

School Parliament Newsletter

A Christmas message

The members of School Parliament this year are: Lola and Ethan in year 1, Ariana and Oliver in year 2, Luke and Enyah in year 3, Aaron and Keira in year 4, Szymon and Eden in year 5 and last but not least Taran and Madison in year 6.

On behalf of all of school parliament, we would like to thank you for your support in visiting any Collective Worships or productions and for generous donations towards our charity fundraising events.

We would like to wish you all a merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Children In Need

Children In Need is one of the charities the School Parliament has elected to support during this academic year. On the 17th of November, we celebrated children in need with a great success.

We raised £355: that is more than a pound each for the number of children that we have in our school. For Children In Need, we had a massive cake stall for people to buy cookies and cupcakes at a cost of 50p each. We also did the traditional make an outline of Pudsey the bear from old round pounds. On this day, it was also a non-uniform day. We would like to thank parents and carers for their generous donations of cakes/biscuits - this was our most successful cake stall ever! Written by Madison.

School Parliament Monitoring

An important job for School Parliament this term was to monitor the Connection's books of children in this school. We looked at a sample of books from Reception to Year 6. We were identifying strengths and weaknesses about them. We were pleased by the coverage of lots of different lessons, including: music, science, history, geography, art and DT. The books also showed useful written feedback from the teachers and lots of self and peer assessment by the children of themselves and their peers.

I was surprised by how good most of the handwriting was; the working was great. We also had to answer a questionnaire to say if the work needed improvement or was good or outstanding. We also had to answer questions about how useful feedback is in our school, including: self, peer and teacher and identify how it could be improved to be more useful to children in the school.

Written by Taran.



Christmas Jumper Day

- Another charity the School Parliament
- decided to support during this academic year
- was Save the Children. We held a Christmas
- Jumper day on Friday 15th December in
- support of this. On Christmas jumper day, we
- have raised an amazing amount of £103!!! It
- is a very big amount and it will go to 'save the
- children'.
- Well done to ALL of Whaplode school
- including parents!
- Written by Szymon.

New French Scheme

Not so long ago, the school purchased a new French Scheme. We have started to use this in Year 5 and 6 and will shortly be using it in Years 3 and 4 also.

We have in year five been listening to a recording of a French Speaker saying things such as, "do you have a *pet*?" Or answers to a question saying, "I have a dog, or I have a cat" and many other animals!

I enjoy the new French Scheme because it now shows us on the screen how to say things like I do not have. I think that this improves the school's education as some do not get on with lessons and are slower to learn in French; others learn quicker and would like to know different and newer things instead of just learning about the same thing and from saying, "I have a *dog*," we can now say, "*but* I do not have a *dog*."

Which I think is very enjoyable as we can say longer sentences and sometimes have the opportunity to chat to a partner or somebody next to us, and our teacher may ask us to possibly share our conversations with the rest of the class and the teacher.

Written by Eden.

