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HOUSE POINTS

 WATER	 AIR	 FIRE	 EARTH
2962	2556	3817	3026

WHAT MAKE'S US DIFFERENT



CRITICAL THINKING



- PRIMARY NEWS -



In Early Years, the children have been busy learning about the World Around Us. They have been studying weather this term and have watched weather forecasts to learn about climates in different countries. They have had a great time taking it in turns to do a weather forecast for their classmates each morning and sorting out different clothes they wear in each season. The children had a great time experimenting with ice, having fun painting it and trying to make it melt. The snow came at a great time to allow the children to make lots of snowmen outside, before getting dressed up as snowmen for their Winter show.

Early Years love Art and Craft and have enjoyed creating different pictures to go with the Seasons using lots of different materials. They have been busily painting using different things such as paintbrushes, cotton buds and even their fingers. The children decorated the classroom with beautiful snowmen pictures and Autumn trees. After spending a lot of time outside as part of Forest Kindergarten, they enjoyed collecting natural resources such as sticks, leaves and pinecones then took them inside and used their imagination to make some beautiful winter pictures.



In the role play area, the children have had a great time learning through play being doctors and Post Office workers. They took on different roles in the 'Animal Hospital' and managed to treat lots of their teddy bear patients with bandages and medicine. Just before Christmas, the Early Years Post Office got very busy! The children have been busy sorting parcels, learning about stamps and writing letters to send. Each day the Post Box is emptied and the mail delivered.



- PRIMARY WINTER SHOW -

Congratulations to all the upper primary students for a fun and entertaining winter performance!

The musical tells the tale of a small village in Switzerland, whose citizens desperately need a hero to save them from a monstrous dragon – only to find out that the dragon is a friend, not a foe.

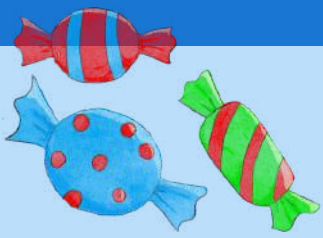
The hour long performance included acting, singing and dancing. Special thanks go to Mr McVeigh, Mrs Correa and Ms MacMillan for directing the show.





- LOWER PRIMARY WINTER SHOW -





- PRIMARY NEWS -

Look who visited us! In Swiss Christmas folklore, Samichlaus and Schmutzli are much-loved figures, bringing a unique blend of fun and tradition to the festive season. Samichlaus, much like Santa Claus, is the embodiment of warmth and generosity. Dressed in his iconic red robe and bishop's mitre, he's every child's favourite, known for bringing gifts and spreading joy.





- PRIMARY NEWS -

The EAL teachers have been busy working with small groups of children to improve their reading and comprehension in English or, in some cases, to really boost their vocabulary and learning. The children have enjoyed learning English through stories, songs, videos, games and worksheets. It's fun and interactive!

Children starting with English receive help and support from the EAL Team and they really benefit from the small group and encouraging atmosphere. We are so pleased to be seeing such improvements already.

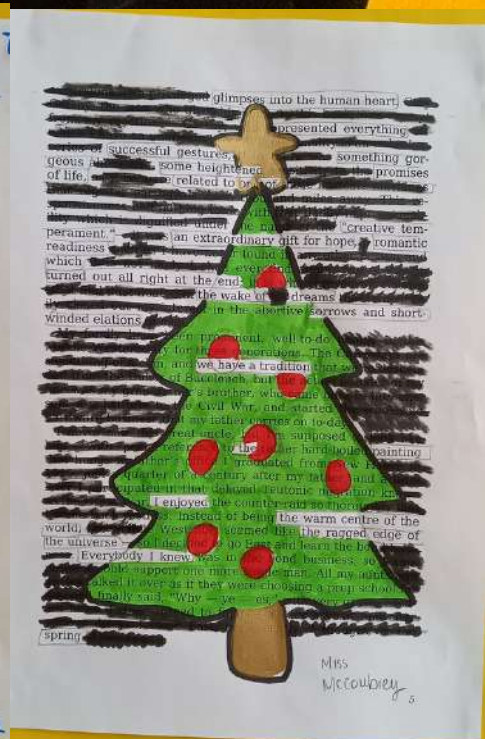
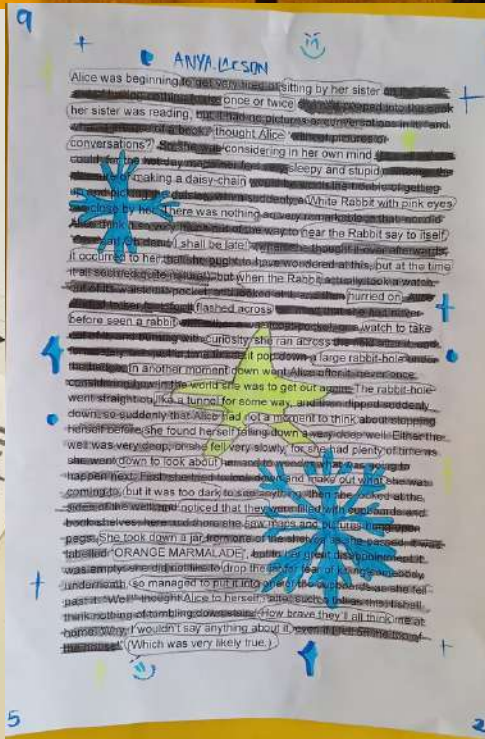


- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -



In **English** this week, **key stage three** students have been working on creating some festive 'blackout poetry'! With its origins being from the eighteenth century, blackout poetry (also known as erasure or redacted poetry) has a goal of using pre-existing texts to create something totally unique. In this form of poetry, some sections from the original text are kept, while other parts are 'blacked out' to produce a brand new, original piece.

The Year 7 students had a great time choosing their words, creating alternative meanings and were very proud of the end results! It's a liberating way to approach poetry, allowing students to see that they can create something beautiful and meaningful from someone else's thoughts...





- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

What a term it has been in Middle & High School! Alongside our regular lessons and learning, we have been participating in activities such as Racing Unleashed, 2023 Inktober, Halloween celebrations, the Christmas Fair, International Schools Week at Sage College and Prize Giving of IGCSE and A Level certificates from Summer 2023's exams.



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This piece of coursework is a descriptive piece of writing, which gives students the opportunity to create images, use a wide range of language devices and to develop an atmosphere for their reader. The idea of this piece is to make what is ordinary, EXTRA-ordinary!



Descriptive coursework allows students to write in the present tense, focusing on the five senses in their writing. Good descriptive pieces include thoughts and feelings, vocabulary used for a specific effect, a sense of place and a 'moment in time' style of writing.

For their iGCSE, all students must produce three pieces of writing which will account for 50% of their overall grade at the end of their studies.

-HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -



- ISCS CHRISTMAS FAIR -



The Christmas fair was a festive occasion for students and parents. Students from different year groups, along with their tutors, prepared stands to sell various items. They offered everything from science experiment kits and traditional food to Christmas cards and artwork. The proceeds from the fair will be donated to the Achuar Community in Ecuador. These events play a key role in building a sense of community, fostering friendships, and enhancing our school's holistic educational experience.



- END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS -

To finish this term, we celebrated a whole school assembly. There were some speeches, as well as a song perfectly performed by Primary students. Moreover, each teacher gave a student-of-the-term certificate, which made the assembly very special. Finally, we enjoyed the traditional ISCS Got Talent Show.

