

THE HAMLET HERALD



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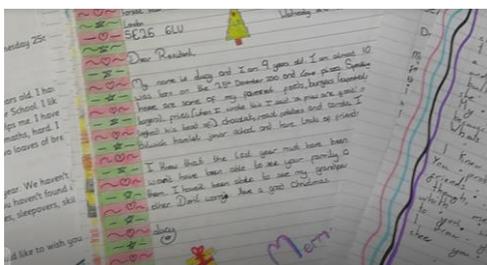
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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

In more normal times, we would have welcomed you all to St. Barnabas this week for the performances of our whole school Christmas Celebration. We were determined to continue with tradition. So, with COVID restrictions in mind, we have managed to film each of the year group bubbles singing, dancing, acting, and looking suitably festive in traditional nativity gear, along with some very interesting props! Mr Salomonson has kindly turned 'film-producer' this week, and has put all of the component parts together for us to enjoy. We will watch this at school at the beginning of next week, and send you all a link so that you can also enjoy the children's contributions at your leisure. Many thanks must go to St. Barnabas for allowing us to use the church to film over two days this week.

COMMUNITY SENIOR LETTERS

Despite the turbulent, busy and tiring nature of this term, we are really proud that the whole school managed to find time to write letters to two local care homes. The children showed their wonderful ability to empathise, particularly with residents who don't have visitors. We know the letters, drawings, posters and games have been appreciated. Hopefully we can continue to maintain a link with our senior friends over the course of 2021. For more information go to <https://communityseniorletters.com/>



KEY DATES

Monday 14th December

Y6 Christmas party



Tuesday 15th December

Y4 Christmas party

Wednesday 16th December

Y3 Christmas party

Y6 to watch live stream of The Old Vic production in Camera series of 'A Christmas Carol'

Thursday 17th December

Y5 Christmas party

Friday 18th December (NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE)

NO CHANGE TO OUR END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Last day of term. Dismissal times and places are as follows:

12.45pm Year 4 via the front Village gate

1pm Year 3 via the front Village gate

1.15pm Year 5 via the back Turney gate

1.30pm Year 6 via the back Turney gate

YEAR GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTIES

We know the children look forward to their year group Christmas parties. Thank you to the PTA for providing a small snack and drink to get the party going! This year, instead of bringing in party clothes to change in to, we are allowing the children to come in wearing their outfits to school for the whole day.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
25	18	13	19

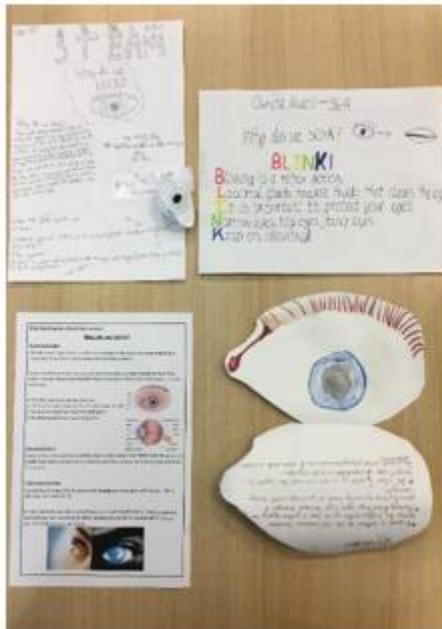
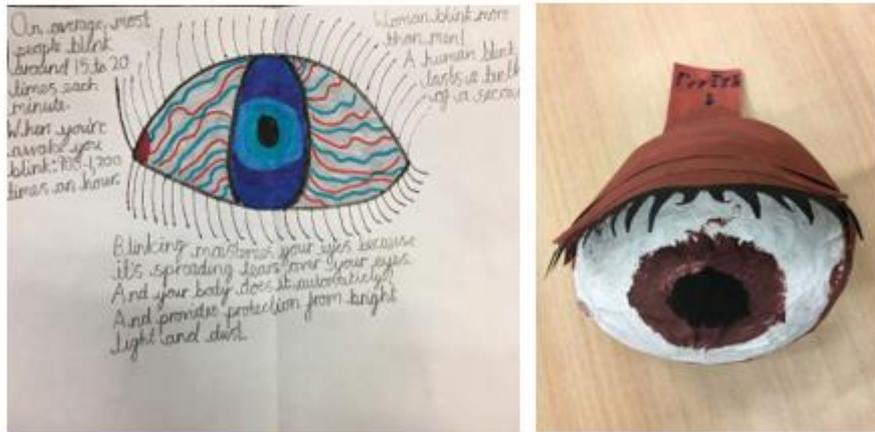
STEAM QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Wow! We were inundated with responses for this half term's STEAM question: Why do we blink? To say Miss Harris has learnt many new facts about our eyes would be an understatement. Thank you to all of the fascinating, unique entries we received across the school. See the photo below of just a small collection, including poems, information pages, paintings, 3D papier mâché eyes and more.

A huge congratulations to our winners from Year 3, 4 5 and 6:

Owura 3GR, Jacob 4B, Chloe 5P and Bilal 6N

January's STEAM question will be announced when we return to school for spring 1.



THANK YOU, PTA!

Our Turney and Village Halls are looking very Christmassy with two trees decorated by a team of PTA volunteers last week. Thank you for giving up your time to do this. It was lovely to see the reaction of the children when they arrived at school this week.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Fabrice and his A-team did us proud this week and put on a fantastic spread for our Christmas lunch. The children and staff came together in their year group bubbles to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner, with all the trimmings. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all - I don't think we have ever seen so many clean plates!

On the same day, we invited everyone to come in adorning their festive head gear. We were particularly impressed with Deklan's home-made creation! We are pleased to have raised £320 which will go to our Christmas charity: The Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group – a charity that is particularly close to our hearts this year. If you would like to donate online direct to the charity, please follow this link: <https://www.cclg.org.uk/Donate>

