

6 November 2009

**'Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November....'**

But how many of us get so caught up in the fireworks, bonfires and sparklers that we forget what we are remembering? At assembly this morning members of 4 Alpha read some wonderful poems that they had written about Bonfire Night. **Philip Jackson's** poem was particularly thought provoking and echoed the historical background that we often forget.



**Bonfire Night**

James I Stuart number 1,  
Came to London as if it was a raffle he won,  
He was mean to the Catholics they didn't like him,  
Scottish snottish snobbish slimy Jim.

Guy Fawkes was not born  
With the Catholic banner worn,  
He was only ten when his father said:  
"Become a Catholic or it's your head!"

Guy was a dab hand with gunpowder,  
So Robert Catesby threw him in a cellar.  
12 hours before the barrels exploded,  
Guy was caught with the fire-arms loaded.

By the time Guy had been three weeks tortured,  
All his pals were already captured.  
Guy and all his very best friends,  
Came to a bloody, gruesome, sticky end.

From head to toe they were slaughtered,  
During the process of being hung, drawn and quartered.  
Much later it turned out most  
Of the gang's heads were put on posts.

When in the dark the sky we see rockets bright,  
Catherine wheels swirl and sparkles alight.  
We should spare a thought for that fearful night,  
When poor Guy Fawkes met his plight.

And I wonder as I gaze at these amazing sights,  
Up and up in the heavenly heights,  
How humans arrange these endless fights,  
And what is wrong and what is right?

Finally, I'm afraid that I have to be a little head-masterly with some of you. Whilst the new traffic flow arrangements are working well, I think that a small number of parents are overtaking others queuing in the drive awaiting a place in the car park. Queue barging by pupils could result in a minus point. Parents beware.....

## NSPCC

Congratulations to all of you who have already started to put a few coins in your NSPCC tin! Particular congratulations go to Poppy Lennox. Over half term she held a NSPCC tea party at her home and invited all her friends from Brownies. Evidently they were lucky enough to get some very well decorated cakes complete with very bright pink icing and lots of marshmallows!

## Table-tennis

Congratulations to **Henry Tully** who won the Year 5 competition by beating **Siddharth Chandrappa** in the final.

## Football Results

Perse Under 10 A VII	6:5	St. Faith's Under 10 A
Perse Under 10 B VII	2:3	St. Faith's Under 10 B
Perse Under 10 CVII	3:4	St. Faith's Under 10 C
Perse Under 10 D VII	1:3	St. Faith's Under 10 D
Perse Under 10 E VII	1:1	St. Faith's Under 10 E
Perse Under 10 F VII	1:7	St. Faith's Under 10 F



## Music exams

Associated Board exams will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Centenary Puddings

We have received our first stock delivery of the Centenary Christmas puddings and the second delivery is due to arrive early next week. Many thanks to all those who have pre-ordered and you should receive your order via your eldest child by the end of next week or early W/C 15th November. Anyone still wishing to pre-order a pudding before the Christmas Fair please pick up an order form at reception or place an order on a form at the Friday morning coffee events. The puddings will be available to see in the flesh at the forthcoming coffee events and in the foyer of Leighton House.

## After school clubs

After school football club has now finished as has the Upper school Monday afternoon hockey club.

## English Touring Opera production

Please see information regarding the English Touring Opera production, In the Belly of the Horse. It may be of particular interest to Year 6 pupils who are currently studying the same topic here at school.

## Congratulations

Bronze house point certificates have been awarded to **Cecily Tully, Harry Forber, Elizabeth Brown, Todor Gibson Ralevic, John Hayward, Toby Smart, Edmund Goodman, Olivia Gusterson, Ewan Morris, Francesca Regnier-Wilson, Philip Jackson, Flynn Cray, Vincent Chen, Ursula Griffiths, Alex Henderson, Aidan Jones, Poppy Lennox and Jack Meakin**. Well done all!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gauri Jan'.

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