

ST. PETER'S NEWS

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Fallen Tree Catastrophe

By Rory and Eliza

On the 5th of December 2024, a catastrophe occurred - the great tree above the ramp collapsed. This meant it had to be taken down or at least that is what is thought to happen.



Picture of the fallen tree

Above the ramp there was a tree. On the fifth of December 2024, a giant branch collapsed and smashed onto the NoMo. Being around fifty years old, the tree wasn't far from death, but in the night of the 4th of December, Croydon experienced extreme winds and a medium amount of hail.

Another reason the tree fell down was because of a mild ivy infection in the branch. It was turned into sawdust, so we asked Mrs Barriball what would happen to the rest of the tree.

'The tree surgeon came in on the 12th December.

When, they checked the tree, it turned out that it was dead and, that over the Christmas Holidays the tree will be forced to be cut down as it is a health and safety concern to the school. In addition, we are unsure about who the tree belongs to, the school or the building next door'.

After the Christmas holidays, the plans for the tree's removal are going to start. Students have started saying goodbye to the mighty tree as these next few weeks will be its last. So be prepared, as there may be more loud noises occurring over the next couple of weeks.

St Peters Sponsor

By Arthur

St Peters are going to sponsor an animal - but which will it be? Snow Leopard, Gorilla, Turtle, Tiger or a Rhino. All of the classes are voting for the animal they want. Here are some of the favorites. Maryam for one said, "I feel really bad for rhinos because they are old and grey and they look slow".

Drum roll! We reveal the winner out of all of the animals is a... SNOW LEOPARD. After all of the votes it came in it became are new sponsor.

Miss Gaston had this to say "It was a really close decision but the Snow Leopard received 90 votes and the turtle came second and received 84."

Taylor Swift:Yay Or Nay?

By Maya and Mila

Ever since the Eras Tour kicked off, Taylor Swift began to rise in popularity. She has become a world-famous artist, but is she really as great as she seems?

We have gone around the school, asking about people's opinion on Taylor Swift, Yay or Nay..?

"I think Taylor Swift has one of the best voices but her songs don't match her voice." Elijah (6T) stated. After hearing this opinion, we can tell that his is a Nay! We have gone back to interview another student. "I think Taylor Swift is a Yay because her songs are amazing and she stands up for people's rights." Rory (6G) Which is our first Yay.

After interviewing many pupils, we have interviewed teacher - Mrs Couch-Tranter.

What do you think of her songs?

"I love how they really show that songs are poetry set to music. I enjoy reading her lyrics as much as listening or singing along. Each has usually has got a play on words, a strong storyline or a message and of course, a sick beat!"

What do you think of her as a person?

"Taylor Swift seems to put out messages promoting kindness through songs and speeches which I highly rate. To me, she seems to prioritise sharing positivity, independence and understanding."



Picture of Taylor Swift during The Eras Tour

Overall, is it a Yay or Nay?

"It is a YAY with capital letters-from me!"

In conclusion, we have had very mixed opinions from teachers and pupils, but what do you think about Taylor Swift?

St. Peter's Wildlife Photographer of the Year

By Chloe and Tannoiya

A few weeks ago, our Eco captain-Mrs Gaston-announced a new competition - a photography challenge in which a variety of talented people sent spectacular pictures making the winner a difficult decision. The stakes were set even higher with a prize - a trip to the London aquarium. Let's hear what Mrs O'Donnell has to say about it. "I think it is a brilliant thing to ask children to do because it encourages them to go outside and look at nature more. That's why I think this challenge is great."

But what's so great about photography?

Photography can be anywhere, inside your house or even at school. But the main question is why is it so important, especially Eco photography? Over the years, photography has gotten more popular making schools give in on more photography.

The winners!

After weeks of waiting and many out of this world photos, let's find out who won in KS2 - Henry and Laura (3G), Reuben and Rayyan (4CT), Thorin and Francesca (4P) Maryam (6G and Maya (6T). Well done to everyone!

Teacher Talk: Mrs Zamir

By Rakhee & Adam

What was your favourite lesson in school?

'DT was my favourite subject in school. My favourite bit was when we made a wire that if it touched metal, it would beep and it would need lots of wood work.'

What's your favourite book?

It was The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton and made into a movie about two rival casts.'

What are your hobbies?

'My hobbies are crafting and mostly crochet, DIY and Textile like sewing and knitting'



If you could interview anyone in the world, present or deceased, who would that be and why?

'Emily Dickinson, who is a poet, is someone who I would interview.'

Who encouraged you to teacher crochet?

The year 5s encouraged me to crochet from 2015 because the more we did DIY club, the students loved crochet.'

How do you feel when you're doing crochet?

'I feel proud and rewarded when doing it.'

Find The Duck



Last half term, many pupils went to find a small hidden duck inside the school building. The duck was hidden in the stair case leading to year 3 and 4. The lucky pupil to find it was Chloe Headley (6T)! Congrats Chloe! Rory (6G) and Tannoiya (6G) are going to hide the duck again. This time, you are going to be given a clue. Clue: It is hidden in a place where you are transported to a different reality.

This Year's Winter Fair

By Rory and Lila

After many weeks of preparation, the St Peter's Winter fair took place in our school on the 30th of November 2024, from 12pm to 3pm. We went to find out more about this successful fair.

There was a wide variety of stalls including a cake stall, many games and a bottle tombola. We talked to a pupil to find out what their favourite stall was. Rex (Head Boy) stated "I liked Eliza's stall in 2MA because she was selling these amazing, cute crochet plushies"

The food consisted of hot-dogs, fries and samosas. When we tasted the food, it seemed very delicious and tasty. Many people tasted the food, so it probably made the most amount of money. So many people that we interviewed enjoyed the food.

The stalls were so much fun consisting of both games and stalls. There games such as Find The Gold At The End Of Olaf's Nose and Knock Santa Down The Chimney. There were stalls like the classic cake stall and the unusual shop in 2J.

During this fantastic fair there was a choir performance of many popular songs we sing every year. Many people participated in this show including Maya and Rex who had an amazing time .They sang lots of popular songs like C Is For Christmas, Go Tell It On The Mountain and Counting Down To Christmas.

All in all, the Christmas fair was a complete success. It raised a lot of money for the school and was enjoyed by many pupils, parents and even members of staff.

St. Peter's Jokes and Riddles

By Amritha

Jokes

1. Why do bees have sticky hair?
2. How do you put a baby spaceship to sleep?
3. Why was the car sleepy?
4. What kind of cat can you never trust?
5. How many skunks does it take to make a skunk stink?

Riddles

1. What do you call a fish who doesn't share?
2. What is a cup but can't hold water?

Word Search: Colors

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the colors in the grid. Look for them vertically and horizontally.



BLACK	PINK
BLUE	RED
BROWN	WHITE
GREEN	YELLOW
ORANGE	



ST PETERS year 1 and 2 nativity

By Rex and Eliza

This Christmas, Years 1 and 2 have worked very hard to produce their perfect performance. Everybody is buzzing, as 1 and 2 are going to make the perfect show for the school. The magic has begun.

Before the show

Mrs Burrows stated "So far we are working on our songs and the kids have learnt the lyrics and actions. The only struggle left now is to learn our lines which are not going so well". We asked some of St Peter's students and this is some of what they said 'I am not excited at all, wait my buddy is in the show. Oh, well I am so excited'. We also asked Mrs Sandle what she felt about the show and she said 'I am so excited - it is the best time of the year to watch the littles run about'.

Mrs McDonald also stated one week before the show 'The kids are doing very well, the only problem is we need to remember when to get on and off the stage, that is something we really need to work on'.

After the show

Rory (editor-in-chief) thinks 'It was very amusing!' and 'the songs were cute'

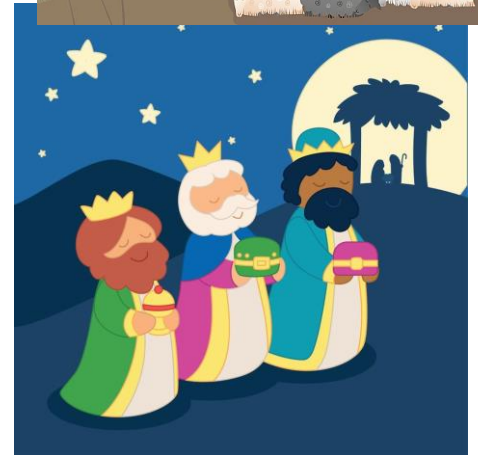
Richa (journalist) says her favourite part was the angel dance as the year 1s looked soooooooooo cute!

Mila (Year 5) said that she loved watching year 2 and the year 1s did an amazing job as well.

In Conclusion, both the students and teachers have worked very hard and the entire school is proud of them.

All the people involved

- Rory Rutt (Editor in Chief)
- Tannoiya Stewart (Editor in Chief)
- Chloe Hedley
- Arthur Bruce
- Rakhee Taylor
- Rex McDonald
- Mila McDonald
- Maya Swan
- Mia Button
- Amritha Gunasekaran
- Adam Khan
- Richa Premjith
- Eliza Hawtin
- Lila Newman



Answers	
Jokes	
1.	They use honeycombs
2.	You rocket
3.	It was tired
4.	A cheetah
5.	Just a phew
Riddles	
1.	sell-fish
2.	A cupcake