



## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2011

We are delighted to offer you a snapshot of the busy second half term we have had.

### Diwali

The Diwali assembly was a great success. The children learnt about Diwali and the festival of light. We would like to thank the parents involved for organising such an interactive and visual presentation.



### Ballet Concert

Nursery and Kindergarten presented their annual ballet performance. The theme was Autumn and Winter weather. The children jumped in and out and around puddles and swirled around like autumn leaves. The performance was a great success and enjoyed by all.



### Great Ormond Street Assembly

Miss Angel representing Great Ormond Street Hospital gave an Assembly about their work. The children were all very interested and engaged, hearing about what the hospital does to look after children of their age. We learnt all about hospital wards and what a hospital classroom might be like. The children have all worked very hard in their Christmas concerts to raise money for this wonderful children's hospital. The amount raised was £559.91+ 1 rupee and 10 cents! Thank you for your generosity.



### Annemount Alumni

Year 1 and Year 2 were lucky enough to meet Graham Smith and Peter Birch, former pupils of Annemount in the 1930s! The children learned about their Annemount experience and about their life during the war in the suburb and the country. It was fascinating to see Graham as a little boy in Annemount's 1938 school photo. We look forward to meeting them again when Year 1 studies World War II in the summer term.

### Thanksgiving lunch

The whole school celebrated Thanksgiving with a festive lunch, organised and served by the Year One parents. They ate on long, beautifully decorated tables. The menu consisted of a giant Turkey, corn bread, roast potatoes, a selection of vegetables and delicious pumpkin pies. The children loved it and didn't hesitate to ask for seconds!



### **Year Two Trip to the British Museum**

As part of our topic on People and Places, Year Two visited the British Museum. They went to the Africa galleries in search of animals and then to the Asia galleries to explore the similarities and differences of the cultures and religions of the region. The children were invited to handle some precious jade artefacts, some of which were thousands of years old. After lunch, they visited the world famous Rosetta Stone, the key to unlocking the mystery of Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.



### **Football club**

Another successful term at Annemount Football club. The newer children have been working on particular key skills such as balance, co-ordination, listening skills, reaction time and control and passing. Year 1 have been working with Paul and Ashley on dribbling, passing and shooting, whilst year 2 have been concentrating on all these key skills and combining them into team games and matches. Football club is a great way for children to get exercise, build physical development and have fun learning new football skills.



### **End of term shows**

The end of term Christmas shows were all magnificent, with Marys, Josephs, angels, shepherds and wise men fit for the West End! At the end of each concert, everyone participated in beautifully sung carols, supported by the accomplished Y2 violinists. The school is so proud of its actors, singers and musicians!



From all of us at Annemount, we wish you a Happy and Relaxing Festive Season!

### **Year 1 Trip to the Museum of London**

As part of our Great Fire of London topic this term Year 1 visited The Museum of London. We enjoyed looking at and handling artefacts, as well as watching a video that illustrated how the fire spread. We took part in an exciting drama workshop based on Samuel Pepys diary, which we videoed and watched back at school. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip and used it as a starting point for our extended learning about the plague.

### **Parents**

A huge thank you to the Reception parents who made an excellent contribution to the children's learning by visiting us to read stories or to talk about their skills and jobs. The children's topic this term was 'Ourselves', so it was very useful to focus upon the different interests and professions we can pursue. Parents talked about subjects as diverse as skiing, veterinary science and how the ear works.

### **Santa**

We were lucky that Santa chose to visit us again this year. He chatted to each child about what they had done this year that was very good. He gave them all a chocolate coin.

