



## MEET THE FRENZIED TEAM



Welcome to this Christmas issue of Kingfisher Frenzy and the new Year 6 team that worked so hard to produce Holy Trinity School's newspaper.

From left to right: Anais Tolfree, 10, whose passion in life is singing and would like to be a teacher when she's older; Noah Mannocci, 10, loves art and would like to be a graphic designer; Ahlan Ahlam, 10, whose favourite pastime is drawing Manga cartoons and would like to be an artist; Jeni Jarvis, 10, loves looking after animals and wants to be a marine biologist; Edie Bing, 10, enjoys history and music and would like to be a historian; Eduardo Crespo-MacLennan, 10, enjoys maths and aspires to be a film director; Eibhin Faith, 10, is passionate about gymnastics and intends to be a vet; Saron Awet, 10, loves singing and hopes to be a surgeon; Toby Skinner, 10, likes maths and wants to be a computer programmer; and James Williams, 10, is mad about fighter jets and would like to be an industrial designer.

Merry Christmas from the Team x

## The bloodswept land and seas of red where angels fear to tread



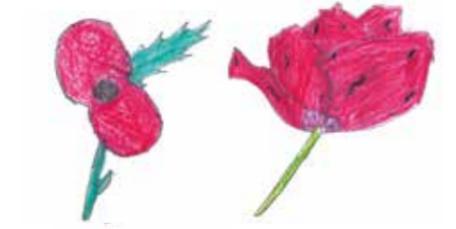
Around four million people visited the Poppies Memorial at the Tower of London to mark the start of the First World War.

*Kingfisher Frenzy's Edie and Saron were two of the visitors and wrote this report:*

We had the chance to see the poppies display during the October half term and can tell you first hand that they are beautiful and mesmerising, they swim around the tower, swamping the moat in red.

They lay round the mighty Tower of London, pouring out of the weeping window in a waterfall – like a wave. The red sea around the tower consists of thousands of ceramic poppies. There are 888,246 poppies overall in the display representing every British soldier who died in the First World War; each and every one of them being handmade. Paul Cummins, the artist who made the ceramic poppies, got his inspiration for the title from a line in a Derbyshire man's will who joined up at the start of the war. The line, "The bloodswept land and seas of red where angels fear to tread," creates a memorable picture. The poppies were created using authentic World War I

techniques. During the war the Tower of London was used as a recruitment base for soldiers. One of the more grizzly uses of the Tower was a prison and execution ground for German spies. Around 4 million people visited the poppies memorial following their installation in August. The display was taken down at the end of November and will tour the country until 2018 when the poppies will be permanently displayed in the Imperial War museums in London and Manchester.



## HT SUPPORTS BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Every November we have a day when we dress up for school to support BBC Children in Need and give money to support this worthwhile charity. Kingfisher Frenzy reporters decided to find out what it was all about.

In 1980, the first Children in Need programme was broadcast on the TV. It was made up of lots of short segments and was intended to raise money for charities working with children in the UK. Then in 1984, it finally became one whole programme dedicated to Children in Need. In 1988, BBC Children in Need became a proper charity for raising money for children who need it all around the world, not just the UK.

The programme features many performances such as top singers and bands and also many celebrities appearing on the seven-hour long broadcast across BBC TV and radio. They perform lots of different activities like sketches and songs.

The BBC Children in Need mascot is a yellow bear created and named in 1985 by a graphic designer named Joanna Ball. The bear was named after her hometown Pudsey, West Yorkshire where her grandfather was the mayor. A new version of the mascot made out of vegetation now stands in Pudsey Park near the town centre.

Last year Holy Trinity raised an incredible £1005 for Children in Need thanks to a donation from one of the parents' business. This year we raised £386. The whole BBC Children in Need appeal raised over £49million in 2013.

## WHY WEAR A WINTER WOOLLY?



On Friday, 12 December Holy Trinity school for the first time is supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day and everyone is being asked to 'Make it Better with a Sweater'. We all get to wear our own decorated Christmassy sweatshirt or festive jumper to school in return for making a donation to the charity.

We've all heard of Save the Children but what do they do? Like the name suggests Save the Children is a charity that aims to save children. They work all over the world, mainly in Africa and southern Asia, helping children who live in poverty or are in danger. Last year they saved the lives of 15.4m children in total throughout the 120 countries they work in.

### EMERGENCY FUND

Save the Children has a special emergency fund in case anything really sudden happens and there is not time to build up enough money for example the Ebola or Syria crises. In 2013 they helped with 119 emergencies in 48 different countries; giving well needed food and water, healthcare, protection and education to just under 3.5m children.

### POVERTY

Can you believe that in the UK 1.6m children are living in really bad poverty and the chance of those children having a better future than their parents is quite small? In Africa mostly, over 8 million children died last year, mainly from things that could have been cured and most of the deaths were of children from the poorest backgrounds.

### HUNGER

Of the children under five who die each year, a third of which is caused by hunger; this amount is 6.9 million. Our planet has enough food for everyone, and no adults, let alone children, should die because they don't have enough to eat. But still millions of kids are born without food and that is the main reason that they die.

### EDUCATION

Education is the key to coming out of poverty. This is because if you do not have an education you will not be able to get a good job and that will mean that you will not have enough money to buy a house so you will end up living in the slums.

In the UK only 27% of children coming from poorer backgrounds get an A, B or C in their GCSE's compared to 55% from better off children. Save the Children works with parents to help them to support their children's education at home and at school. They have also set up a club called Born to Read which helps poor children in the United Kingdom learn to read.

During natural disasters or conflicts children are often taken out of school and the thing that they wish for the most is to go back.

So this is why Holy Trinity is supporting this really worthwhile charity and we hope you enjoyed wearing your Christmas jumper on Friday and helped to 'Make it Better with a Sweater'.



## Ho! Ho! Holy Trinity Art Attack!

*There is always beautiful artwork on display around the walls of Holy Trinity. Here are some highlights of what's on show this term.*

Throughout the school everyone came together to make a Remembrance Day display of poppies (photograph above). Each class made their poppies using different materials, for example: scrunched tissue paper balls, paper, paint and pastels and several others.

In Leopard class (year 4) they have made animal masks for their jungle topic.

Maggie Tompkins has made a beautiful painting of Jesus sharing stories with the children of Holy Trinity.

In the hall, a large paper Christmas tree has been made so every time we unite for assembly, we can all see the lovely piece of art.



To really bring the music studio to life there have been many new paintings and other pieces of art with a musical theme.

### DON'T MISS THIS!

On Tuesday, 16th December it is our Holy Trinity Carol Concert. There are two performances, a morning one in the school hall and Carols by Candlelight at Holy Trinity church in the evening so this means you have no excuse not to come. It is a beautiful event every year. Eibhin, Jeni and Toby all recommend it highly.

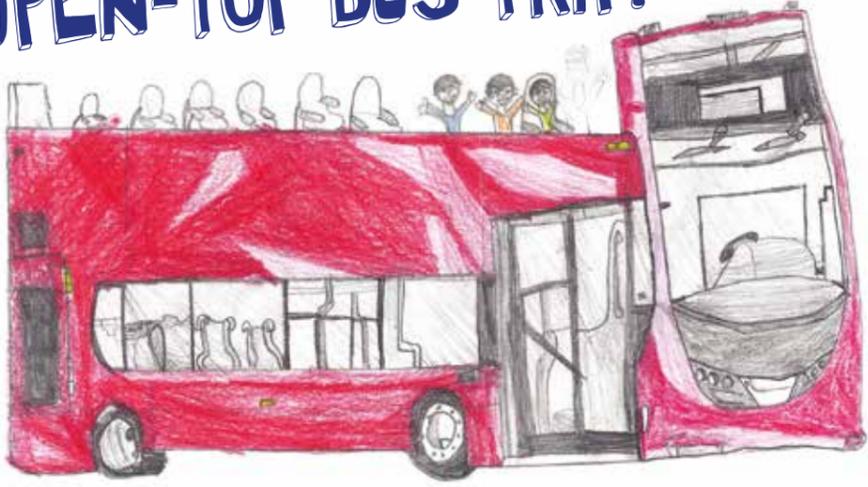
## ★ THE NATIONAL YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS' AWARD ★

Eibhin, Saron, Eduardo and Toby in Year 6 were chosen to represent Holy Trinity in the National Young Mathematicians' Award at the Explore Learning Centre in Sheen on Tuesday, 11th November 2014. This is an award open to primary schools all over England and is designed to inspire and challenge young mathematicians. Our team had to answer some difficult maths problems and every question, sum and equation that we got right contributed to an overall performance, the school with the best score going through to the next round. Fortunately, Holy Trinity

Primary School received the highest score in the borough and we made it through to the semi-finals meaning we had to go up against a whole set of new schools to get through to the ultimate finals.

Despite scoring 98/100 in both rounds, the team were pipped for a place in the finals, which took place at Cambridge University last week, by five schools which got full marks. It is still a proud achievement for Holy Trinity to have come sixth in the whole country in this competition.

# OPEN-TOP BUS TRIP!



On Wednesday, 8th October 2014, Year 2 went on a rather exciting school trip. Their topic this term is 'London' so they went to central London to see many of the famous landmarks and were lucky enough to travel around on an open-top bus. Kingfisher Frenzy interviewed some of the pupils and staff about their day out.

"It was raining all day but I still found it exciting," said Jake. "My favourite part was seeing the Houses of Parliament."

They saw many other famous sights including The Shard, Big Ben, The Tower of London, The London Eye,

The Gherkin and Tower Bridge. While they were on the bus they had a tape recorder that told them about the landmarks they saw.

"The rain meant it was fairly wet and wild," said Miss Clifton, "but I was so pleased to see the Poppies at the Tower of London."

"The day was brilliant fun despite the rain," agreed Rubie, Emma and Elenor, "but it meant we ended up having our lunch in Waterloo train station."

Miss Tolfree concluded, "It was wet and windy but definitely a trip to remember!"



## The Nintendo Jet

Kingfisher Frenzy's aeronautical expert reports on the latest addition to the RAF fleet.

The Nintendo jet is an extremely advanced jet fighter already used for the Royal Air Force. Its real name is The Lightning II F35B. That is two, not eleven, if you were wondering.

This is the most advanced 'plane in the world and the formed squadrons will be in service by 2018, as an engine fire on an F35B caused some delay. There may be further delays; but there will be at least a one-year interval when The Queen Elizabeth (aircraft carrier) will have to wait for the F35B squadrons to be formed as the carrier will have no use without 'planes to fly off it. So to solve this problem the Ministry of Defence will allow US Air Force 'planes to borrow the colossal carrier for the waiting period.



MR AUTON

Mr Auton is our Year 6 teacher and he kindly let Kingfisher Frenzy interview him about Christmas.

Mr Auton loves Christmas. He spends the holidays doing things like going ice skating and visiting the Christmas markets but for him, the best aspect, is spending time with his family.

"Every Christmas Eve," he remembers, "when I was young I used to go to the Christingle service at church then went home and put the mince pies out for Santa. Then on Christmas Day I would wake up really early!"

His funniest memory of Christmas was "decorating the tree then going out and finding, when we got back, that the cat had demolished half the tree that we had taken so much pride in."

Mr Auton loves all Christmas food especially Christmas dinner.

For Christmas this year, Mr Auton wants a dragon he can fly to work on. He is a firm believer in Santa, "Once I even saw him!" Wow! We've come to the conclusion that teachers are much more interesting than you think.

# 2 minutes with...



MRS DA COSTA

Kingfisher Frenzy also interviewed Mrs Da Costa (Year 1 Giraffe Class Teacher) about Christmas.

"Christmas is my favourite time of year," Mrs Da Costa said. "I absolutely cherish seeing my family, and I feel that Jesus is the best gift God gave the world. I love the whole experience from the food to hearing the bells of Father Christmas' magical sleigh."

She is very easy to buy presents for. "This Christmas I really don't mind what I receive because I prefer to give presents,"

she said. "Yet I would love to be gifted some jewellery (not expensive)."

Mrs Da Costa has a special Christmas planned, "I am extremely excited this year because I am travelling all the way to America to see my family."

She has funny memories of Christmas when she was young. "As a child me and my siblings would get up to a lot of mischief," she remembers. "One time we shook a bottle of lemonade and left it there waiting for someone to open it. Eventually it exploded!"

# CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

It is almost that time of year we have been waiting for so excitedly. Home-baked goodies, snow (we hope), Christmas songs everywhere and the dreaded task of present shopping: not knowing what to buy the children! But parents don't stress! The Kingfisher Frenzy team has done your shopping (not literally) by carrying out a little survey among the pupils of Holy Trinity to discover the most wanted gifts of 2014. They range from native Nerf guns and the global phenomenon 'Frozen' dolls to Lego, Loom Bands and, wait for it, iPads.



NERF RAPIDSTRIKE GUN, LEGO STAR-WARS STEALTH STARFIGHTER, FROZEN DOLL - ELSA

# AN AFTERNOON OF TENSION AND EXCITEMENT AT YEAR 5 AND 6 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

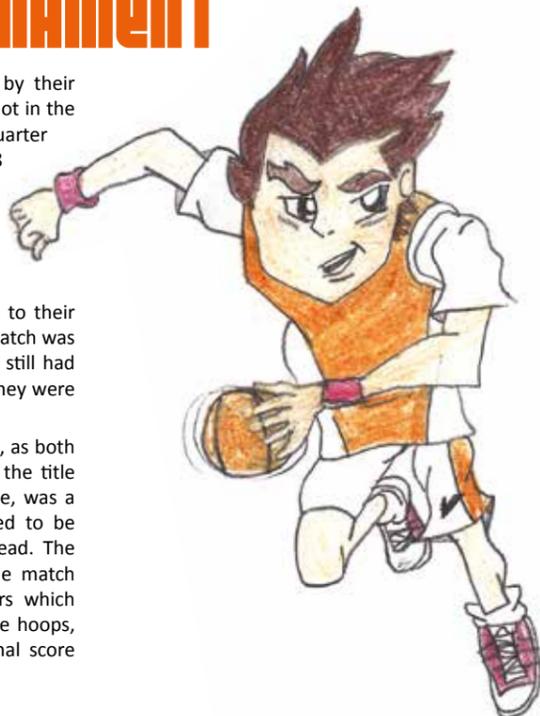
The Holy Trinity Year 5 and 6 Basketball Team had an excellent time at the Inter-school Basketball Tournament set up by Richmond Knights. They came second out of 8 teams, winning three of their four matches.

They arrived, hearts filled with confidence. Seconds after an up-lifting team talk, they found they were drawn against Marshgate. The match began with an unbelievable amount of adrenalin bursting through the surrounding boundaries of the basketball pitch. Within the first quarter of the game, Holy Trinity (bringing on an outstanding performance) suddenly found themselves 4-0 up. As the close game moved on, and the scores were incorporated with higher units, and still HT remained in the lead, with more than twice as many points as Marshgate. Then the whistle blew and the referee indicated the beginning of the fourth quarter, in which Holy Trinity's strongest players united as one. The minutes ticked by and the scores grew larger in number at a flabbergasting rate... then the whistle blew and HT had an incredible 18-6 win.

Now the third game approached, after their first two games (and first two wins), Holy Trinity had built up a lot confidence yet now it was time to put it to good use as they were playing Barnes-A. After the

first quarter HT sadly were discomfited by their scores. For the first time Holy Trinity were not in the lead at 6-2 down. By the time the second quarter had ended they were 10-6 down. Then 16-8 after the third quarter... Suddenly, they became aware that the fourth quarter was their last chance to make a comeback. HT played one of the best quarters of the tournament yet Barnes, still fighting, made a brilliant effort to remain in the lead and to their enormous joy, the score at the end of the match was 18-14. Holy Trinity, after their first defeat, still had a chance to return in third place, yet now they were facing The Vineyard.

The first quarter seemed to pass in seconds, as both teams played to their full strength to win the title for third place. The score, for the first time, was a draw 4-4. Then the second quarter proved to be crucial for Holy Trinity as they took the lead. The points were shown at 6-4. The rest of the match concentrated on fighting the fierce players which made up The Vineyard team away from the hoops, which worked quite successfully as the final score was a triumphant 12-8.



## CLOSE DEFEAT AT NETBALL

In an amazingly close game against St. Elizabeth's the Holy Trinity netball team lost three two. It was November the 19th and the team's spirits were flying high when they scored their first goal, in the first quarter as well. Then in the second quarter Holy Trinity scored yet another goal and still St. Elizabeth's weren't on the scoreboard.

In the third quarter Holy Trinity let down their defence leaving the opponent to score one, then two goals.

One of the team stated at this point, "I was slightly disappointed because I had hoped to beat them without them scoring but then I still felt hopeful because if we could score two in the first quarter what was to stop us from scoring again!"

Against all the odds (and Holy Trinity's brilliant defence and marking) St. Elizabeth's topped up their score with one more goal, leaving the score 3-2 to them.

In the fourth (and final) quarter Holy Trinity attempted many shots. Unfortunately, they couldn't score a single goal, though their defence was good enough to prevent St. Elizabeth's attack from scoring too.

So when the referee blew the whistle marking the end of the game, Holy Trinity walked home defeated yet happy with their achievement - and ready to take on another school.