



EUROPA SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

13th December 2024

EPAS CHRISTMAS FAIR



This week, members of the European Programme for Ambassador Schools (EPAS) organized a fundraising Christmas market for an upcoming debating event. The market was open to all secondary students and included stalls featuring festive foods, fun facts about the holiday season across Europe, and Scottish poems read out by students for a sweet treat and craft activities. It was great to see how many students came and enjoyed the different activities.

Additionally, the primary year twos really enjoyed the fun presentation about Christmas across Europe and singing "Jingle Bells" with Clementine. It was a great event to celebrate Christmas across the school, and we hope it can become a traditional event at our school. EPAS junior ambassadors and senior ambassadors (Mrs López and Mrs Philippot-Gasc) wish you Merry Christmas!

On 22 November, we (S4f) went to the Poetry Slam Convention in South Kensington.

It was an amazing day, and we even won prizes for 'The best poem' and 'The most multilingual poem'!

Nous avons commencé la journée par un départ de l'école à 7h45 et sommes arrivés à la convention à 10h. À notre arrivée, nous avons été séparés en deux groupes, avec des poètes différents, et nous avons joué à des jeux de poésie qui étaient très amusants avec d'autres élèves de différentes écoles de Londres pour mieux se connaître entre camarades. Nous nous sommes ensuite séparés en groupes de 4 avec les autres élèves pour écrire un poème sur les thèmes de la communauté et de la diversité. Chaque groupe a utilisé une méthode différente pour écrire ses poèmes; par exemple, notre groupe a principalement

Diary

Sun 15th Dec	Christmas Fete - Rescheduled
Wed 18th Dec	Last day of Term - No activities Wed PM
Mon 6th Jan	First day of Spring term
Mon 13th Jan	U12 boys vs Holme Grange away

Buddy Bench

, As part of her school community project, Hannah from S3C, created this lovely Buddy Bench for our Primary Quad playground. The children from 1FE were delighted to be there to welcome the bench to their play space. Bench donated by Notcutts Garden Centre, arranged by Natasha Hill.



Poetry Slam Award

écho et des comparaisons en reliant les communautés aux livres ou au corps. Après avoir travaillé sur nos poèmes pendant toute la matinée, nous sommes allés manger au National History Museum et puis nous avons fini nos poèmes et préparé la présentation. Plusieurs groupes sont allés présenter sur scène et 2 groupes de Europa ont gagné des prix! Le prix de la meilleure performance par Iris et Prabha, le prix du poème le plus interactif et le prix du poème avec le plus de langues utilisées était gagné par Otis et Alina. Notre école a aussi été la gagnante globale de la compétition! On a adoré le voyage et on espère qu'on pourra le refaire l'année prochaine!

Iris et Prabha S4F



Sports Roundup

The s4 girls basketball team took on a team from St Helen and St Katharine on Monday evening. The event was well supported with a third of the year group keen to represent the school and most certainly impressed. The game started with a quick possession and basket, with Mila winning the jump ball followed by a dynamic dribble, pass and shot. 2 up within moments. The first quarter sped past with our team working hard to fulfill their roles in the team and allow all to have the space to express themselves. The quarter ended with us being 10 up. The game continued with our aggressive defence and controlled attack allowing us to dominate the ball and make opportunities. The game finished 36-14 to us. Congratulations to the team but especially to Prabha who was named player of the match.



On Thursday 12th December ESUK hosted the third round of the ESFA small schools cup - U15 boys football game against visiting LVS Ascot school.

The kick off was planned at 2pm but the visiting team arrived 25 minutes late so we started at 2:30. From the very beginning the Europa team dominated and created a large number of chances but sadly none resulted in a goal. Europa kept pushing and finally, in the 21st minute, Otis scored a perfect long shot. Just 5 minutes later Otis sent a ball from the D area forward but the ball bounced awkwardly high, the Ascot keeper made a mistake and the ball ended up in the net, 2:0. Just before the end of the first half Harvey scored but sadly the offside was called.

In the second half the visiting team surprised Europa with aggressive pressing and managed to score after our mistake, 2:1. The play leveled up a bit but still Europa was the better team. We had a lot of chances but nothing ended up in the net, the frustration was rising and more unnecessary mistakes were made. Eventually in the very last minute Ascot pushed hard and scored after the corner kick! In the extra time, Europa regrouped and improved their play. It was a battle but we were again the better team. Otis used a little bit of a confusion in the Ascot defence and managed to score his third goal. This time Europa played very responsibly and did not allow Ascot to come back. Congratulations to the whole Europa U15 team! Felix, Otis and Alex worked tirelessly in the middle, Evan, Lucas, John, Luc and Mohan in defence, Jamie, Elliot, Ilyan and Stefan on the wings, Harvey as the striker and Leo in the goal - they all had to work really hard to beat the stubborn Ascot team. We made it to the 4th round. The 108 teams started and now we are among the last 16! Europa school has two teams reaching the 4th round in this ESFA competition, U12 and U15 boys. Well done both teams! M. Stepan

Litter Picking

This week S4F completed their litter pick. The school has a rota and so that a class completes a litter pick of the whole school to keep it nice and clean. The students of S4F were surprised by the amount of litter on the floor. It may not seem that way but unfortunately it really is. "It surprises me how much litter there is. I never really noticed but when you are looking for it there are plenty" said Luc, a student from S4F. After 45 minutes of cleaning the school is in ship shape again. This is a reminder to not bring it back to its former state by putting your rubbish in the bin and if a bin is full go to another as the rubbish will just blow away. If you think all bins are full, go to the big blue ones next to the canteen as they always have room. Leo Hall, S4F



Cette semaine, mardi, la classe s4f a passé la période 9 à ramasser les déchets. C'est quelque chose de très utile pour l'école car cela réduit la pollution plastique et rend notre école plus respectueuse de l'environnement. Nous avons passé 30 minutes à le faire et chaque groupe de 4 à 6 personnes a réussi

à remplir principalement son sac de déchets. Il est important de ramasser les déchets pour rendre notre environnement plus sain et plus agréable pour les élèves et les enseignants. Mohan Venugopal, S4F



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EUROPA SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FÊTE

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER
1 - 4pm
Europa School,
Culham, OX14 3DZ

Please join us if you can and support our wonderful Europa School

<p>Craft Market to inspire your Christmas shopping</p> <p>Santa's Grotto</p> <p>Elfridges Shopping: children can buy a present and wrap it</p> <p>Name the Teddy</p> <p>Face Paint</p> <p>Lucky Dip</p>	<p>Guess how many marshmallows</p> <p>Gingerbread House Decorating</p> <p>Food & Drink: Cakes, coffee, Indian Takeaway</p> <p>Sweet Stalls</p> <p>Non - Alcoholic Mulled Drinks</p>
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Painted artwork by Poppy & Amalia S4D



PTA Christmas Fair UPDATE

Our school's Christmas Fête will now be taking place this Sunday 15th December 1 - 4pm .

Please do come and support Europa School. Join us for: Craft stalls, Elfridge's, Santa's grotto, gingerbread house making, face painting, Indian food takeaway, hot / cold drinks and cakes, lucky dip, book stall and more..

Please note that there will be less food available than originally planned so we recommend that you eat before you come and enjoy some cake for dessert! Indian food take away will be available for you to enjoy a lovely supper on your return!

Cake donations will be very welcome - please bring them to school on Friday at drop off or pick up (leave on the table under the covered area next to the Thame Lane gate) or at the start of the event on Sunday. If you pre-booked activities for last weekend, you should have heard from us by now - contact committee@europa-pta.org with any queries. If you haven't got a ticket, there are still some spaces available to book for the grotto and gingerbread workshop - look out for announcements on Classlist.

Many thanks The Fete Elves



MO' Fundraiser Of The Year - £659

Ivor Leon of Europa School!



To all the dads who don't know what to do when their kids are suffering and you have no idea why, all you can do is give them hope & support.

Being of the older generation I never understood the feelings that some people fight with, so the Movember movement has a special place in my heart.



This brilliant total was driven with real enthusiasm and backed by Ivor's amazing team at Europa.

Ivor wins some M&S Vouchers and all of our congratulations for his stunning efforts.

S1 - S3 Music Soiree



Negative Press - Oxford Mail & The Sun

The Oxford Mail and other Oxfordshire publications from Newsquest once again published an article about our Progress 8 scores. They have now published a much better researched article you can find it [here](#).

The Sun has not responded to our complaints, please write to the editor to complain. You can find the article [here](#). To complain to the editor use the email address. editorialcomplaints@the-sun.co.uk



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GABRIELI ROAR CONCERT

COVENTRY, 2 DECEMBER 2024



On Monday, 2nd December, the Primary Europa School's Junior Choir and Secondary Singing Group had the incredible opportunity to perform 'A Grand Georgian Christmas' at the stunning Coventry Cathedral. This unforgettable experience was part of the prestigious Gabrieli Roar project, where our talented singers shared the stage with 500 pupils from other schools and with professional musicians from the renowned Gabrieli Consort under the inspiring direction of Artistic Director Paul McCreesh.

A sincere thank you goes to our dedicated staff members and parent volunteers who made this magical day possible. Above all, congratulations to our remarkable singers for their breathtaking performance—you made us all so proud! - Mrs. Scaber

[More pictures can be found here](#)

