



This week the Language of the week next week is Hebrew

Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Shalom	Boker tov	Shalom
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Dear Parents / Carers, Governors and Friends,

On Wednesday, Year 6 hosted our Annual Christmas Party for our local Senior Citizens. The children had each written an invitation to someone and were responsible for ensuring they had a good time. They spent the afternoon serving tea and chatting and entertained them with their wonderful singing and musical accompaniment. All of our visitors said how much they enjoyed themselves and what a delight the children were. Well done Year 6, it was a lovely event as usual. Thank you to the Year 6 team and to all of the parents who kindly donated something for each person to take home as a gift.

As you will be aware our current Year 4, took part in Steve McQueen's new work entitled 'Year 3 project'. The work consists of class photographs of 76,000 London schoolchildren and shows the way forward for public art with depth and dignity. Mrs Ramsdale and Mrs McLaughlin, were lucky enough to be invited to a private viewing attended by Steve McQueen. He explained that he wanted to create a snapshot of London today, knowing that the children will be the London of the Future. The exhibition is open for public viewing until May and is really worth a visit.



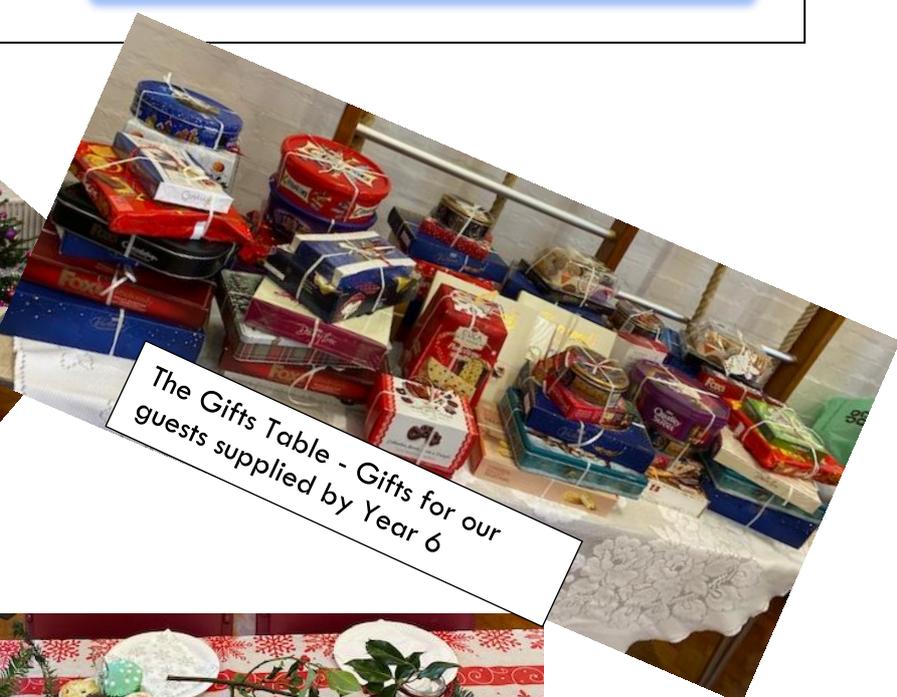
Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Christmas Fayre. A special thank you to Emma and all her team for putting together what I am sure will be a fantastic event today. Thank you to everyone who helped set up the grotto, it really does look amazing and we are so lucky that Father Christmas has been able to spare the time to visit Raglan again! Do try and pop down today, the fayre is from 12pm to 4pm and there are lots of exciting things to do.

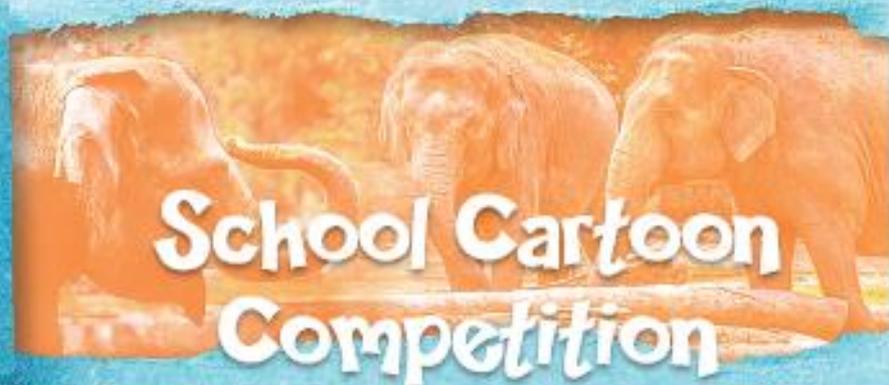
Mrs Liddell and her Gardening Club are running a stall selling things that they have made. Last week they also had a stall at Chatterton Rd Fayre and raised over £100, all of the profit goes back into items for the gardening Club. Thank you Mrs Liddell and well done children.

The children have been rehearsing for their KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Concert and are looking forward to sharing them with you next week. If you haven't let us know that your child is attending the KS2 Carol Concert, please do so via School Comms. Children who are attending in the evening, will be rehearsing at the Church on Wednesday afternoon.

Have an enjoyable weekend
Kath Margetts and Staff

Mrs McLaughlin is currently running an art club. The children designed and made these wonderful Tree Houses in the club. They are currently on display in the Link Corridor.





School Cartoon Competition

FREE TO ENTER - SIMPLE TO RUN - OPEN TO ALL SCHOOLS - SUITABLE FOR YEARS 4 TO 7



FIND OUT MORE BELOW



What is the competition all about?

We would like the children in your school to illustrate a story board for our next kids magazine explaining how Ekari, a baby elephant in Myanmar, was rescued after being snared by poachers. The winning entry will have their work illustrated professionally and published in our summer 2020 magazine.

[Find out more about Ekari here](#)

Why get involved?

Involving your students not only gives them the chance to demonstrate their creative skills but will also raise their awareness of this important global animal welfare issue.

The work can be used towards gaining accreditation for your Eco Schools awards under the Global Citizenship topic and towards the Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Awards.

The work also links to KS2 and KS3 Geography Curriculum looking at issues of sustainability with a global dimension and provides cross curricular links with Science, Art and Citizenship. Additionally it covers UN Sustainability Goal 15 and Life on Land.

The Prizes:

Not only will the winner's creation be published, but the student and their school will receive a framed copy of their work. To reward the efforts of as many children as possible we are also giving away

250 free memberships to our Young Vets Club to the first 50 school entries we receive.

(These will be valid for 1 year and are normally worth £30 each.)

Who can enter?

This is open to all students in Years 4 to Year 7. Both primary and Secondary Schools are invited to take part.

The Instructions:

The competition can be completed as a club activity, in lessons, tutor time or as homework. We will give you everything you need to launch the competition. This will include a power point to show the children which tells Ekari's story and explains simply how the competition works. We will send templates that the children should draw on, notes for teachers and all other documentation.

Materials will be available to download from Monday 13th January 2020

Closing date:

All entries must reach us by Friday 27th March but get your entries in as early as possible to be in the top 50 schools.

Would you like to get your school and students involved?

Download our posters below to get started!

Holmesdale Road Christmas Trees

Thank you to Betsy's dad, in Elephant class, who has donated 2 Christmas trees to the school. They look beautiful!

He is selling Christmas trees on Holmesdale Rd where the car garage/car wash used to be just along from Tesco. There is plenty of parking. Please support Betsy's Dad and drop by to see him if you need a tree. Free stands included.



Important Dates

7th December -Christmas Fair
11th December -KS2 Carol Concert
12th, 13th, 16th Dec- KS1 performance
18th December- Christmas parties
19th December -Christmas Lunch
End of term – usual home time

We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday
7th January 2020.

Florence Gray, in Year 6 Panthers, took part in a 10 KM charity night walk through London in support of SHELTER to raise money for the homeless back in September. She completed the walk and managed to raise £1090 which is fantastic!!

We are all very proud of you
Florence!





AJR/AF/29 November 2019

Dear Headteacher

**Choral Scholarships at St Olave's Grammar School
The Queen's Chapel of The Savoy, The Duchy of Lancaster**

You may be aware that St Olave's has an ancient link with Southwark, providing Choristers with a wonderful opportunity of singing with professionals in the highly prestigious choir at The Queen's Chapel of The Savoy. In recent years they have been honoured to sing not only for Her Majesty The Queen as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, but also for HRH Princess Anne and members of the Royal Victorian Order. They also sang at the joint Royal Chapels concert at Windsor for Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday.

In order to give boys the best advantage of singing before their voices break, the Choristers are identified before they start Year 6 at their own Primary School. They sit a special entrance examination for St Olave's as well as a Choral audition during the next few months. If successful, they join the Queen's Chapel Choir at the start of Year 6 and then join St Olave's at the start of Year 7, continuing with the Choir.

Although St Olave's is a State School, the Scholarship is quite an attractive financial package for the boys concerned, as well as being an accolade for the Primary School from which they come. Over and above these incentives, this really is a once in a lifetime opportunity, as exemplified by a previous BBC Young Chorister of the Year who was a St Olave's boy and member of this Royal Chapel Choir.

I would be most grateful if you would draw this to the attention of parents/carers of your current Year 5 students, particularly those bright academic students, who you think might be suitable for the St Olave's intake and who may have an interest or talent in Music. The application pack is available to download from our website www.saintolaves.net. Please note that the closing date for applications is Friday, 24 January 2020.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Rees'.

Andrew Rees
Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality!

Overview

This week the overall attendance is 96%. One class had 100% attendance! This is spectacular! Well done Golden Eagles.



Please make sure that your child is only absent for authorised reasons. Please try to make appointments for Doctors and Dentist before or after school.

Attendance for each class this week:

Group	% Attend	L
Golden Eagles	100	1
Panther	99	0
Tigers	98	1
Pandas	98	4
Rhinos	96	0
Puffins	96	0
Elephants	96	1
Monkeys	96	2
Leopards	96	6
Lions	95	0
Dolphins	95	2
Wolves	94	0
Frogs	93	1
Giraffes	93	3
Penguins	91	5
Sharks	87	1

Lates

Five classes had no lates this week. Well done Panthers, Rhinos, Puffins, Lions and Wolves! Congratulations!

This week children were late for school a total of 27 times! – Let us try harder next week!



Don't be late through the gate! Please make sure your child arrives in time for school!

Children must be at school each morning by 8.55 a.m. for KS1 children and 8.50 a.m. for the KS2.

Gold: Excellent. These classes are meeting our target of 96.5% attendance.

Green: These classes are doing very well with average attendance.

Amber: These classes are below average attendance at 92-95%.

Red: Attendance in this class is below 92% and of concern.