

Newsletter



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Friday 4th December 2020



We would like to say a huge thank you to Yarnton Home and Garden Centre for our beautiful Christmas tree!

Please see inside for our Christmas Challenge winners for this week!



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
THIS IS A



**PEANUT/NUT FREE
SCHOOL**

We currently have two children who have serious nut allergies. Please remember that we don't allow any nuts or nut products in school. **This includes Nutella.** Thank you for helping us to keep St Peter's School a safe place.



Thank you for all your donations of clothes and other textiles for Bags2School. We received a huge pile of bags! We will let you know the amount we raised soon.



smile.amazon.co.uk

HIPPPEEE! 🍷

We are now registered on Amazon!

Every time you buy something through Amazon, SPSA will get a donation!

Click on the link below to get started 😊 😊 😊

To find us...its:

St Peters School Association - STANDLAKE EW

(no punctuation in St Peter's!)

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1023888-0>

We only have 7 tea towels left!
If you want to buy one of the last few, please go to the shop area of ParentMail.

Zoom SPSA Meeting - Weds 9th Dec - 8pm

Meeting ID: 850 1883 0392

All welcome!

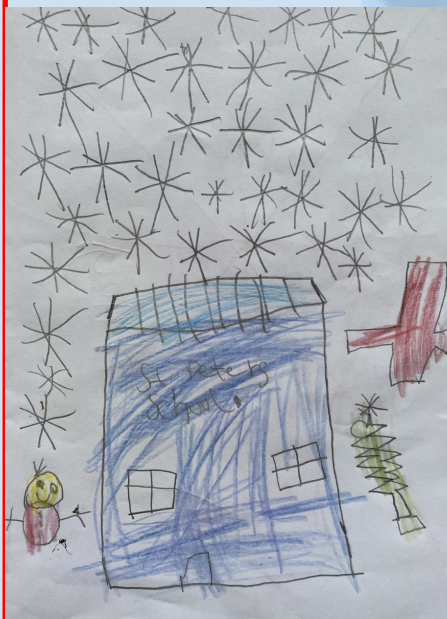
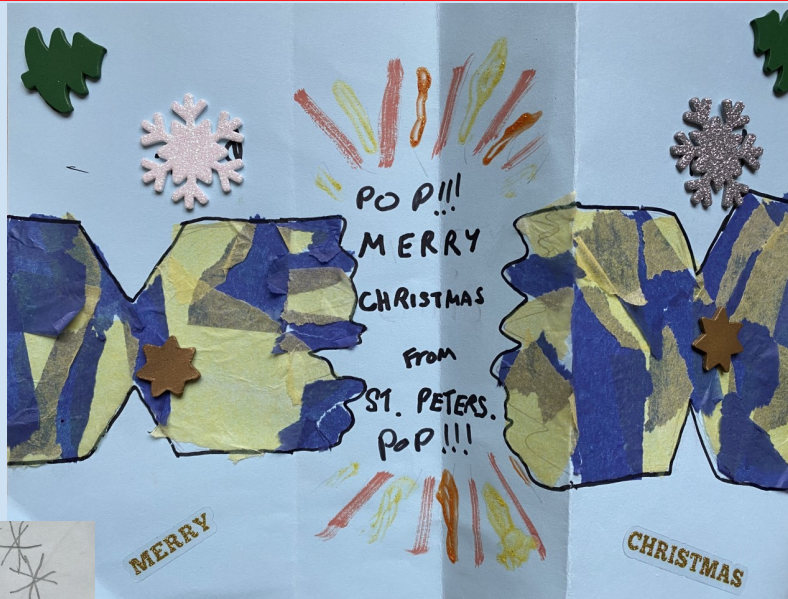
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SPSA Christmas Raffle

If you have any raffle tickets left that you can't sell, please bring them back as soon as possible.

Along with a range of super prizes, there will also be a small prize for the children in the class that sells the most tickets.

- Tickets cost £1 or £5 a book
- **Money & ticket stubs to be returned to the class teacher by FRIDAY DECEMBER 11**
- Raffle drawn on Facebook Live on Monday December 14
- If you need more tickets, please let your child's teacher know and Emily will pop more in their book bag.



Day 1 winners—Christmas cards

Well done to Poppy Taylor, Isla Edwards & Abbie Morton



Day 2 winners—Christmas decorations

Well done to Tommy Fleetwood, Alice Cox, Hayden Jeeves Abi Want

Day 3 winners—Christmas joke or tongue twister

Well done to Annie Baxter, Flora van der Hoorn & Cadi Jones

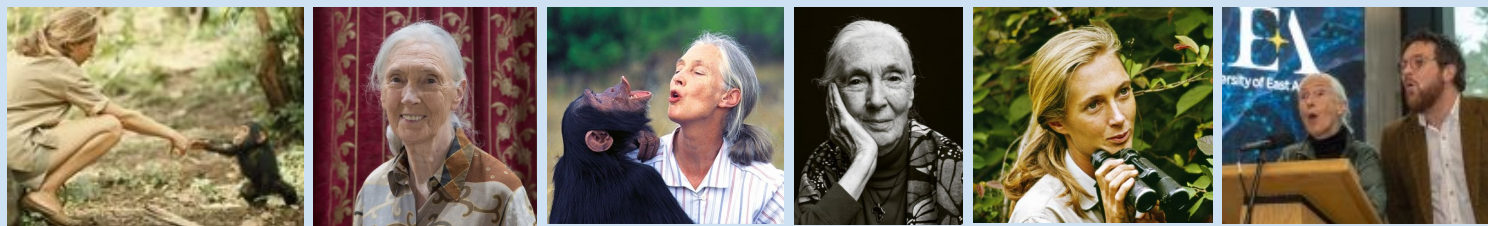


Day 4 winners—Christmas picture

Well done to Beau Jameson, Ffion Jones, Tom Morton & Amelie Johnson



Jane Goodall Competition!



These competitions are from Jane Goodall's 'Roots & Shoots' programme which we have just signed up to. If your child would like to enter one of the competitions, please email me their entry to office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk, marked Roots and Shoots and I will submit them together.

Key Stage 1: students aged 5-7 (school years 1-2)

Task: Imagine and draw your own weird and wonderful creature!

Annotate your drawing.

Think about where your creature lives, what it eats and what adaptations it has and why? Is it camouflaged or does it display warning colours to scare off enemies?

The more imaginative your drawing, the better!

Key Stage 2: students aged 7-11 (school years 3-6)

Task: In 500 words: what was the most important invention of the 20th century, and what do you think the most important one of the 21st century might be, and why?

How did your chosen 20th century invention impact human society and the environment?

Did it bring any negative side effects?

What impacts could your 21st century invention bring?

Competition entries are to be submitted digitally.

This competitions have the following prize categories for winning students:

1st prize: £500 book vouchers / learning resources

2nd prize: £300 book vouchers / learning resources

3rd prize: £200 book vouchers / learning resources

PLUS the schools of ALL prize winners receive £1,000 each to use towards a trip or excursion.

This competitions close on December 31st 2020, winners will be announced in January 2021.

Good Luck!

Please go to <https://www.rootsnshoots.org.uk/> for more information!



Important Information



Oak Class

As our lunchtimes are spent in the Forest School area, please could children have a spare change of clothes in school with them they get muddy or wet at lunchtime.

Thank you,
Oak Class team



Apple Tree Class

Please be aware that we usually have one of the Oxfordshire School Nursing team visit us to conduct vision screening on the Reception children. Because of Covid they are unable to visit schools at the moment.

If your child has not yet had an eye test, please consider booking them in to have one at an opticians.

Mystery at the Museum [An online, interactive adventure with Steve Backshall](#)

TONIGHT! [Register here](#)



A door creaks. The circle of torchlight swings around the exhibition hall, picking out ribs, a spine, rows of teeth in its beam... Hang on – what's this – an empty showcase...?

Join wildlife presenter and explorer Steve Backshall on a hunt for a missing exhibit in this unique live-streamed, interactive puzzle challenge!

Devised by Steve Backshall and escape room creators Agent November, *Mystery at the Museum* will take you on a virtual behind-the-scenes adventure through the spectacular building of the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Help Steve solve a series of puzzles to save a missing museum specimen, learning about the natural world along the way.

Mystery at the Museum is an interactive online event for people of all ages with a passion for the natural world. The event is free to attend, with donations going towards the Museum's HOPE for the Future project.

Please note:

If you'd like anything put into the newsletter, I need it by Friday, **1pm at the latest.** Thank you



Christmas Cards



If your child wants to send Christmas cards to their friends, it is still possible, but it is being done a little differently this year.

There are Christmas post boxes in each class where the children can post their cards for other children (in any class). On Monday 14th we will collect the boxes, leave them for 3 days in quarantine then sort the cards and hand them out on Friday 18th of December.

Maple Class Sustainable Fishing Poster Competition

As part of class environmental projects, Maple class were challenged with making a poster about sustainable fishing to help educate other people about it.

We had lots of lovely entries, but we've chosen one winner, and one runner-up, which are on the following two pages.

Winner: Leila Lee

Runner-up: Thomas Andrews

Well done to both of you!



Home School Agreement

If you haven't yet returned your Home School Agreement slip, or your parent survey, please do so as soon as possible.

Your teachers have special magnets ready to give you!

Thank you.



Leila BYCATCH!

Sometimes when we fish with huge nets we accidentally catch animals like dolphins, turtles, sharks, and birds.

TURTLE!
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Fish nicely!
(SAVE THE PLANET!)

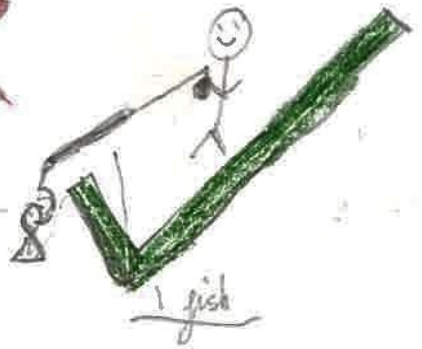
SUSTAINABLE FISHING LOGO'S!

there is special logo's for sustainable fishing. If your going to a shop and buying something that involves fish then make sure it has this logo on somewhere, or any sustainable fishing logo.



If you fish with just a fishing net then we wont catch other things that want fish.

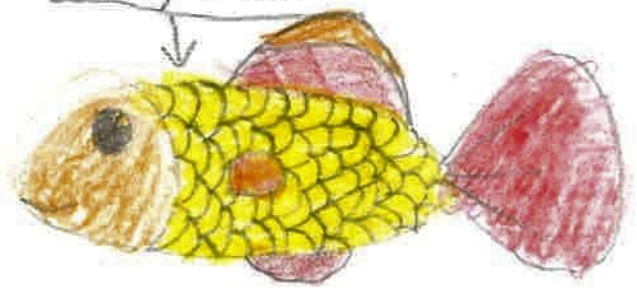
too many fish **X**








SUSTAINABLE FISHING!

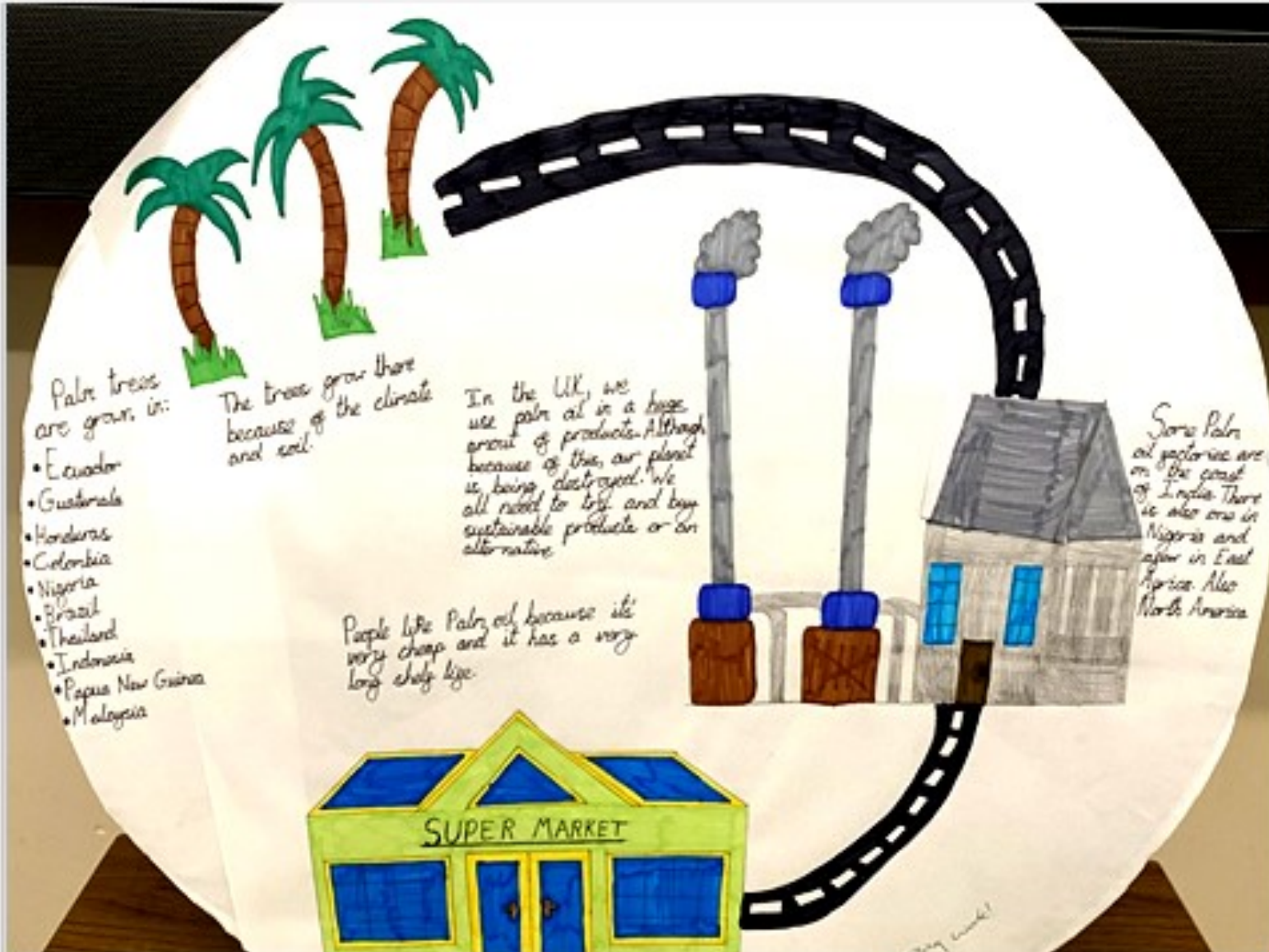
If we have no fishing areas, then older fish will have time to breed and make more fish.

BABY FISH!
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If your child has an award below, you will be sent a link next week to join in with our virtual celebration assembly:

Class	Special Award Term Focus - Reflection	Star Award
	Raymond Brown	Finley Britton Nika Forostovskaya
	Rose Armitage	Annie Baxter Wolfie Lee
	Lila Batt	George Hatwell Mae Oliver
	Beau Vernon	Dylan Kemp Oliver Peasley
	Thomas Andrews	



Willow's environmental project has been to find out about the damaging effects of unsustainable palm oil use.

Here is a selection of the projects handed in for homework.

There will be more to follow on the website.



A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you hopefully know, all classes have a plan for the year to improve the school environment and educate themselves and others about environmental issues (check out the environmental projects page on the website <https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/pupil-leadership-groups/>). After school on Monday, we had a meeting on the school field with several members of the community who are going to help us with organising and planting hedging around the pond area and next to the forest school area. We are hoping to attract more wildlife which Apple and Oak class are going to monitor. Stay tuned for more news of this in the new year.

Willow and Maple classes have been returning homework this week linked to palm oil and sustainable fishing. Have a look at the posters and information in the newsletter – it is very enlightening. I am certainly a lot more aware of the environmental impact on these issues now and pledge to make more sustainable choices. Thank you children for all your hard work. Please let us know if this work has inspired your family and send any photos etc and we would love to put them up on the website. It would be great for the children to see that their work has had positive impact!

We have had some fantastic entries for the Christmas challenges so far – its great to see such enthusiasm and energy from the children. Keep them coming in – we have loved see the pictures and hearing the jokes!

Finally, a huge thank you to the response to our parentmail about the after school routine (playing football etc.) The end of the day now feels so much calmer and safe and it has really made a big difference.

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

Christmas Activities



Dear Children,

On Monday 1st December we will be starting our Christmas Activities! There are all sorts of things to try, so hopefully everyone will try and enter a few. Some of you might enter every single one! (There will be small prizes.) Some of the challenges are set over the weekend so you'll have plenty of time for making and doing before judging takes place on the following dates:

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| Tuesday 1st December | Make a Christmas card to send to other schools in the EPA |
| Wednesday 2nd December | Make a Christmas Tree decoration to go on your class Christmas Tree. |
| Thursday 3rd December | Recite a Christmas tongue-twister or tell a Christmas joke |
| Friday 4th December | Draw / paint / collage a Christmas picture (the best from each class will go into the newsletter) |
| Monday 7th December - | Make a digital picture or animation of the nativity story . The best ones will be put on the website. (Please email to Emily) |
| Tuesday 8th December - | Apple Tree— perform a skill (The list is endless; judo, ball skills, card tricks, juggling, playing an instrument etc.) |
| Wednesday 9th December - | Make a Christmas hat . |
| Thursday 10th December - | Design a Christmas wordsearch / crossword / puzzle . |
| Friday 11th December - | Wear a Christmas jumper for the Save the Children. |
| Monday 14th December - | Make origami angels (there will be instructions for these in due course) and bring them in. |
| Tuesday 15th December - | Make a Christmas Table Decoration , which will be used to decorate the tables for our school Christmas dinner. |
| Wednesday 16th December - | TALENT SHOW! |
| Thursday 17th December - | Bring in a design (drawn onto a sheet of A4 paper) for a fabulous Christmas machine and explain what it is for. |
| Friday 18th December - | Bring your nearly completed Advent book into school to receive your prize. |

Please take all 'making' entries to your classroom.

Good luck!

