



It is hard to believe that this term is drawing to a close. It has flown by and we have been truly delighted to welcome back our school visitors on site having worked with them on Zoom and Teams these past 2 ½ years. There is no doubt that the 'in-person' experience adds an extra depth of support and enrichment to our children and young people with their learning. Special thanks to all our visitors: Ray & Denise from Chance To Shine, Miriam from the Philosophy Foundation, our wonderful musicians from the City of London Sinfonia and Grace Morris, from Connexions for her sterling work on careers and courses guidance.

We have been also delighted to welcome a new cohort of pupils; children and young people having treatment at the Proton Beam Therapy building and who have been able to access lessons around their treatment plan.

The children and young people have worked hard this term and we have celebrated their achievements through our Determination, Friendship and Work of the Week awards. Please do take time to have a look at their amazing work, remembering they have done this through some of the most adverse and challenging situations. Our admiration for them never wanes.

We hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable festive season and the promise of a brighter year in 2023. Elaine and The School Team.

Here you can see Anjum with her sister, receiving a determination award for getting back in to her schoolwork.

Well done Anjum!



A Chance To Shine with Capital Kids Cricket have been bringing fun and games and sport to our young people.

Here you can see Ryan very focused and enjoying a game of volleyball which he went on to win!

And talk of angles and speed were discussed when deciding what could give them the winning edge with the pupils on T11





Scarlett, one of our PBT pupils wrote a very moving story about her experience called 'Goodbye Jerald' and has entered it for the Creative Writing competition 'Integer'.

Goodbye Jerald.

I didn't know what to expect.

What was I going to look like tomorrow?
I had known something was really wrong
when I saw my mum crying.

The surgeon had told me to sit down.

He drew Jerald the giant meatball.

I was ready for Jerald to leave and the
date was set: August 30th.

That morning, while I waited patiently to
go for my operation, I got my gown and
stockings on.

The nurses wheeled me down.

10,9,8,7,6, and I was out.

14.5 hours later, I was awake but couldn't
bring myself to look in the mirror.

There has been lots of Science going on this term but the most extensive work has been carried out by Matilda, who is working towards her Bronze Crest Award and should hopefully have this complete in early 2023.

She has worked very hard on this and shown great focus, determination and enthusiasm whilst also applying a very scientific approach to her investigation throughout.

We have also managed to gather some very interesting results that will be "officially published" with the completion of the final report. Watch this space!



Ryan and another student worked side by side creating very delicious cheesecakes in the schoolroom.

They started by making the biscuit base and then letting it set, making the cheesecake mixture and then letting it set, then finally decorating it with strawberries and making a puree to pour over the top.

It was quite a process but I think you can see it was definitely worth it!

Both pupils kindly donated some to the nurses on T12N to say thank you for all their hard work.



This term has seen a range of pupils take part in an unofficial and ad-hoc 'Whack A Mole' challenge; using the 'Whack A Mole' game on the Active Arcade app (it's free and lots of fun; give it a search) pupils have taken part in a competition to see who gets the highest score.

As fun as it has been to see lots of pupils engage with game and really go for it, the competition requires a highest score.

So, congratulations to Tahosin (840 points) for taking the Bronze and to Ferne (950 points) for taking the Silver.

But, an even bigger congratulations to Logan who broke the 1000 point barrier to take the Gold with a very impressive score of 1,260 points!

Look out for a more official version of the game in 2023.

