

The latest news written by pupils at Canterbury Academy and Spires Academy Satellite Classes

# **Invasive Species**

This term in S3A we have been learning about invasive species. We have been learning about the Dodo, mink, grey squirrel, the crayfish, the Burmese python, and he hornet.

We all think we need to get rid of these animals!

They are greedy and increasing in number of animals like the crayfish!

By Emily



S<sub>3</sub>A holding a 5m long python!

# Willesborough Windmill

The Windmill was very good and interesting to learn and see from the inside.

By Ben S3A



#### Visit to Chatham Dockyard

On Monday 8th November we went to Chatham Dockyard to make rope and look at/inside ships. The first thing we did is went to the ropery to make some rope! The second thing we did was looking at HMS Gannett, It seemed to be some sought of pirate ship that was used in 1971-2002. Then we had lunch, after lunch, we looked at the HM Ocelot Which is a Spy Submarine used for spying on the Russians in the 2nd World War. Then we went to the gift shop for some cool things! Then we went to the bus and we went back home.

By Lucas S2A





### SIA ADVENTURES...

### Fun trip to Margate!

In anticipation for our Margate trip, S1A are looking forward to playing mini golf and eating out for a meal. I'm excited to see if I can get a hole in one. I really hope we can get a steak and some hot wings because they're my food of preference.

I am also extremely excited for the coach trip with my peers. I'm looking forward to an electrifying day! Kimi S1A

## **Christmas Shopping**

I am looking forward to going into Canterbury for Christmas Shopping in the last week of term. I love going to Primark to look at the clothes. I am also hoping to go to McDonalds because I always really want some chicken nuggets and a coke! Ellie-May S1A

## Sign Language Club

Our lunch time sign language club is proving rather popular, with St Nicholas and Spires students. As well as some common vocabulary, we have been practising the song 'Titanium' and we are getting ready to perform this for both schools Christmas Variety Shows! Tracey.

We have been learning about the Oak Pathway and what it means for us. We created this display – we are the acorns! The leaves on the tree explain what we can do, what we enjoy and what our

hopes and dreams for the future are!

Harry S1A



During media club we made videos to teach people how to use the I Mac.

For example how to use the speaker. We did this with Tim, the other pupils were Danny Lee and Alfie. The videos go on the

school youtube site for people to see. By Kyle-James



# Forest School

I enjoy Forest school at Ross woods because it is really fun. We like exploring nature with Alexis. He makes it fun. I enjoy Forest school because I enjoy walking and seeing nature. The animals that I have seen are squirrels, birds a rabbit and a fox. It is fun to be in the woods. I love going for adventures at Forest school.

From Beau S4A

From Hollie S4A.

In A we have spent some time this term preparing for our mini-enterprise project that will take place on Thursday 9th December. We have also enjoyed spending time at Samphire Hoe taking part in work experience. Here are some of the student's comments:

# Duke of Edinburgh

I'm excited about the Duke of Edinburgh Christmas dinner because there will be food I like. I like the Samphire Hoe carol we wrote and performed, but I cringed at my part! We filmed it in the lunch area to Ranger Paul.

On the Duke of Edinburgh we go to a golf course near Faversham to learn golf techniques such as putting and the drive. I enjoy learning golf and would like to take up the sport.

By Patrick S4A

Every Monday for Duke of Edinburgh we go to golf at The Cave near Faversham. We go in the bays to practise our swing. I enjoy hitting the ball as far as I can. We also go for walks in the woods with Andy. It is muddy and wet. I enjoy the Duke of Edinburgh days out.

OF EDINBURGH'S

By Layton S4A

This term we have been learning to ski with Andy Bennett. We go to the dry ski slope in Chatham every Thursday. In the picture Kyle is learning to use the button lift. Everyone fell off the first time they tried! I have learned to ski down the slope using the pizza slice technique.

By Alfie S5A

#### Community visits to Samphire Hoe

At Samphire Hoe on Tuesdays we do the raking, bramble cutting and walking. We also check the animals are ok and count them. Last week we checked the life rings to make sure they were in good condition. I really enjoy working there. By Lyndon S4A.



Samphire Hoe is part of my work experience and we count the sheep to keep them safe. We also clean up the sheep's' poo so its safe and clean. Going to Samphire Hoe makes me happy because we go out and about, and we are around animals. Part of our job is also to check the life rings. Samphire Hoe is a fun experience. By: Nicholas S4A

#### **MINI ENTERPRISE PROJECTS**

We made Christmas decorations to sell. I love making Christmas decorations it's a lot of fun. They look so nice. I am going to buy then. It was a lot of fun finding pine cones in the woods. I found a lot of pine cones to decorate.

By Trinity S4A

We have been doing a Christmas mini enterprise. I put glitter on pinecones and stuck them on a log candle with leaves as decorations. They look amazing! We have made other Christmas decorations such as ornaments. We are also going to make biscuits too. By Jasmine S4A

# It's Christmas at Samphire Hoe ho ho

That wonderful place where we go go go

The cattle are pooing The coffee is brewing Cows are busy mooing What are the sheep chewing? It makes us very merry When we see the Irish ferry Christmas is a time of hope Look!! Tommy pulled out the rope Look out for Paul the Ranger He will talk about the danger Of all the brambles and the hills And how they used the massive drills To build the tunnel under the sea Beneath our feet, and now we see A habitat which is really cool From where we sing this song for Yule!

Lee S5A



After our wonderful visit to the cement works in Blue Town, S5B have been very busy making our own majestic, cement toadstools. Some people think they would make a lovely Christmas present and a colourful addition to your garden in these cold grey months.

If you would like to purchase a toadstool please contact us at j.punton@stns.org.uk .

We can make bespoke toadstools if you would like to submit your own colour combinations.

They stand at approximately 35cm high.

We are offering these delightful fungi for just £5.00 each or 2 for £8.00 or 3 for £10.00.

All proceeds go to the S5B well-being fund.



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We hope you enjoyed reading our new termly newsletter!

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