

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE TRUST



NEWSLETTER 12 Tuesday 16th December



IMPORTANT NOTICE

YEAR 10 & 11 EXAMINATIONS Examinations for both Years 10 and 11 will start on Wednesday 7th January. Pupils have their timetable and have completed a revision programme. **Mrs Taylor**

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS AT KINGSWOOD COLLEGE TRUST

It has been a very hectic last week but with a very worthwhile twist. All the sleepless nights, headaches and frayed nerves have been worth it. The main reason for this is that the children have loved every minute of it and have quite possibly never experienced anything quite like it before (myself included!!)

Everyday Sam O'Grady aged 3 says *"Let's go and see the Christmas lights in the castle Liz"*

and the older children really enjoyed having Christmas lunch with the children in the dining hall.

The highlight of my Christmas here has been the wonderful comments from the parents regarding their children's Christmas art work, Breakfast with Santa and the Nativity. We only do what we do for the children, and to see their faces light up makes it all worthwhile. We hope that you have enjoyed it as much as we have. Next year will be bigger and better, just you wait and see! **Liz Fortune**

THE LAST WEEK

CAROL SINGING AT TESCO Last Friday we had another successful Carol Singing afternoon at Tesco's at Kew. We started at 13:00 and finished at 15:00. Many shoppers and Tesco staff stopped to listen and some even joined in. We raised £189 for the Marina Dalglish Cancer Appeal. Well done everyone who took part. **Mrs McWilliams**

INFANT PARTY All the Infants had a lovely afternoon on Tuesday. We all played party games together in the Gym and had a surprise visit from Father Christmas! This was followed by a few nibbles and more games in the classrooms. Well done with all the hats too - some lovely creations. **Miss Whitehouse**



We all played Musical statues, musical bumps and then we played a funny dressing-up game which was great fun. It was really funny to see the children dressed in the teacher's coats! Santa came to visit us and we all got a little present from him, he was a very lovely Santa. We even got a picture of our class with Santa to take home. We all went back to our classroom and had a great big party and a feast! We finished the day with pass the parcel and at the end we were so tired because we had so

much fun. **Francesca Medlicott & Grace Aspinall**

JUNIOR PARTY On Wednesday 10th December Year 6 had their Christmas party. First of all we played pass the parcel, it was really funny to see everyone doing the forfeits. Then we played musical chairs but with a difference, the difference was that the girls had to sit on the boys' knees. Then we went to the gym. In the gym we did running races and played happy families. We each got a card with an animal on it, we had to make the noise of the animal and find the other 4 members with the same animal. After this we went back to the classroom and had some cake. We played musical chairs again but this time the boys sat on the girls' knees, it was then time to go home. **Emily Marsh 6M**



THE LAST WEEK Cont/.....

SENIOR CHRISTINGLE SERVICE The annual Christingle Service for Senior pupils was held in the Chapel on Monday morning (8th December). It was a lovely occasion and most pupils remembered and had made their Christingles. Thank you to all for taking part in what has become a real tradition in our Christmas celebrations. **Mrs Taylor**

JUNIOR CHRISTINGLE In we went, holding our Christingle, trying not to let the candle go out. I was one of the readers. Firstly we placed our Christingle on the table in front of us. Then the service began. I learnt a lot of things from this assembly, now I know that the orange represents the world, the four cocktail sticks represent the four seasons and the candle represents the light. **Georgina Wong 6M**

INFANT CHRISTINGLE The night before the service we made a Christingle at home. We put lots of goodies on it and stuck a red ribbon round the middle of the orange. The next day we brought them in and we had to hold them very still as Mrs Borowski lit the candles for us. The Chapel looked very special with loads of little lights everywhere. We learnt that the candle represents Jesus, the light of the world that shines over everything. **Jasmine Uppal and Henry McDonnell 2G**



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA On Wednesday 10th December the local nurseries came to school for 'Breakfast with Santa'. I was an elf and my job was to serve breakfast and help with the activities. There were three different activities, you could decorate a biscuit, make reindeer dust and play on the activity table. The children also got to see Santa and got a present. Everyone had a lovely time but once everyone had gone home I had to clear up. **Milly Bolton 6M**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - Wednesday 10th December

At least 130 children attended Breakfast with Santa from over 5 local nurseries/centres. It was a huge success. The morning began with a very exciting entrance from Father Christmas, followed by a nutritious breakfast of muffins, fruit and toast. The children and adults then had the opportunity to experience some lovely activities including cooking, Rudolph reindeer dust and Santa's Grotto. As you can see from the

photographs a super time was had by all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the adults, children and teachers who supported before during and after the event. Your help is always appreciated. **Liz Fortune Nursery Manager**





THE LAST WEEK Cont/.....

MAGICAL CHRISTMAS What a lovely evening's entertainment! It was lovely to see every Year group, from Reception upwards represented. Shristi, aged 4, sang beautifully and Lily and Libby from my class - proud teacher - sang nicely and gave the song some real character with the movements. Year 2 too, did us proud with their recital about the toys. Francesca Yr 2 and Alex Yr 11 did their item very well too. The choral singing was performed very well and the first item by the Kingswood Singers was absolutely wonderful. The



fullness of the sound made you think there were twice as many singers. Every single person involved should be congratulated, including of course Mrs McWilliams who put it all together. I am sure there were many proud parents and other relatives and I know there were some very proud teachers too! **Miss Whitehouse**

On Thursday 12th December, the Chapel was transformed into a magical Christmas world. The whole evening was themed in black and red from the decorations to the costumes worn by the participants. The unique concert included memorable performances from all sections of the school and in-

involved the Junior Choir and Kingswood singers. The youngest pupil was Shristi, aged 4, who sang her solo confidently. The opening and closing items involved members of the choirs standing around the walls of the chapel and their singing gave a sweet resonance throughout the room. Year 2 amazed everyone with their poem delivered with passion and gusto while Lily Millar stole everyone's heart with her rendition of the 'Red, Red Robin'. The pupils' items were interspersed with amusing seasonal readings by members of staff. The evening ended with an encore of 'White Christmas' from the Year 11 girls and with a haunting violin solo from Eveie Robinson. The many people, staff and pupils, who helped in any way with 'Magical Christmas' should feel very proud of themselves. The whole evening will remain with all members of the audience for many years to come.



RECEPTION & BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Well done to all those children who participated in the 'Upsy Daisy Angel' Nativity on Friday 12th December. As a teacher and probably all those parents, grandparents and relatives who attended I was very proud of all the children. They put on a great performance. I would like to say a special well done to Shristi for her beautiful solo performance in the Nativity and Magical Christmas. To finish this year's Nativity we were joined by Beautiful Beginnings 0 - 3's. It was lovely to see all the ages come together and all in festive costumes. It was a magical morning and one for all to treasure in our memories. Happy Christmas. **Mrs Proctor**



THE LAST WEEK Cont/.....

THE PANTO We set off to the theatre in the minibus - expertly driven by Mrs Graham. The teachers joked that we were lost but we got to the theatre in good time. Cinderella was great. The costumes were very sparkly and colourful. We liked the Ugly Sisters too. Thank you to Mr Borowski for organizing the trip. **Year 3**

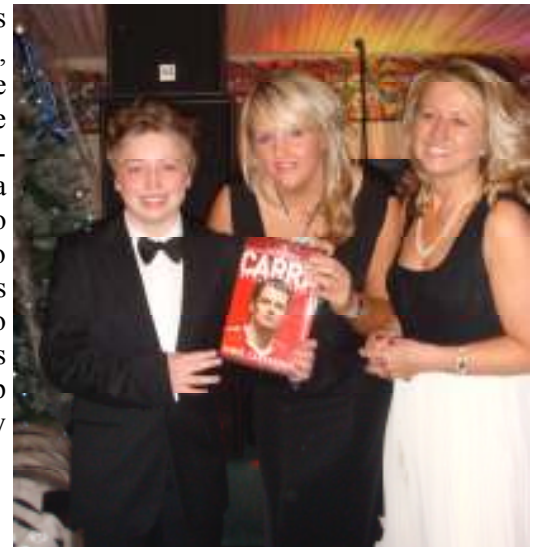
When we got to Liverpool theatre we sat right at the back row. The we had to wait five minutes for it to start but it was worth waiting for. There were dancers at the beginning. Then all of a sudden the fairy godmother came down from the sky. It was amazing! We thought that Buttons was the best character. He sang a weird song and this is the first verse 'On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me a bra that was meant to hold three'. It was a very good pantomime. **Katie Bayman, Charlie Millar & Amy Bell 5B**

FRIENDS OF KINGSWOOD COLLEGE

FRIENDS OF KINGSWOOD CHRISTMAS BALL 2008 - Saturday 6th December

A big thank you to all those who attended our first Family Ball. It was fantastic evening and was lovely to see all the girls and boys dressed up, and dancing the night away, with their families and friends, to all of the Abba favourites. One of the highlights of the evening was watching the men dress up in their aprons and chefs hats to take part in the turkey parade, and serve their table with their Christmas turkey. The night was a great success from beginning to end. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped before and during the evening. A special thank you must go to Colin, the school chef, and his team. Also to Mr. Wynne and Mr & Mrs

Morgan who supported us by clearing up on Sunday morning!



The photographer who was there on the night has put all photographs onto the following website, should anyone wish to purchase any. www.aievents.co.uk

FRIENDS OF KINGSWOOD CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Monday 8th December 2008

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying their Christmas lunch in the fantastically decorated Great Hall. The sound of the school choir singing Christmas carols, while Colin was carving the turkey added to the great Christmas atmosphere.

Thank you to all parents, friends, family and staff who have supported Friends of Kingswood throughout 2008. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best Wishes,

Lynda, Sue, Jade & Lynn

