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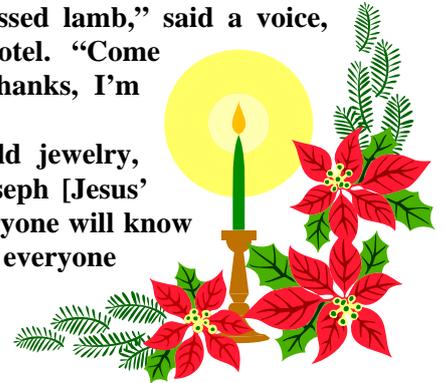
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A MODERN VERSION OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

One day Jesus was born in the garage of the Star hotel. "Blessed lamb," said a voice, referring to Jesus. Mary looked up, it was the cook from the hotel. "Come and have some nice breakfast dear," she suggested. "OK, thanks, I'm coming," replied Mary.

Later on Jesus got presents from the 3 motorbikers, they were: gold jewelry, aftershave and witch hazel. The messenger called Gabriel came to Joseph [Jesus' Dad] and said "Jesus will grow up to be quite an ordinary man, but everyone will know that he is special." No-one knew King TJ's plans, he was jealous, because everyone was following Jesus and not him. In the end Jesus was sadly put to death.

St Mary Abbots, Kensington ~ Elizabeth Thomas, Class 6



RECIPES / FUNDRAISING...

The children of St Peter's, Hammersmith compiled their favourite recipes into a book which the PTA sell and the proceeds are used for school improvements/apparatus.

↓ Here is a recipe for nibblers.....

↓ KS1 Nativity Play ~ "Welcome to Jesus"

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St Peter's School Recipe Book

Grown Ups' Chopped Walnut and Coffee Cake

This is an recipe from the 2 fat ladies. It is Polish apparently and uses no flour.

Ingredients

4 eggs
115 g (4 oz) icing sugar
1 tbsp fine fresh bread crumbs
1 tbsp ground fresh coffee
1 tbsp cocoa powder
175 g (6 oz) shelled walnuts, roughly chopped

For icing

115 g (4 oz) unsalted butter, softened
115 g (4 oz) icing sugar, sieved
1 egg yolk
1 tbsp instant coffee 1 tbsp boiling water

Method

Grease and line a cake tin, 20 cm (8 in) in diameter and 5 cm (2 in) high, and preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F/gas mark 4).

Separate the yolks from the egg whites. Cream the yolks and sugar together until they are pale yellow and hanging like ribbons from the beater. Add the bread crumbs, finely ground coffee, cocoa and walnuts and mix well together.

Whisk the egg whites stiffly, and carefully fold into the walnut mixture. Pour into the prepared cake tin and bake in the oven for 45 minutes. Cool in the tin then turn out on to a rack.

To make the icing, cream the butter with the icing sugar and egg yolk. Dissolve the instant coffee in the boiling water and mix well into the icing. Spread over the cake with a wet knife.

Lucy Gray



They raise money throughout the year and give to charities in need as well as improving the school. At Christmas, all KS2 pupils and St Peter's Choir, held a carol concert and held an open collection which raised £375 for the National Children's Homes. KS1 pupils also contributed with a nativity play.

PLEASE NOTE :

the office will be closed on

FRIDAY 26th MARCH 1999

BOOK WEEK

The last week of January was designated "book week" to highlight the National Year of Reading. **St Mary's, Finchley** held a special assembly on Monday morning where the headteacher showed her favourite books spanning over 100 years. The highlight of the week was a visit from Michael Rosen who performed his poetry in 2 sessions to the infants and juniors and for almost two hours the hall rang with laughter. Parents manned the school bookshop every day and attended the school literature festivals. The performances were given by individuals, groups and classes and included poetry spoken in German, Japanese, Greek, Chinese and Gujarati (the most commonly spoken additional language in the school). On the final day children and adults came to school either dressed as characters from books or carrying an appropriate prop.

ONCE IN A LIFE TIME

St Michael's, Highgate are offering a life time opportunity to have a fully paid holiday during the week 22nd - 26th March 1999.

The location is Tredoyd in Wales ~ an idyllic large residence set amongst the rolling hill of the Brecon Beacons. You will have the opportunity to learn new skills or practice existing ones in a variety of outdoor pursuits.

The catch :: you will be a member of staff accompanying 53 Y6 pupils on their P.G.L. trip...

THE LADY OF SHALOTT

Singing in her song she died, the lady of Shalott.

The water covered her deeply, her eyes were frosted and blue, still like a statue.

Sir Lancelot rode to the thinly iced pond and jumps in with the lady of Shalott. His blood freezes like an ice cube. *Soho Parish ~ Reiss Baker Y5*



↑ Y6'S METAL SUNDIAL

A LITTLE HELP FROM THE ARMY

Y6 children from **St John's, Highbury Vale** worked with metal sculptor Simon Cooly to produce an impressive sundial. Their Science and Technology project involved the help of the army to determine the exact longitude of the school, and a technical engineer helped with the maths! The Worshipful Company of Armourers' and Brasiers' sponsored the project.

MILLENNIUM LINK WITH MALAWI

Last summer, a group of pupils at **Bishop Ramsey, in Ruislip** decided they would like to make a link with pupils in another Church Secondary school, in a different part of the world. Through Bishop Donald and Jane Arden they formed a link with Malosa Church school in Malawi.

The link is one of prayer, mutual learning and support.

There has been great excitement and interest as letters have been exchanged, books and games collected to send to new friends. A group of upper school pupils walked across London carrying sacks of maize to raise funds for a maize mill for Malosa. They were greeted warmly at the twenty churches on route, and finished with a service in the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral. The whole school made 600 Christmas stockings filled with sweets and pencils and they are now busy with Easter gifts, of friendship bracelets and football posters. The pupils hope that other schools in the Diocese might join them in making links with children this way.

FIRST PRIZE

St Luke's, Kilburn were delighted to win the 1st prize of £500 of books tokens at the Westminster Carol competition. Yr 6 had worked together for four weeks, under the guidance of their music teacher Mr Bill Roberts, to compose the music and words for the winning entry. There was great excitement when the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the conductor of the Orchestra of St John's Smith Square, arrived at the school to listen to the composition. Better still, the Orchestra of St John's Smith Square, wanted to accompany Y6 when they performed the carol at the Gala Carol Concert! Winning the competition has given them such a tremendous lift and they are now determined to write a song for the Voice of the Millennium Child.



↑ KS2 CHILDREN WITH THEIR FINISHED TILES

ROTATING TILES

Fourteen children from KS2 at St Thomas', North Kensington met for pottery club. Their design brief was to make a tile with a pattern which could be rotated four times. The clay was rolled and cut into 16cm x 16cm squares. Using modeling tools, they copied their design from paper into the clay and when the clay had dried, they painted the tiles, then glazed them. The whole project took 6 weeks to complete.

LOGVEC

Early in 1998, The Worshipful Company of Pewterers through membership of Livery October Group Vocational Education Committee (LOGVEC) committed itself to take an interest in, and support **SS Jude's & Paul's, Mildmay Park in Islington**. The school was deemed a failing school by Ofsted in 1997 and placed under Special Measures.

Mrs Lynn Williams of the Pewterers Company has provided week by week encouragement and practical help to the staff and children at the school.

In November 1998, The Worshipful Company of Pewterers invited a teacher and two pupils from the school to be their guests at the Lord Mayor's show and to also attend lunch in Pewterer's Hall afterwards.

LDBS is most grateful for the continuing support and interest of the Pewterers Company as the headteacher appointed in September 1997, the staff and the school governors work towards the lifting of Special Measures.



↑ HOME STUDIES : ALBANIAN CLASSES

A CORNER OF KOSOVO

Every Tuesday at 3pm about 20 pupils learn Albanian at **SS James & Michael's, Lancaster Gate**. At the same time their mothers attend English classes. They now make up one of the largest groups of refugees in Britain.

Inside, the school's many staircases and corridors are brightly decorated and the atmosphere is warm. The Officer for Standards in Education has described it as "a haven of peace and a place of security where all children feel valued and where extraordinary efforts are being made".



↑ Y5/6 PUPILS HELPING WITH THE GARDEN

MILLENNIUM QUIET GARDEN

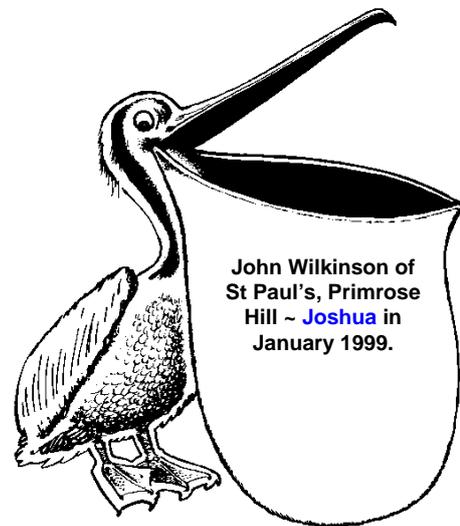
An unpromising area of scrub in the middle of the playground at **St Michael's, Brigadier Hill**, is slowly being

transformed into an all-weather 'quiet garden'. Substantial grants were obtained from the LDBS Millennium Project and two Enfield Trusts. Various local businesses donated money, plants and materials. More than £1500 was raised by parents and pupils in a sponsored obstacle course and aerobics session. Still to come is a rose bed, fencing, seating and a pergola

THIS IS YOUR BULLETIN

Thank you to all who have sent in snippets for this Bulletin. It is yours, so please keep them rolling in!

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS



John Wilkinson of
St Paul's, Primrose
Hill ~ **Joshua** in
January 1999.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Tina Hawley of Holy Trinity, Dalston
to Brian Horne in November 1998.

NEXT ISSUE

If any schools would like to send us pieces of pieces of work, news items, or pictures which illustrate a particular event or on-going project for our next **LDBS Schools Bulletin** please send to :

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