



THE SEASON OF GIVING AT WIX PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR CHRISTMAS STORY

December 2015

It has been an extremely exciting and busy term for all of our Wix Community. We would like to take the time to remember many of the events we have taken part in. We have spent a lot of the term learning about the world we live in, international crisis situations, appreciating different cultures, religions, supporting local and global projects and promoting projects closer to home. At the heart of all of these events are children and families that are experiencing difficult times; we at Wix endeavour to learn, be educated, educate others and support as much as possible.

September

- We gave our time and feedback to support the Book Trust's amazing project of giving book packs to all reception age children across the UK. We thought it was an important message to promote to the nation, to share the importance of parents and children reading together. ITV came and filmed this and our message was televised across the UK.
- We were asked by our parents to help support their petition to make our roads around the school safer. We thought this was a good thing to promote, so discussed it live on Wandsworth Radio and were interviewed by Brightside Newspaper.
- Wandsworth Radio asked our opinion about working with pen and paper verses using ICT; we gave a balanced argument for both.
- Our whole school went to Clapham Common to enjoy music and colour sessions in the huge Colourscape bubble – we all got to express ourselves in an artistic and creative way.

October

- To celebrate Harvest Festival, classes created their own scarecrow and these were all displayed in the gardening area and are now featured around the school.
- We had an International Week with many parents from a wide range of cultures coming into our classrooms and teaching us new things through activities, stories, songs and the arts.
- The whole school supported Diversity Week, where we learnt so much through class activities and drama, and from visiting storytelling theatre companies that performed for us.
- Refugee Crisis overseas: we were committed to helping children and families fleeing from dangerous situations in their countries. We started a Refugee Support at Wix Campaign, whereby the whole school community brought in so many clothes that it filled a whole room. We bagged them all up, put them in containers and shipped them to Greece. We helped children like us to start having better lives. The Wandsworth Guardian Newspaper thought that what we were doing was so great, so they put it in their newspaper. We hope that other schools may have seen it and helped refugee families as well.





November

- The PTA ran a Table Top Sale, so we got the chance to bring in things we didn't want or need anymore and sell them at bargain prices to others who may find use for them or really want them. Mrs Kodjovi-Stapp bought a lot of things from us to fill the crates that she sends to villages in Togo (West Africa) for people who don't have a lot. All the staff and families regularly give bags of things for these families in Togo. This recycling is a really good thing. We get to give big smiles to so many people.
- Some of us went to see 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and some classes learnt about Explorers and discovering different cultures; 3B learnt about Captain Cook discovering many countries like NZ. We created Maori designs and we learnt a lot about being Good people. We did a lot of work which is on displays all around the school.
- We have had opportunities to represent Wix at many different sporting events this term. We even had our first win at the Panathlon Festival becoming the Wandsworth Panathlon Champs! (See the Sporting Highlights newsletter).

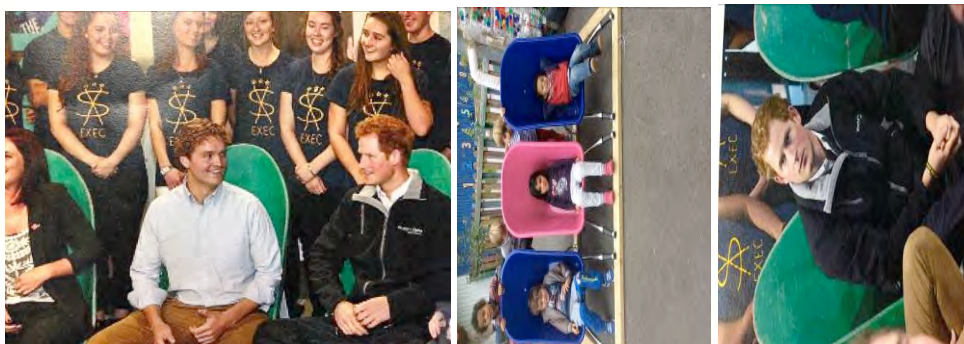




- In the middle of November we paid tribute to the people who were hurt in the terrorist attacks in Paris. All children and staff from both the English and French schools, as well as parents, were in the playground to pay our respects; led by Mrs Osuntokun and Madame Zurbach. The Mayor came to visit our classes; she was interested to discuss our views about this atrocity. We did a lot of work about it and had a lot of discussions because we had so many questions about 'Why?'



- Gardening Area new seating: Prince Harry visited NZ and he sat on wheelbarrows during some of his meetings. Mrs Kodjovi-Stapp said "If royalty can do it, so can all of us." Ms Tunesi spent a lot of time trying to find the most comfortable for us. Mr Jefford helped secure them and drill tiny water drainage holes. All we need now is Prince Harry to visit!





December

- International Christmas Hoops: each class designed a Christmas hoop with ideas and designs from countries around the world. We learnt about Christmas in other countries; some are different to ours. You can see the hoops hanging all around the school.
- Supporting 'Shelter' Charity: We wore our slippers in class for a day to raise funds for homeless children. Did you know there are over 100,000 children homeless in the UK this Christmas? Our money will have given some children food, warmth, safety and a home at Christmastime. We don't just stop there though; some of us volunteer for Shelter at Christmas, like Ms Hoskins – she does this every year!
- New Website: we launched our new website which we think has an innovative design, is easy to navigate and shows all the exciting activities and events which 'Make Each Day at Wix Extraordinary'. Take a look at any of our Domain names: www.wixschool.net, www.wixschool.eu, www.wix.wandsworth.sch.uk, www.wixschool.co.uk, www.wixschool.london or www.wixschool.com.
- PTA Winter Fair: The PTA ran our Winter Fair and we made decoration jars to be sold at the Fair. We spent a lot of time on making them with our parents. They were really popular. The PTA raised over £4,000! The PTA then gave us a surprise in a full school assembly when they said they had made 'Butterfly popcorn' parcels for us to thank us for our hard work. Mrs Kodjovi-Stapp asked them to come to the front of the hall and we gave them a big clap to show our gratitude because they work really hard for us! This was all about giving to each other.
- Christmas Carol Concerts: EYFS and KS1 have put on lovely Christmas concerts for the parents. Please look at our website for photos of the concerts and of the children with their parents. Thank you, parents, for sharing this with us all.

Goodbye and thank you!!!

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Morton. Thank you for all you have done for us and enjoy your time with your family.

Also, thank you to Mr Gale for all you have taught us during your Teacher Training placement. We will miss you both.



This term we have all learnt how to be 'Good Global Citizens'. We have learnt respect, tolerance, empathy and understanding. We have given to so many people around

the world, supporting children and families who really need our help. We are proud of what we have done for them all and will continue to help others as we feel driven to do.

