



Junior Claremont News

Claremont Fan Court School

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Dear Parents

I hope that, as you read through our news for the past fortnight, you sense the enjoyment the children get from the variety of educational experiences they receive in the Upper Juniors. I can assure you that there is much more which we couldn't fit into these two pages. For the final sports reports look on the School website to read of the outstanding season the boys' football teams have had. The girls have also had their successes with netball this term. Now that Advent calendars are appearing and Christingles are being made, Christmas performances are just around the corner. Next week is bursting with Christmas fare. The Upper Juniors look forward to sharing with you the Christmas story in a joyous occasion of songs, carols and readings next Tuesday evening at 7 pm. Information about times and uniform were in the letter sent to all parents. Also, Year 3 children have been practising for their lively rendition of the Nativity that they will give to their parents on Thursday 8 December at 9 am. And finally, the UJ PTA have been amassing goodies, organising fun and games and busily preparing for their annual Christmas Fair on Friday 9 December at 3:00 pm. With the clubs and activities soon coming to an end for this term, I want to remind you that there is still space next term in the Keyboard Skills and Touch Typing Club, Ballet, Judo and Chess Club.

Best Wishes, David Ford



Year 3

Year 3 have been investigating play scripts in their literacy work over the last two weeks. Apart from rehearsing for their Christmas play, which is now well under way, they have also been learning to write play scripts for a pantomime scene. The children have had a lot of fun coming up with jokes and insulting comments for their Ugly Stepsister characters to say to one another! They have also been creating calligrams and writing their own cinquain poems.

You can see by their smiles that Year 3 have enjoyed making models of 3D shapes in mathematics with straws and masking tape, to consolidate their understanding of faces, vertices and edges work.

Year 4

Ask the children what their favourite learning activity is at the moment, and they would cry, "Making our Norman shields!" Character qualities were discussed and particular symbols and colours chosen to represent themselves; exactly as knights in 1066 would have done. These shields were then used as props to re-enact their own scene from the Battle of Hastings with a pantomime twist. The walled garden was the stage where they managed to act themselves out of many a sticky situation, thinking carefully about facial expressions. Thankfully a camera was at hand to record these events and the children discussed possible 'panto' phrases to add. Please do stop by the Pantomime Board in the UJ hall and the Year 4 classrooms to see our scenes fully resplendent with stage curtains!



