# Capella House

Newsletter - Autumn 2



## Prince's Trust - KS4





Venus and Mars class finished their wellbeing module in Prince's Trust. They were able to choose a trip that would benefit their well-being. The classes went to a place called Gravity in Wandsworth and took part in go-karting and played some arcade games.

#### Hobbledown Heath

By Frankie

Jupiter Class, along with Sekayde and Olivia, went on a trip to Hobbledown Heath. Even with only five out of our seven students, we still had a great time. We started the adventure by failing to flag down a bus, so we had to take two trains instead. When we got to Hobbledown Heath. We saw some goats, got the chance to pet some Shetland Ponies, and saw: Alpacas, Yaks, Reindeer, hawks, meerkats, a prairie dog (a burrowing ground squirrel) and loads more!

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After we went back indoors for lunch, we (including the staff) all went to the "children's" soft play area. This included slides, tunnels, swings and lots more fun things to do that we discovered.

Eventually, we did have to leave. All my classmates stocked up at the gift shop on toy swords and fudge, and then, after two double-decker buses, we arrived back at school.

Overall, we had a fantastic time while we were at Hobbledown, and I can't imagine what exciting adventure we will go on next time







## Social Media, Gaming, and Films over the Holidays.

Over the festive period, it is important to enjoy some time to relax and unwind, many of our pupils do this by gaming or connecting with friends online. Many may get new devices so it is important to your children about safe and responsible internet use, including what they share, who they're talking to, and the type of content they access, including apps and games. Consider downloading a respected parental control app and using ISP content filters. Below are three websites we recommend parents use to get tips and to check the appropriateness of apps, games and

Common Sense Media

Internet Matters

UK Safer Internet Centre



#### All things Maths



Maths Week 2023 was an amazing success. Pupils loved designing their own maths themed t shirts. Pupils had the opportunitity to answer maths questions and win gifts from the Maths hamper. Our KSH pupils even made their own maths memes and jokes!

#### Festive Maths

Our key stage 3 classes enjoyed Christmas activities involving rounding decimals.





### Capella Christmas Card





Mars and Jupiter have been selling Christmas cards to staff. This is part of their Enterprise module for Prince's Trust. The classes asked students to draw a Christmas card design, and then everyone voted on the one they liked best. The winning drawing was sent off to a design company, to be made into Christmas cards. The classes went between Capella Primary, Capella Secondary and Clarendon Secondary sites to sell the cards. A pack of 5 cost £3.50. The cards cost £90 to make and so far have been selling very well! The classes have also made a profit from their sales!



#### Thank you and goodbye

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to Sarah. Sarah has been with us for a year and has been a big part of our school community. She leaves us to go back home to New Zealand. We would like to thank Sarah for all of her hard work this past year.

Faika, a specialist Science teacher, will be replacing Sarah. We're excited for her to join the Capella team and we think this appointment will have a great impact on our pupils in Science.



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#### Kneller Gardens



Here's some pictures from our trip to Kneller Gardens Friday. It was a lovely trip, which we went on as part of our Prince's Trust programme, specifically the physical wellbeing module. We fed the ducks, played in the park and had lunch there.



#### A Christmas Carol Review

By Sam T

Our drama club worked really hard for weeks to get ready for their performance of "A Christmas Carol." Unfortunately, some of the members got sick, but the group was determined to go on with the show. Even though a few people were missing, everyone still put on an amazing performance, and we were so pleased we could show off our hard work to everyone in the school and our parents.



CONGRATULATIONS DOJO WINNERS @SECONDARY!

Alisa (Neptune) Sam (Jupiter) Riley (Venus)

Thomas (Saturn) Izyaan (Mars) Loni (Mercury)



## Primary News



#### Dear Santa...

We have been reading the story 'Dear Santa' by Rod Campbell. Stars class wrote letters to Santa and made their own Christmas list using colourful semantics.







#### Christmas in Comets



Comets have been enjoying getting into the festive spirit by singing Christmas songs, making cards and decorations. We talked about what made Christmas special and how people celebrated it all over the world. The children wrote their lists and made delicious treats.

#### "Lost and Found" the sensory experience

This term, all pupils at Primary have read "Lost and Found" and have taken part in a very special project. Each class was responsible for bringing a part of the story to life. They all did a great job and all the pupils had the opportunity of experiencing the book that they had been reading as part of their english lessons.



#### Primary Parents 🔝





AfC Survey for Parent and Carers on the Increase in Wraparound Childcare Provisions

#### Reminders

- The next term starts on Tuesday 9th January.
- All lunch payments are to be made through Arbor
- Don't forget to use the 'Learning with Parents' reading log