



### Cross-Country Success

At the end of last term, our Under-9 Cross-Country team finally received their trophy and certificates for winning the Sheffield Schools' Cross-Country title last season. It's the first time in Birkdale's history that a Prep team has taken the title. William and Charlie led the team to a very well-deserved win after a tough, and muddy season!

### PP3 Say Thank You!



The children in PP3 have been writing letters to their parents to say thank you for giving them a lovely Christmas.

### Where's Zacchaeus?

PP2 have been studying the story of Zacchaeus this week. Zacchaeus was so desperate to see Jesus that he climbed a tree. Henry did a great job of hiding him in his tree!



### Message from Mr Burch



It is lovely to see just how quickly the school has reverted to remote learning. It is certainly not what we planned or wanted for this term but well done to everyone for making such a great start. As Hashim said in his start of term Head Boy's message, it is so important that we all continue to play our part in the battle against COVID-19 by staying at home if at all possible.

### Maths in PP1

PP1 have been inspired this week by *The Big Numbers Song*, Joseph used magnetic numbers and Playdoh to create some 2-digit numbers. Martin cut out a set of 0-20 number cards, read them, ordered them, and counted on and back. What a lot of Maths skills!



### PP1 Art

Well done to Marco who has been making aeroplanes in his online art lessons this week. He has even made one for his brother too!

### LAMDA Exams

Last term, many pupils across the Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior departments took their London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) examinations. The exams took place in two blocks with some having to be rescheduled. Despite this setback, all of the children continued practising hard. Everyone taking the exams passed with flying colours and there were an extraordinarily high number of Distinctions awarded. Well done, everyone!

### Online Safety

*Thinkuknow* has produced some excellent online safety material that can be accessed by children and parents. There are a range of age-appropriate materials that can be used to improve awareness of online safety. Click on the link below to access the resources  
[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm\\_source=Thinkuknow&utm\\_campaign=c96a649dde-TUK\\_GLOBAL\\_12\\_11\\_20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0b54505554-c96a649dde-64747713](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=c96a649dde-TUK_GLOBAL_12_11_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-c96a649dde-64747713)