



The Roche School Christmas Newsletter

The first day of term is 7th January
Dr Roche and all of the staff wish you
a happy Christmas

Mind over chatter

Once again it was time for parents to pit their wits at The Roche School annual quiz night - and they raised £500 to help buy IT equipment for the school.

As well as enjoying supper and a chat, teams displayed some impressive Mastermind skills during the evening at The Earl Spencer pub in November. With questions ranging from what a Humpty Dumpty originally was to naming past X Factor winners, there was something to tax even the sharpest of brains.

Jo Fierro led her Year 2 table to victory, with each of the 10 team members winning a bottle of wine. "It always caps the evening to win because you take home some lovely wine!" said team mate Sophia Peto

Chess champions on show

On 31st October Max P C, Robbie Nobel, Richard Brann and Toby Reynolds represented our school in the under 9's division in the Aldro Inter Schools Team Chess Championships taking an impressive 3rd place and the bronze medal. Well done!

Children take penalties at Premier League Fulham

Boys from across the year groups were treated by their parents to a visit to Premiership football team Fulham to see them beat Blackburn and during the half time interval went onto the pitch and took penalties in front of the watching crowd. The children had a great time and the loudest cheer from the crowd came when Daniel Pre-Fontaine fed a cute little ball through the legs of Henry Williams and scored.



Bringing history to life in Year 1

This term one of the parents Mr O'Malley very kindly gave a talk about his ancestor the pirate and trader Grace O'Malley. He brought in maps and various other secondary resources and helped the children understand the historical background to the life of the pirate queen. The children then watched a short documentary on Grace O'Malley and were able to ask Mr O'Malley questions about his family clan and the meaning behind the symbols on his family crest. It was wonderful to have this piece of Tudor history brought to life - our thanks to Mr O'Malley.

Laptops for school

The fete committee are in the process of arranging for some laptop computers to be purchased for the school so that ICT lessons can also take place in the classroom if needed whenever the computer suite on the ground floor is busy. The new computers will allow greater flexibility when scheduling ICT lessons. Our thanks go to all involved in fundraising events.

Year 6 raise cash for charity

On Tuesday 15th December Year 6 held a cake sale during morning break on behalf of the National Autistic Society and raised a whopping £220. Many of the cakes were home-made and I can personally say they were yummy. Well done to all of the boys and girls involved.



Sport

We have had several football and netball matches with other schools and as always our teams have performed with great credit. Years 5 & 6 football and netball teams are playing to a really high level. There are also some promising players coming through in lower year groups so we have a lot to look forward to. Below - Netball girls at a Thomas's event.



Children wow the parents

The two main productions, The Jungle Book and The Star Attraction, by Year 2 and Reception respectively were a great success. The children were true to the old saying "it will be alright on the night." There were times when the teachers wondered if the children would pull it off but as usual the children rose to the occasion with some stunning performances. Well done! There was also an end of term concert for parents which was a lively affair with some familiar songs among the arrangements.



Remember your reading

Don't forget that we always recommend that you try and read during long holidays, even if only for a short while each day. It is a great way of increasing your vocabulary and experiencing how others structure their stories. If you come across a particularly good book then why not write a review of it and talk about it in assembly when we get back.

Please note that Years 2 and upwards are playing hockey next term and will need to bring a gumshield to all afternoon games lessons.