

Engaging our community!

## Children Celebrate Sing 950

*By Sienna B and Trinity*

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November year six went on a school trip to the Chichester cathedral to celebrate 50 years of the building. The cathedral is the most beautiful place, in our eyes, you have ever seen. It is HUGE!

We arrived on two minibuses and as soon as we walked into the building, our eyes were filled with the glory of the kaleidoscope of colours from the stained-glass windows. It was so magical and special! The cathedral has been standing for 950 years, which is pretty impressive. The stained-glass windows represent magical stories about Jesus, angels and stories from the Bible. The stained-glass windows are filled with all types of different colours that would fill your eyes with greatness. Will the stained-glass windows ever be changed? We hope not!

Children from schools across the local area worked extremely hard to learn the lyrics to six different songs. The songs weren't easy to learn, especially the two Latin songs, which were called Gaudete and Non Nobis Domine (Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory). Even though they were difficult to learn, we enjoyed the challenge. One of our favourites, My Lighthouse, echoed around the cathedral. When you sing that song your heart will start to fill up with happiness and joy. The experience was so good that the more we sang, the more we wanted to stay.



Overall, this one-of-a-kind experience was one of the best trips we have done in year six so far. I recommend this type of experience to anyone who enjoys singing.



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# Gymnastics...why should you give it a go.

*By Laila*

Gymnastics is so important because it keeps children active and healthy while building confidence. Through gymnastics, children develop patience, perseverance and strength; it can also help children improve their balance, coordination, teach them how to stay focused, teamwork and sets goals for themselves.

When you attend sessions, it is an amazing opportunity for your child to create new friendships and have fun while learning new skills.

## Our Trip to Parliament

*By Edward S & Charlotte*

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November Willow Class (year six) went on a once in a lifetime experience to the House of Parliament. Setting off from Pulborough train station at 9am we headed off to adventures in London.

We saw many different sights on our journey around London e.g. Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square. However, while walking past Big Ben we saw a huge crowd of people blocking the road and surprisingly a cow came out and people started spreading manure over the road (it was rather smelly!)

Eventually we went inside the House of Parliament, which was incredible. We found out that the gunshots on the building had been there for since World War Two as during the war it was bombed.

## Why does our school go on school trips?

*By Charlotte, Jacob and Poppy*

Our school gives us an amazing opportunities to go on life changing adventures such as: Legoland, Isle of Wight (PGL), O2 (Young Voices) and Butser Hill Farm. All of these trips have one thing in common; they all bring us confidence and help us learn the history and heritage of that place as well as giving us forever experiences.

## Historic Times

*By Bia & Edward S*

### ***Did you know that Petworth had a prison once?***

Petworth House of Correction, also known as Petworth Prison, was opened in 1788 but instead of a prison, it was built to make people that refuse to work, work. The people that 'worked' there were convicted of crimes e.g. a misdemeanour (a minor wrongdoing), poaching (killing animals illegally), an assault (hurting someone) and desertion (illegally leaving the armed forces). Incredibly back then homosexuality was a crime, and they were also sent to prison.

Whilst in prison, the inmates were expected to be silent and spent some of their time in solitary confinement (when you are separated from others). One of the punishments in the prison was the treadmill (a walking wheel). It was like torture to the convicted because in the summer they had to walk ten hours a day and, in the winter, they had to walk up to seven hours per day.

Even though the prison was shut down in 1878, and demolished in 1881, you can still see a part of the prison to this day. One of the walls remains and still has the marks of the unfortunate people that were kept and punished in this prison.

# Petworth Primary Girls Cricket Team Triumphs!

*By Sports Reporter Amy*

On Friday 28th November the Girls Year 6 cricket team – Amy, Laila, Bella, Sienna B, Emily, Charlotte and Beth, travelled to Bognor Regis indoor sports hall.

During the event Petworth played four matches, winning three and losing only one game against Rose Green.

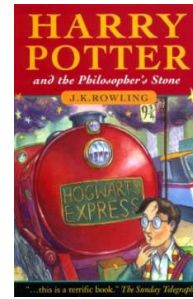
The last game of the day was 'phenomenal'; we played against Yapton's second team which we won with 127 runs. 82 runs were scored whilst we were batting. During this last match Laila made an incredible catch – sprinting from one side of the pitch to the other!

Beth was the wicket queen taking several wickets and earning us even more runs.

We won the tournament overall and will be going to play in the county final early next year!!



# Book Review



*By Beth R*

This wonderful book is about a boy called Harry Potter, who is 11 years old and finds out he is a wizard and must attend a wizard's school...Hogwarts. This when the magic starts. Harry experiences daring quests, threatening his life, and makes new friends (and enemies) along the way. The unexpected ups and downs throughout this story will keep the reader on their toes and interested.

I enjoyed Harry Potter because it was about a child's journey to and through a wizarding school. Also, it caught my interest from page one.

I highly recommend this book to people aged eight and over. Go on...give it a go!

## Choir Impress the Audience

*By Sophia & Archie*

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, our choir (year three to year six children) from Petworth CofE Primary School visited Petworth House to sing some Christmas carols to entertain the volunteers of Petworth House.

With Miss Stedman our choir leader, the children sang a mix of songs including traditional carols and more modern numbers. As the volunteers entered Petworth House, the children greeted them with their wonderful vocals, which were applauded by all of the visitors.

The children sang for approximately 40 minutes and one year six child stated, *'It felt joyful singing the songs as we may not get to experience this again.'*

As a thank you, Petworth House have invited the children to tour the Christmas decorations around the historic building.

# What topics do we teach our children at our school?

By Zuzia & Noah

At Petworth CofE Primary School, the brilliant teachers teach us many different topics, and they are all interesting and thrilling.

The topics we are taught here are all exciting and fun to learn about, including the *Roman Empire*, *Ancient Egypt* and the *Mayans*. One of the most interesting topics is learning about *South America*, which you will learn in year five. There are so many interesting things to find out and learn, including the Amazon Rainforest, the Favella's in Brazil and the Andes, spreading down the west side of the continent.

We think it is good to learn through topics because even though it's only for a short period of time, it is good to learn new things and everything you may possibly learn will be thrilling and amazing.

## School Talks By Ethan & Finley

In School Talks we interview a member of staff to find out more about them, their everyday life and their favourite things. This time round it is...**Mr Ford**.

What is your favourite food of all time? [Roast dinner](#)

What is your dream car? [Mustang Shelby](#)

What is your dream job? [Professional footballer](#)

What did you ask for Christmas? [Coffee machine](#)

What is your favourite sport? [Football](#)

Why did you want to be a teaching assistant? [I want to be a role model for children.](#)

What is your favourite book and why? [Sunrise on the Reaping because of the main character.](#)

What is your favourite shoe brand? [Nike](#)

What is your favourite colour? [Blue](#)

What is your favourite movie? [All of the Harry Potter films.](#)



What is your favourite fruit? [Strawberry](#)

What is your favourite holiday? [Summer](#)

Who is better, Messi or Ronaldo? Why? [Ronaldo because of his hard work.](#)

What is your favourite country? [Ireland](#)

What is your favourite ice cream flavour? [Bubble Gum](#)