



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 5 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 10

This week in Year 5

It was wonderful to meet with so many of you throughout the day on Wednesday - thank you for taking the time to come in. All of the children have settled into Year 5 excellently and are already progressing well, so it was nice to be able to discuss this with you in person. While we were meeting, the children enjoyed a fun (if chilly!) morning of sports at the Senior Boys' School.

Everyone took part in the Primary Maths Challenge yesterday, and Ms Foster and I are looking forward to seeing how they got on and discussing the tests with the children. In English, the much-anticipated mock trial took place, and Mr C Pig (to Lily's relief!) was found *not guilty*. We have also looked at introductions to balanced arguments, analysing the features and then using them in our own writing.

We also had a netball fixture yesterday, against Kew College. The class were split into two teams, and despite their best efforts, both teams lost (4-6 and 0-5). Although the results did not go our way, the children worked well as a team, tried their best and encouraged each other throughout, which is the most important thing!



Children in 5E wore odd socks last Friday to symbolise celebrating difference.

Things to Remember

- The Christmas Market is on Sunday 1st December 12pm to 4pm.
- The next Performance Tea is on Wednesday 4th December. You can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/KtR46pZ8ac>
- Book Look is on Monday 9th December from 8am until 8:45am.
- The Christmas Carol Service is on Thursday 12th December at St Mary's Kensington at 9:15am. There will be refreshments for parents in the Courtyard from 8:15am. Children to be in full school uniform, please.
- Thursday 12th December is also Christmas Lunch. Children are welcome to bring in Christmas jumpers and hats to wear after the Carol Service.
- Term ends at 11:30am on Friday 13th December.
- Thank you to those who have already joined ClassDojo. We launched this platform recently as a way of enabling quick communication between home and school. To connect to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:
<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CHQL6R8>

ClassDojo is also used to award and tally house points, so you will now be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

(NB. ClassDojo is free, you do not need to subscribe to ClassDojo Plus.)