

## Weekly Newsletter

**Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way**

Value of the month  
**Happiness**

### Happy Holidays!

It has been a busy, successful term and we are so proud of the children who have worked hard throughout. It has been a wonderful week in school, topped by all children in YR, Y1 and Y2 singing around our tree.

I was so proud watching 360 children singing and signing together.

On behalf of the staff team, I would like to thank you for your gifts and warm messages.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah or Happy Holiday! We hope you have a relaxing break with your families.

- Mrs Anderson

### Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

**Children make the rules. Good idea or bad idea?**

**Why?**

### DIARY DATES:

**Last Day of Term**  
20th December

**Half Term**  
23rd December- 3rd January

**First Day of Term**  
6th January

### Curriculum Workshops

Y2- 21/01  
YR- 22/01  
YN- 28/01  
Y1- 29/01



For more photos of our parties (including Nursery!) visit our website [here](#).

For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

## Attendance Bear

The Attendance for **the term** is as follows:

**WINNERS** - Octopus with 98%  
Turtle, Giraffe and Panda - 97%  
Koala, Jaguar and Starfish - 96%  
Penguin - 95%

Well done everyone! Keep it up when the new term starts in January.



## Reception to Salway

This week, the Reception classes visited Salway Church. We would like to say a big thank you to Ann Burgess for sharing the story of the very first Christmas.

The children played party games such as; pin the tail on the donkey, the conga and pass the parcel. They had a fantastic time.

Thank you to the parents who helped us walk to the church and back. We are very proud of the children's behaviour outside of school. See more photos on our website, [here](#).



## Chanukah Assembly

Ms Sampson from the East London and Essex Liberal Synagogue visited us this week to talk about how Jewish people celebrate Chanukah. She told us all about the meaning of Chanukah, and taught us a Ladino Jewish song that celebrates the holiday.

Ms Sampson has already sent us an email thanking the children for their great listening and contributions to the assembly. She also mentioned how much she loved sharing Chanukah with them and how she would love to visit again in the future!



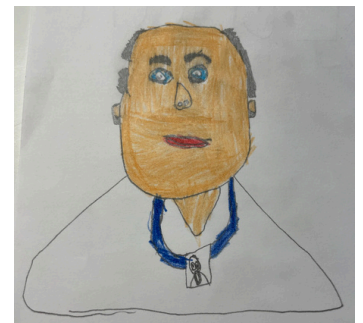
## Nursery Party

We had a lot of fun at our Nursery Christmas party: dancing, watching Mr Marvel the entertainer, eating party food and even getting a visit from Father Christmas, who brought us some presents to share.



## A Farewell

Today we say goodbye to Mr Bonwell, who has worked at CIS for over 17 years. Mr Bonwell has been a staple at our school, never failing to make the children (and staff) laugh! We will all miss him greatly and wish him the best of luck in his next adventure.



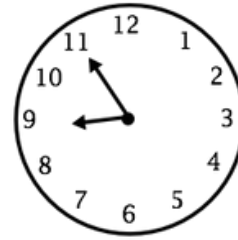
## New Year, New Start

We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday 6th January**. Please remember:

Gates open at **8:45**.



Children must be in line by **8:55**.



Children should carry their bag, bottle and other equipment.

Say goodbye to your child quickly and leave so we can lock the gates and start the school day.



No **phones** or **food** on our site



Children **must dismount from scooters** before they enter the pedestrian gate. A few adults have been hurt as children ride too quickly as they enter.

Please remind **all** adults who drop-off or collect your child so that all are aware of our procedures.

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## Year 2 and the Snow Queen

We were very lucky to secure some tickets for a group of Year 2 children to watch a performance of the Snow Queen at Redbridge Drama Center this week. The children had lots of fun (and laughs) and were lucky enough to play in the snow afterwards! We look forward to the other Y2 small group visits we have planned across the year.



## Weekly Maths Challenge

### Reception

Can you continue this repeating pattern?



Can you continue this trickier repeating pattern?



### Years 1 and 2

This challenge is about counting on and back in steps of 1, 10 and 100.

Roll a dice twice to establish your starting number - the first roll will give you the tens digit and the second roll will give you the ones digit.

You can then make five jumps to get as close to 50 as possible.

You can jump forwards or backwards in jumps of 1 or 10 or 100.

Did you jump forwards or backwards?

Can you land on 50 exactly?

How far from 50 were you?

Could you do it another way?

Could you get even closer?



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Use the 100 square to help you!



## E-Safety Tip of the Week!

### Techosaurus

We understand that talking about online safety can seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be. The NSPCC have created Techosaurus specifically to make these conversations as easy as possible for you and your child.



Techosaurus is aimed at little ones who are starting to use technology and the internet, and keeps the conversation around online safety positive. Techosaurus will help your child to form healthy online habits, routines and behaviours from a young age, and build basic knowledge and skills related to online safety.

Find out more here: [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/techosaurus/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/techosaurus/)

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