



# Merry Christmas from the Pre-Prep



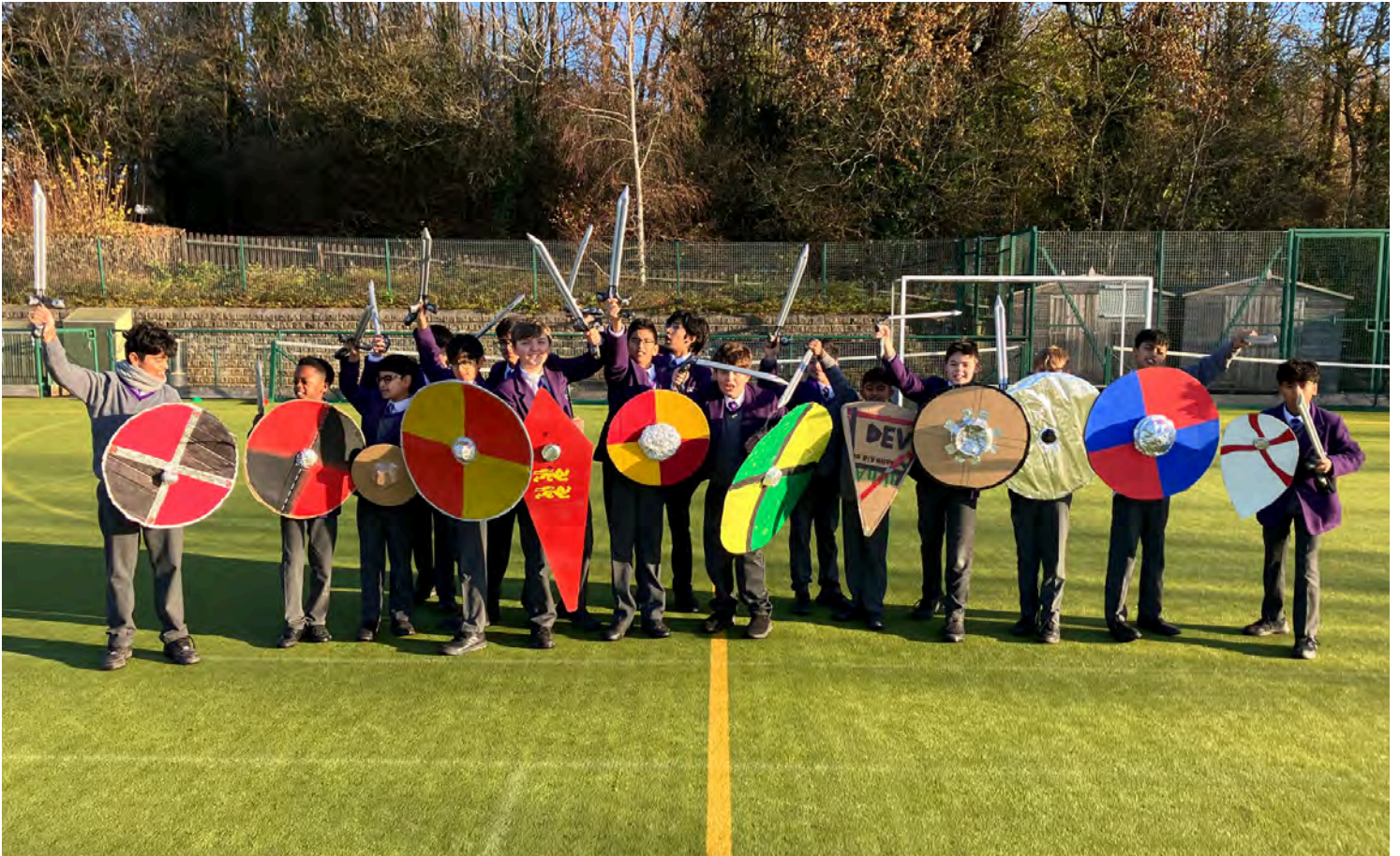
Our Christmas tree, and decorations are up, and there is plenty of festive spirit at School. Prep-Prep children performed four magical Christmas shows earlier in the week, in front of many parents and grandparents. They wore amazing costumes, spoke their lines beautifully, and sang their hearts out. Year 4 spent a wonderful day last Friday travelling to the magical land of Narnia. Meanwhile, our Year 7 boys travelled back in time and have enjoyed outdoor learning with their Battle of Hastings re-enactment project. The final of the Year 7 Persuasive Speaking competition also took place this week; I was delighted to see such a high standard across the Year group and congratulate the winners. Outdoors, our boys have been challenged and inspired by the first competitive rugby fixtures of the season. Next week sees more festive celebrations: I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Carol Service on Monday evening!

From the  
Headmaster



# Year 7 re-enacted the Battle of Hastings

Over the past few weeks Year 7 have been taking learning outside the classroom with a re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings. An impressive array of Saxon and Norman shields have been fashioned from cardboard to help create some degree of authenticity! We hope to use footage to create an imaginary news programme on the events of the battle.



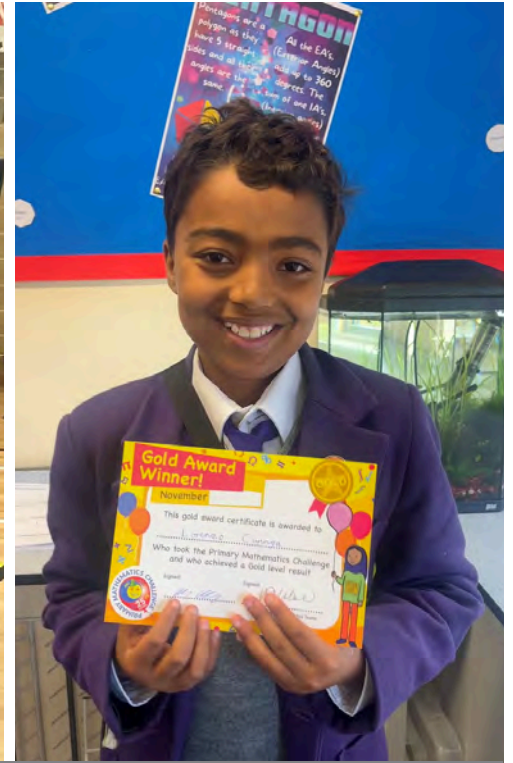


Our Year 7 Persuasive Speaking Competition followed careful analysis of some of the most powerful speeches in history. The assignment involved crafting and delivering a speech that incorporated some studied techniques. There were three impressive finalists. Dev spoke about 'The Gender Pay Gap'; Seb talked passionately about matters regarding 'The NHS' and Yuva persuaded us about the importance of solving the problems of 'Homelessness and Poverty'. Aren and Jay were also highly commended. Mr Horrocks and Mr Jenkin had a difficult choice selecting the overall winner, with Sebastian eventually taking the award for 2024.

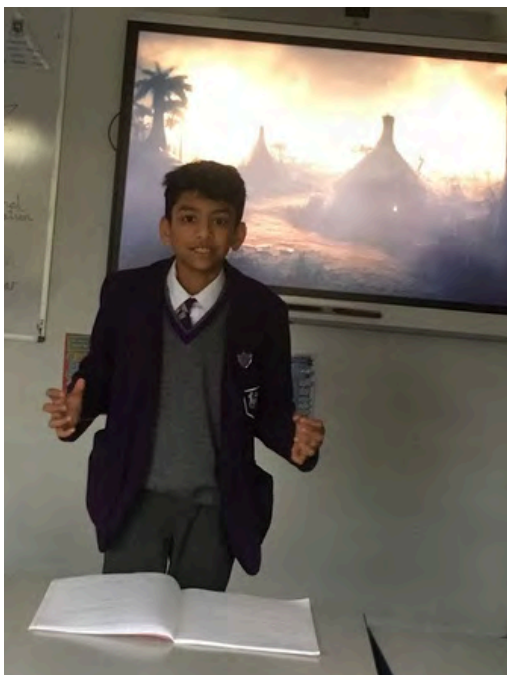


Under 13B team became the supporters club when their game was cancelled!

# AROUND SCHOOL

Recently, all of the boys in Year 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge, a national maths competition. Well done boys on achieving Gold Awards!



Year 5 wrote a short script based on the story of 'The Screaming Skull' to be performed on the radio with sound effects.



The Junior finalists for the Non-Fiction November Competition. There were some fabulous entries. Shaan was announced the winner with his wonderful origami advert.



# Nursery performed "A Bundle of Joy"





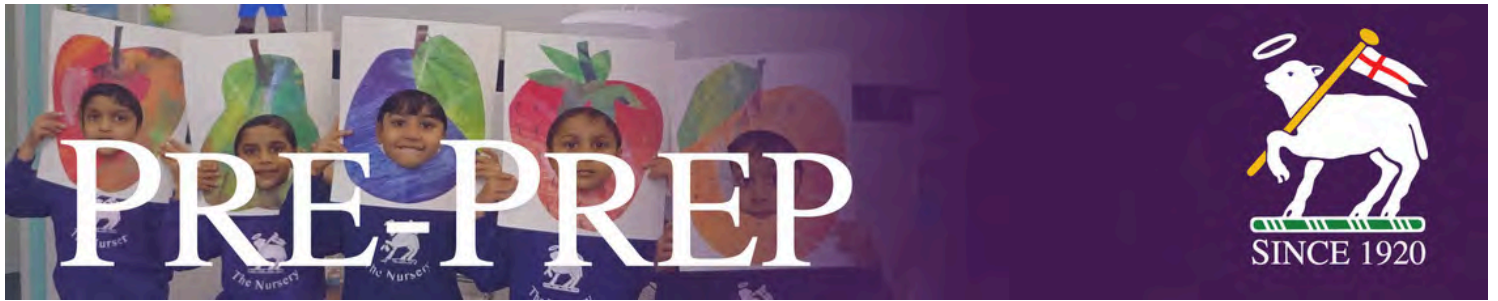
# Reception performed "Ralph the Reindeer"





# Year 1 performed "Simply the Nativity"





# Year 2 performed "Santa and the Beanstalk"







# Adventures in Narnia

Year 4 embraced the magic of The Chronicles of Narnia during an unforgettable Narnia Day. Dressed as their favourite characters, the boys worked together to create a stunning Narnia scene before re-creating iconic scenes through role play, bringing the story's magic to life. Hot chocolate and Turkish Delight added a delicious touch to the day. The celebration ended with a film screening, sparking excitement and lively discussions. It was a day of creativity, fun and unforgettable adventures in Narnia!





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# ART



## Magical snowflakes in the Art Room

Boys across the School have been enjoying the precision work and creativity in crafting 2D and 3D snowflakes. As in real life, no two snowflakes are ever the same! Year 8 have been creating wonderful Christmas stencils.





# Under 9, Under 12 and Under 13 Rugby

We played our first competitive matches of the season this week. In fact, the Year 4 boys played their first ever contact rugby matches. They had a fantastic time scoring tries and making tackles and showed great promise. The Under 13A and Under 12A team faced Davenies. The boys learnt a lot about themselves and where they need to get to. The boys should be very proud of their efforts, and we look forward to seeing their development through next term.







