

# The School Newspaper Team



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Age: 7

Favourite Lesson: Maths

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Age: 8

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Age: 9

Favourite Lesson: Maths

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Age: 8

Favourite Lesson: Literacy

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Age: 9

Favourite Lesson: Literacy

## Demi-Leigh

Class: 4KG

Age: 9

Favourite Lesson: R.E

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Class: 6LB

Age: 10

Favourite Lesson: Literacy

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Age: 10

Favourite Lesson: Maths

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Favourite Lesson: Literacy

Over the last 7 weeks, this budding group of journalists have researched, interviewed and written reports based on everything we have done in Autumn term at Smith's Wood Primary Academy.

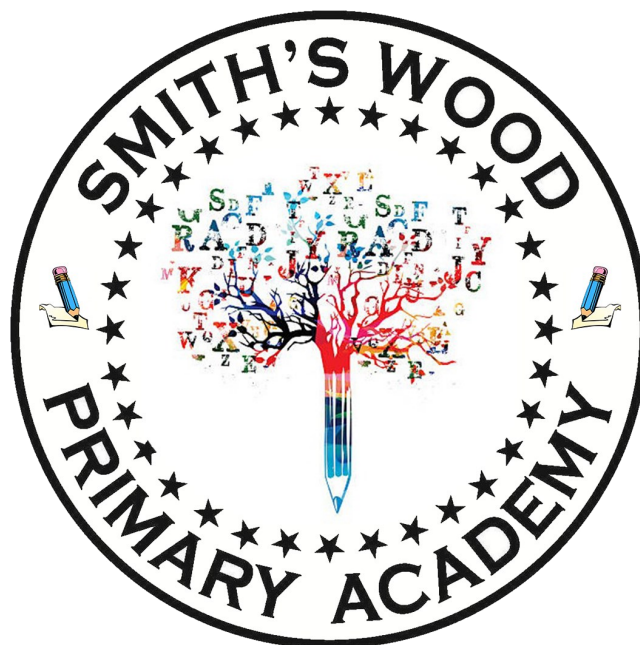
I think you'll agree, we have participated in many events, attended many trips, and most importantly, learnt a lot!

They have worked incredibly hard to write these reports, and have helped me to put the whole newspaper together.

Each journalist has had the opportunity to write about an event of their choice, and we realised whilst reporting, what an abundance of activities we have going on at Smiths Wood Primary Academy!

We hope you enjoy reading!

**Reported by Miss Boobyer**





# More Than A



# School Newspaper

## **Rowing for Gold!**

Three weeks ago, the Year 6 boys, girls and girls B team represented Smith's Wood Primary Academy at the rowing competition semi-finals, where the stakes were high.

It was a close completion, involving individual 90 second heats and a team relay race. It was reported that each team and person tried their best for outstanding results.

The following week, it was confirmed that Smith's Wood Primary Academy's teams (all three) would perform at the finals on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, competing for a place in the School Games contest. Boys team member, Samuel Nnoko stated that he was "thrilled to be able to represent the school at such an important competition, and is really looking forward to it."

It has recently been revealed that only one team can go forward to the School Games, so not only are the teams competing against other schools, but against each other, which is pressurising!

It has been witnessed that all the teams are putting in the effort to train for the finals whenever they can, so that they can receive the ultimate scores for their school.



On Thursday 24th November, the 12 year 6 children were finally able to put all their hard work to the test and the girls and boys A teams both won gold! The girls B team were close behind and all children made the school proud. The A teams will now represent our school at the School Games later on this year.

**Reported by Samuel and Alessandra  
(Y6)**

# Meet our new teachers...

## Miss Timmins

**What inspired you to become a teacher?**

*As a child, I had good teachers, and I like to help children with their learning.*

**If you won the lottery and quit teaching, what would you like to do?**

*I'd like to move to America. I love it there!*

**Do you have any secret talents?**

*I can play the keyboard.*

**If you were an animal, what animal would you be and why?**

*I'd be a cheetah, because I can run fast.*

**Who is your favourite student?**

*I don't have a favourite - they are all fantastic!*



Interviewed by: Olivia (Y5), Alexandra (Y5) and Scarlett (Y5)

## Mr Wade

**What was your dream job when you were growing up?**

*I always wanted to be a palaeontologist, because I loved learning about dinosaurs.*

**If you were a child and could be in any class, what class would you like to be in?**

*I'd love to be in 6LB!*

**If you were in a Hogwarts house, which one would you be in?**

*I've done the test before, and I'm in Ravenclaw, because I like reading.*

**Can you speak any other language?**

*Yes, I can speak fluent French, and am trying to learn Korean!*

**If you were abandoned on an island, what would you do?**

*I would probably cry!*



Interviewed by: Isabelle (Y4), Jaiden (Y4), Dragos (Y3) and Tom (Y3)

**Mrs Richardson**

**Was becoming a teacher your dream job? If not, what was?**

*Teaching has always been my dream job!*

**What made you want to join Smith's Wood Primary School?**

*It's one big community, it's always fun and everyone's happy.*

**What would be your final meal?**

*A roast dinner (with pudding of course!)*

**Do you have any children?**

*Yes! I have 4 sons who keep me busy!*



**Interviewed by: Demi-Leigh (Y4)**

**Miss Green**

**What is your favourite chocolate bar?**

*That's a very hard choice, but I would have to say a Wispa!*

**If you weren't a teacher, what job would you do?**

*I would probably work in a bookshop because I love books!*

**If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

*I would have to say pasta!*

**What is your favourite day of the week?**

*Definitely a Sunday - I love having a roast dinner!*



**Interviewed by: Samuel (Y6)**

**Mrs Hobbis**

**What did you want to be when you were younger?**

*I wanted to be a speech therapist whilst I was at Secondary School.*

**If you won the lottery, what would you like to do?**

*I'd move to Wales, and do lots of dog-walking.*

**Do you have any secret talents?**

*I can say the alphabet backwards!*

**If you were stuck on a desert island, what would you take with you?**

*My family!*

**If you could drink tea or coffee forever, which would it be? Why?**

*Neither, I don't like any of them!*



**Interviewed by: Sophie (Y3), Alessandra (Y6) and Phoebe (Y6)**

# Autumn Term Events

## Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a big celebration in the UK and in every other country who celebrate it.

It takes place on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. The reason why it takes place on this particular date is because this was when WW1 officially ended, 11am, 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918.

When I asked what the favourite parts of the day were, Ava replied, “my

favourite part was when we painted the poppies”. Throughout the week of remembrance, all children throughout the school created these poppies for our walk down to nursery and the 4D room. What do you think of our poppy display?

**Reported by: Demi-Leigh (Y4)**



## Save The World Club



In this club, a group of children do so many things to make the world last longer and SAVE IT!

A member of this club, Jasmine (Y5) has stated, “My favourite thing is probably when we made art with natural materials such as: leaves, acorns and pinecones.”

Blesing (Y5) stated, “I enjoy this club as I get to save the world and I also get to have fun while I spend time with other pupils”.

During one week, they went litter picking around the playground and managed to find 9 bags of rubbish!

Since then, the food waste bins have

been put onto the playground to encourage children to help us make compost to use on the school allotment!

They have also been creating posters to put by light switches to remind teachers to turn the lights off when they're not needed. They have been writing persuasive letters to Miss Givens to try and help encourage all teachers and children to join us them saving the world!

**Reported by Alexandra (Y5) & Olivia (Y5)**



# Autumn Term Events

## Children In Need

In November, we raised over £1000 for Children In Need.

On Friday 18th November, we wore Pudsey ears and our PJs and donated money to the charity.

Also, we had a range of activities! We got to have a penalty shoot-out against Mr Meers, order and eat delicious cookies and buy lots of Pudsey related

things such as wristbands and badges.

Lots of people enjoyed that week, and Miss Cruise organised the whole day to raise lots of money for the charity!

**Reported by Sophie, Tom and Dragos (Y3)**



## Languages Day

Willkommen! Hola! Bem-vindo!  
Hwanyeong!

Languages Day this year was held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We had Languages day to celebrate the cultures of other places and countries.

Nursery did the UK, Reception did France, Year 1 did South Korea, Year 2 did Belgium, Year 3 did Portugal, Year 4 did Germany, Year 5 did Brazil and Year 6 did Mexico.



People dressed up in the colours of the flag of their country and throughout the day, children learnt numbers and words in the language that their chosen country mainly uses.

Their chosen country could be linked to a topic that a year group are doing, for example, Year 4 had Germany and they are learning about WW1 and 2. Mrs Barton, the head of MFL (Modern Foreign Languages), said that she liked seeing people trying new things, and loved hearing the different languages being taught throughout the school.

**Reported by Isabelle, Jaiden and Demi-Leigh (Y4)**



# Terrific Trips

## All Things Wild

This year, year 3 went on the best trip: All Things Wild! On this trip, we did lots of fun activities, including riding a dinosaur train. We even got to go in a dinosaur barn! However, this trip is not only about dinosaurs, as we started by looking at real animals! We even saw an enormous chinchilla.

The most fascinating thing about the trip was that when we went into the

dinosaur-barn, we saw an enormous skull! The trip was brilliant and gave us lots of information for our dinosaur topic.

**Reported by: Dragos, Tom & Sophie (Y3)**



## Holdenby House

This half term, year 4 have been learning about the World Wars, and experiencing what life was like as an evacuee at Holdenby House.

During our Topic, we went to the 4D room to truly experience what life was like in the trenches. It was horrible! They weren't very spacious, and were completely revolting!

On Thursday 1st December, all of the year 4s dressed up as evacuees for their trip to Holdenby House. Whilst there, the children saw what a real life air raid shelter was like, and found out what it would have been like as an evacuee.

Before going to Holdenby House, the children made gas mask boxes with their names and address of the school,

just like the evacuees in WW2 would have done. Throughout the topic, they have also learnt the importance of Remembrance Day, and created their own poppy displays in the year 4 classrooms.

**Reported by: Jaiden & Isabelle (Y4)**





# We are NOT amused!

Last half-term, Year 6 learnt about the Victorian era. This included: royalty, famous people, amazing inventions, and much more!

During the first week of school, Year 6 had a "Victorian Day," where they dressed up as Victorian children and experienced an accurate school day from that era! However, many things that Victorian teachers did back then are now illegal, so, thankfully, there wasn't any violence included in this thrilling day.

A few weeks after, just before the end of the half-term, Year 6 all took part in an educational school trip to the "Black Country Museum," where they had the opportunity to see old buildings and shops, which had been rebuilt into the Black Country Museum so that people can see them all in the same place.

During this trip, they also had money to buy chips, sweets, and/or something from the gift shop, which they visited at the end of the trip. Including this, Year 6 were allowed to watch a silent slap-stick movie in an old-fashioned cinema. They learnt and experienced

many things on this trip, and everyone enjoyed it.

Year 6 took part in a lot of fun activities such as making their own silent movies, where they had to act without speaking and had to use more actions, so the audience knew what was going on. Alessandra Balmus, a Year 6 pupil, stated, "It was quite difficult and very amusing," after making her own silent movie. Including this, they also learnt about the famous designer/artist, William Morris, and even tried to make their own art based on his designs!

At the start of the year, they learnt about monarchs, including Queen Victoria's life and family. They also created a timeline on the Victorian era and many incredible pieces of work based on the 1800s. Many pupils enjoyed this half-term!

**Reported by: Phoebe (Y6)**



# Christmas Events

## Christmas Jumper Day

On 7<sup>th</sup> of December, the whole school took part in helping the charity, 'Save the Children,' by wearing a festive jumper and donating £1. Including this, many children and staff had a delicious Christmas dinner, which, as many

people agree, was worth the wait.

As well as this, every year group did a fun activity in the afternoon; in Year 6, they designed and made their own Christmas cards from just red or green cards. Their designs were very merry and inventive indeed!

**Reported by Alessandra and Phoebe (Y6)**

## Christmas Dinner

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, children from Reception to Year 6 took part in the schools' annual Christmas Dinner.

The Christmas Dinner consisted of Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, carrots and peas, all topped of in gravy. The meal also included 3 optional pudding options such as a Chocolate Cracknel, a Christmas pudding or a Christmas Tree shaped strawberry ice-cream with a milk chocolate frame surrounding it.

The meal queues were chaotic due to the high demand of Christmas dinner and how many people that usually have packed lunch that decided to have Christmas dinner just this one time. Consequently, a lot of children arrived late to lessons, however most said the time spent eating was either deliberate or they were enjoying it so much that they took their time to finish it to the best of their ability.

Before lunchtime began, children switched from their Literacy groups back to their normal classes. This was because they were due to pull their Christmas crackers. Inside of their crackers contained items such as coloured hats, dodgy jokes and stickers that barely stick. However, even though the crackers were dodgy, most children still appreciated them.

**Reported by Samuel (Y6)**



# Merry Quiz-mas!

Want to test yourself with a cool quiz? Then try to beat our leaders of the school - remember to share this with your parents too!

Can you beat them? (No sneaky peaks at the answers!)

Created by: Samuel Alessandra & Phoebe (Y6)

**Q1.** Underline the relative clause in the sentence:

Smith's Wood Primary Academy, which is an award-winning school, has recently released a newspaper.

**Q2.** ET has eaten skittles in a ratio of 3:8. If he ate 132 skittles, what was the ratio worth?

**Q3.** Translate this Spanish phrase: Hola, nuevo amigo, como estas? Me nombre es Senorita Boobyer.

**Q4.** Complete the lyrics of this Christmas song (clue: it features in Home Alone 2):

The cold wind is blowing and the streets are getting dark, I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q5.** Which former British monarch wore black for the rest of her life to mourn?

**Q6.** Name three Elvis Presley songs.

**Q7.** Which year did the Titanic sink?

**Q8.** Who did Queen Victoria marry and how was she related to him?

**Q9.** Name two things the Suffragettes did in order to give women votes.

**Q10.** In which Charles Dickens' book is the main character Pip Pirrip?

Q5) Queen Victoria

where to start

Q4) I'm writing you a letter and I don't know

Miss Boobyer

Q3) Hello new friend, how are you? My name is

Q7) 1912

All Shook Up, etc

Q2) 36:96

Q1) which is an award-winning school

Q6) Jailbreak, Heartbreak Hotel, Hound Dog,

Q9) Threw bricks, blocked roads, blocked

horse races, chained themselves, etc

Q10) Great Expectations

Q8) Albert, her cousin

# Puzzle Page

Have a go at finding all of the Christmas words in this word search! House point if you can find all 16!

Designed by: Scarlett (Y5)

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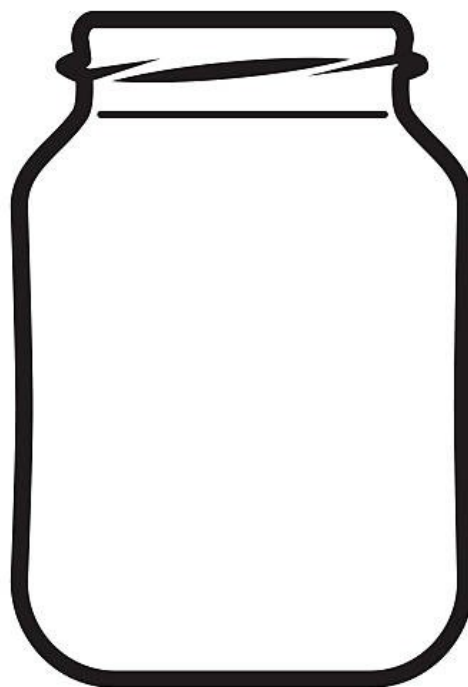
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HOLIDAY

# Wellbeing

Have a go at this Christmas inspired colouring to help keep you calm and relaxed this holiday.



Fill this 'Gratitude Jar' with everything you are thankful for this Christmas.



# Important Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 3rd January	STAFF INSET School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 4th January	School re-opens to all pupils
Thursday 16th February	Parents Evening
Friday 17th February	Finish for half-term
Monday 27th February	School re-opens to all pupils for Spring 2