

# Yardleys School Newsletter

A Specialist Science, Mathematics and ICT College



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## Important Dates & Upcoming Events... for your planner or diary

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February: Half term break

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February: Teacher Training Day (No pupils in school)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February: All pupils return to school

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Year 9 Options and Parent Evening

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Year 8 Options and Parent Evening

## GOODBYE 2011, HELLO 2012!

Firstly, let us take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year!

Last term was a very busy term, with so many trips and activities taking place. Here is a list of some of the events:

Warwick Castle Trip, Children in Need week of activities, Eco Animal event, RE Trips, Remembrance Day performance, Christmas Concert, Physics Factory Road Show, Natural High Performance, Christmas Science Lecture, Christmas Quiz, Root Word Competitions, Christmas Card Competition, School Council presentation to Governors and many sport matches and wins!

Attendance was at a record high with us achieving over **96%** last term and we hope that with your continued support that this will continue to rise this term.

There have been many positive remarks from visitors to the great working atmosphere here and on how polite and well behaved our children are. They are a credit to our school and to you at home.

## Year 9 Zoolab Experience

Just before Christmas, half the Year 9 Group 'got up close and personal' with some of the more creepy-crawly, slimy, scaly and hairy residents of the rainforests as part of their study of rainforests. Zoolab came into school with a selection of rainforest insects and animals for pupils to nervously handle, while the demonstrator explained how each creature had adapted themselves to survive in this bustling eco-system. Pupils befriended cockroaches, a tree frog, an infant tarantula, giant tree snails, a Green snake and, strangely, hermit crabs.



The aim of the session was to see in real life some of the animals that pupils had discussed in class, further interest in rainforests and to also give a flavour of what to expect in GCSE Geography.

The second half of year 9 will be attending the workshop on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.



# House News



Nadeera Khan, House Captain for Earth had this to say about their win : 'I am really proud of everyone in our house for working hard to achieve this award. Keep it up guys!'

## Year 7 Science Lecture

A group of year 7 pupils had the opportunity to see the Christmas Science Lecture at Birmingham University in December. It was a great experience for the year sevens to see what a real university looked like.

They were initially overwhelmed by its sheer size and extravagant architecture on route to the lecture theatre.

They were impressed by the Lecturer who used props, snazzy software and role plays to describe and explain how science was being used by athletes to gain advantage over opponents in the upcoming the London 2012 Olympics.

The hour seemed to flyby and the children were brilliantly behaved. It was good to hear children discussing their future aspirations on attending university.



All in all, a good time was had by all with many positive outcomes.

## Football Win for Year 7!

Before the Christmas break, Yardleys Year 7 football team enjoyed their first win of the season with a 2-0 victory over Small Heath. Despite defending for the majority of the match, with heroics from goalkeeper Rizwan Shabeer and defender Matthew Allely, they managed to score two goals on the break. Both goals were scored by Darnel Gordon, each after he had dribbled with the ball for over 50 metres before calmly slotting home past the opposition's keeper. All the players worked really hard and showed real character in closing the win, which they will need to repeat when they play another of their local rivals Moseley in two weeks time.

## Green fingers!

A huge thank you to everyone who collected the Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers.

At the deadline, we had 510 vouchers to spend on much needed school gardening equipment.

The photo shows what we managed to buy.

