



ISSUE 17
20TH January
2012

Holy Trinity International School

Little Trinity & Kindergarten News

Free school status

On Wednesday evening there was a very productive and informative discussion about the school's decision to apply for Free School status. Dr Tate, chairman of IES, and Mrs Leek-Wright presented to a packed audience the rationale behind the decision. Understandably there were questions raised but the audience left the meeting in a positive mood and reassured about the 'family' ethos of the school continuing along with its academic standards remaining high. The main points to come out of the evening were:

- ◇ The application to be submitted by 24th February.
 - ◇ Free School status starting September 2013.
 - ◇ Classes to be capped at 22 (Year 3 to Year 11) and 20 (Reception to Year 2).
 - ◇ Students on the school roll as at July 2013 will have a place in the school.
 - ◇ Steering Group will consist of Senior Management and also parental representation. The parents who have kindly agreed to be part of the Steering Group are Mrs N Reeve, Mrs Marlow, Mr Murphy and Mr Rhodes. There will also be parent representation from Kindergarten, Miss Scurlock
- It is an extremely exciting initiative and the verbal feedback from parents the following morning was very supportive. It is important that the parents have their views recorded and we would ask all parents to complete the questionnaire as soon as possible.

WORK OF THE WEEK

Mr Tickle Room - Oliver H had a fantastic time this week exploring the paint. He used a combination of his hands, brushes and printing tools to make a variety of marks.

Mr Chatterbox Room - Connor L enjoyed making a Chinese lantern. He carefully opened and closed the scissors to snip the paper and then decorated it beautifully.



Kindergarten 1 Class - Sophie S has completed a drawing on the computer. She chose the colours and was able to move the mouse with ease and confidence. She then enjoyed playing 'Izzy's Island' game also on the computer.

Kindergarten 2 Class - Sofia HP worked hard with name writing this week. She wrote her name with care and precision and also the whole alphabet.



     *Happy Birthday to....*     

Lily B – 3 on 14th January

Edward B – 2 on 19th January

Sianna R – 3 on 20th January



Have a great day!!



New Children to Nursery & Kindergarten

Mr Tickle Room – Ellouise B

Mr Chatterbox – Imogen FB

In the news.....

Children in the Kindergarten 2 class have been using the computers this week to draw colourful pictures, learning how to control the mouse and also typing their name onto the completed drawing. There has been a huge mess on the craft table as the children have explored different textures using their hands. They have enjoyed finding the number ducks in the shaving foam and insects and animals in the hair gel. The children have been looked at the letters 'c' and 'k' and have started looking at first 'Kipper' reading books and tracing over complex words. For numeracy the children have enjoyed counting and number recognition games.



In Kindergarten 1 the children have also explored textures in messy play and have also looked at how things feel different through sand play, play dough, bubble painting and slippery silk. The new computers have been a huge success and the Kindergarten 1 children have also created art work for a display using a paint program. Bingo Bears is a great game and the children have enjoyed sorting, counting and recognising the numbers as they played the game. The children have also been encouraged to find the initial letter in their name and also if they are able to recognise their full written name.



Mr Chatterbox children have enjoyed a variety of Chinese New Year activities this week. They have made flags, lanterns and hats using paint and glitter. They have also had fun dressing the baby dolls and pushing them around the room in the pushchairs. In the messy room the children have explored coloured sand and enjoyed filling and emptying containers in the water tray, watching how the water flows from one container to another. Back in the classroom other activities have included listening to the Gruffalo stories and animal stories, joining in with the animal sounds as the story progressed. The beebots have been fun as the children have programmed them to move around the room in all directions.



This week in the Mr Tickle room the children have been busy exploring texture and noise. In the classroom coloured pom poms filled the tough spot and household items, including wooden spoons, saucepans and tins

have been used to create loud sounds and music! As the weather has been so cold at the beginning of the week the children had the opportunity to look at ice in the natural environment. They found it fascinating and brought it inside to watch it melt when it became warmer.

In the craft room the children are producing art work for a display on 'In the Night Garden' using lots of paint with other materials. Other activities have included playing with the bats and balls, the Balamory sound mat looking at and enjoying many stories and finding body parts such as eyes, nose, fingers and toes!



NOTICES

- ✚ CAN I ASK THAT PARENTS DO NOT LEAVE THE FRONT NURSERY DOOR OPEN WHEN THEY ENTER OR LEAVE; ON A FEW OCCASIONS THIS TERM THAT HAS HAPPENED AND I WANT TO ENSURE THE NURSERY REMAINS SAFE AND SECURE AND NEED ALL PARENTS TO SUPPORT THIS PLEASE.
- ✚ A BLUE SCHOOL SWIMMING HAT HAS GONE MISSING. IT IS LABELLED WITH 'AW'. CAN I ASK ALL KINDERGARTEN PARENTS TO CHECK SWIMMING BAGS? ALSO CAN PARENTS ENSURE ALL UNIFORM INCLUDING SHOES/PUMPS ARE NAMED AS WE ARE FINDING UNIFORM WITH NO NAMES!
- ✚ AS WE CONTINUE TO USE THE OUTSIDE PLAY AREA CAN I ASK ALL PARENTS TO ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE APPROPRIATE CLOTHING TO PLAY OUTSIDE, INCLUDING WARM COATS AND HATS, GLOVES ETC . THESE NEED TO BE CLEARLY LABELLED PLEASE.

THANK YOU, G CARTER

