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SCHOOL AIM

“To provide a Christian environment in which young people are safe, secure, cared for and happy, and are able to develop into articulate, confident and well qualified citizens of the world.”

Christmas Around the World

The Trinity Association of Parents invite you to their celebration of “Christmas Around the World”, on Tuesday, 5th December, in the Drama Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

The parents invite you to “bring and share” food, and the evening will be backed up by a wealth of seasonal activities, quiz competitions, seasonal music, prizes galore and fun for all the family.

Support your Association and support your fellow parents. We look forward to seeing you on December 5th.

Trinity Showcase of Talent

Tickets are now on sale, £1 for children and £2 for adults, to take place on Thursday, 30th November, 5.00 – 6.30pm. All money raised will go to St Ann’s Hospice. Following auditions, a range of talented acts including rappers, singers, dancers and musicians will be on show.

School “Disco”

Mr Butt is busily making arrangements for our annual Christmas disco to be held, as usual, at the University of Manchester’s Owen’s Park Complex; more details to follow.

Welcome Back, Matthew!

Following his great success as Billy in the West End Musical, ‘Billy Elliot’, it is hoped that Matthew Koon, Y8, will return to Trinity on Monday, 4th December. (I don’t envy him all the homework he has to catch up!)

EMA Parents' Conference

Trinity was well represented at the event which took place on 11th November. Thanks to all parents who gave up their Saturday morning. The event was a good opportunity to talk about children's needs and, equally important, the needs of parents.

Eid

Many thanks to the many people who attended the Eid party held in the Drama Hall. Thanks, in particular, to Mrs Ahmad, the organiser. The atmosphere was superb, a great tribute to our multi-ethnic culture.

Weekly Newspaper Competition

Last weeks newspaper story was about the factory which makes poppies for the annual Remembrance Day Appeal.

Who won it? You'll never guess!

The girls still need to pick up their chocolates – for the fourth consecutive week. Does no-one else in school read the newspapers?

Ofsted

On Monday of this week I received the “Draft” Report and had 24 hours to respond to any inaccuracies or omissions. As soon as any changes have been agreed then a copy of the Final Report will be sent to parents and the Ofsted letter will be sent to pupils.

Just in case you missed last weeks ‘Newsletter’, our Inspection Report was glowing; everything about the school was either Category 1 – Outstanding or Category 2 – Good.

Presentation Evening...

...was a great success. Nearly every seat in the University of Manchester's Whitworth Hall was taken. Our former students looked very adult, Tony Lloyd, MP, spoke well and Peter Hilton, as Chair of Governors, held things together marvellously. Thanks to Mr Petch for organising the musical items and the Y7 choir who sang beautifully.

Hat Day

We raised over £500 for Children in Need. “Best Hat” was won by Levi Thompson, Y11, who made her own. It took her about three hours and it looked fantastic! Levi can collect her prize from my office on Monday.

Primary Festival of Sport

Wednesday evening was our second Primary Festival of Sport. We had 28 girls undertaking their Sports Leaders Level 1 assessment with 50 visiting primary school children from St. James's and Rolls Crescent. The young leaders taught the children new sports skills, and all the children had an enjoyable afternoon. One young leader asked, "Can we do this again?"

Ms Derbyshire was very proud of our students and I know the experience will benefit them in the future.

Unbelievable!

On Tuesday, the Year 9 and Year 10 netball teams played Our Lady's Sports College. Year 9 won 4-3 and, after a close fought game, the Year 10 team lost only 6-8. All the girls played well and this bodes well for our training over the

Christmas period and our city-wide tournaments in February/March, 2007.

The lower school girls' basketball squad played in Manchester's Sports Development termly tournament on Thursday, 16th Nov, at the Amechi Centre. The girls were exceptional and won all 5 games with Nicolette Fongleweeque, who has been selected for the England U16 Basketball Squad, coaching our girls. Squad members; Tamara Freeman, Shadiya Omar, Moshope Salami, Rean Anderson,



Sarice Bennett, Maryann Feely, Ashona Lennard, Natalie Feurtado, Melissa Golaub and Shernette Fongleweeque.

Results were v Whalley Range A WON 4-2, v Chorlton WON 12-2, v St Matthew's WON 12-2, v Levenshulme WON 16-0, v Whalley Range B WON 14-2.

On Friday, the Year 10/11 athletics squad went to the Greater Manchester Indoor Championships at SportCity and came a magnificent second with many outstanding performances. Both the girls and the boys teams were runners up against schools from all ten boroughs. We were beaten only by "foundation" schools.



Ms Derbyshire is extremely pleased to break the news that Trinity has been re-designated a Sportsmark school. After our last award 3 years ago, the award was re-designed and made much more difficult to achieve. Also, it is no longer possible to achieve a gold or distinction, only to have the Sportsmark 'kite mark'. We are one of only two secondary schools in Manchester to achieve the award this year. The other school is Brookway Sports College, Wythenshawe.

And Finally...

...all our students can have a lie in tomorrow. Our holiday pattern gives us a long weekend in November – and this is it. School resumes on Monday.