete the addition to see who has won.*

Player One

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Player 2

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## London Residential

School will be very quiet next week as 39 pupils and four staff, Miss Chadbourne, Mrs Meredith, Ms Islip and Mr Welch head off to London for three days. They are in for an exciting time. The itinerary includes seeing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, the Natural History Museum, The National Gallery, St Paul's Cathedral, a visit to Pizza Express and a London Walk to see the sights and the Christmas Lights. Finally there will be a chance to go ice skating on the rink outside the Natural History Museum. We look forward to getting back into school and telling of all our adventures!



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### Christmas reminders!

*Make sure you get your orders in by Wednesday morning for the school Christmas Lunch!*

*Thank you to the PFA and town council who have donated the Christmas trees for the children to enjoy*

