



## Parliament London Trip to The Houses of Parliament

On the 27th September, South Kirkby Academy had a very special invite to The Houses of Parliament to identify The Houses of Parliament, The House of Commons and The House of Lords. During our visit we learnt about Kings and Queens of the past and how Queen Victoria rebuilt parts of the Houses of Parliament after they were burnt down. The House of Lords had regal, red leather on the seats. At The House of Commons they had small microphones hanging from the ceiling, also there was a box of 24karot gold on the table of the speaker, this was a gift to the Houses of Parliament. We were also told how to vote in a general election. There was an immense gate for the Queen to enter in her golden plated carriage. We also learnt South Kirkby has an MP by the name Jon Tricket.



## Council Chambers

South Kirkby Academy's school parliament were invited to the South Kirkby and Moorthorpe Council Chambers. We had a meeting with the Mayoress, Deputy Mayoress, Manager and Town Clerk of the council. We had an agenda. On this agenda there was: issues with the environment, we also talked about the provision in local play areas. We were debating about whether we should keep or put an end to the fireworks. What do you think should happen? We suggested that we put more local bins out so litter doesn't ruin the environment.



On Friday 12 November the parliament interviewed some candidates for the role of teaching assistant, we interviewed them one by one to see if they had the personality for the role. At the end of the interviews we voted and the most votes got the role of the teaching assistant. This was very difficult because many of the candidates had the required traits, however we had to choose and eventually we decided to appoint a very special member of staff who you will all soon be meeting in January!

## Working Hard Towards Christmas

To head into the festive spirit we have all been turning up our festive cheer by preparing for our Christmas productions. We have also had family workshops themed around the festive season. Each class had the opportunity to create something festive with the families.



## Christmas Jokes

<p>What do you call Santa Claus when he doesn't move?</p> <p>Santa Pause</p> 	<p>What did the cow get for Christmas?</p> <p>A COWculator!</p> 	<p>What's Santa's favorite candy?</p> <p>Jolly Ranchers!</p> 	<p>What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?</p> <p>A cookie sheet!</p> 
<p>Why is it always cold at Christmas?</p> <p>Because it's Decemberrrrrrrr!</p> 	<p>What do elves learn in school?</p> <p>The elf-abet.</p> 	<p>What's red and white, red and white, red and white?</p> <p>Santa Claus rolling down a hill.</p> 	<p>What do you call a snowman in the summer?</p> <p>A puddle!</p> 

From everyone at South Kirkby Academy, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Happy 2020!



# Parliament News and Events

In the Parliament meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December it was decided that the Trust would hold a digital competition, to give the children who are talented in this area the opportunity to take part. The Trust is also investigating the possibility of creating a Trust YouTube channel with a link on the Trust website.

## A Stop Motion / Animation Competition was agreed.

A poster is being created to be distributed before Christmas, but in the meantime here are the details:

- The competition will start in early January until the end of the Spring Term
- The competition is open to any KS1 and KS2 pupil
- Video is to last a maximum of 5 mins

Inspiration

- Morph by Tony Hart [https://youtu.be/1naL\\_Gn4IS4](https://youtu.be/1naL_Gn4IS4)
- Moomins <https://youtu.be/752W0mrvP5w>
- Wallace and Gromit [https://youtu.be/T0qagA4\\_eVQ](https://youtu.be/T0qagA4_eVQ)
- Bagpuss <https://youtu.be/68UWyU590Ls>
- Button Moon <https://youtu.be/Rn-54TtTV18>

There will be a prize (TBC) for the winner. This will be discussed at the next meeting 3/2/2020.

**A fantastic night at the theatre** – Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at Wakefield Theatre Royal.

This years performance is to be a short act or scene from a film or play, for example Oliver. With a maximum of ten children from each school performing.

- **Please email Mrs Newton with your theme and song choice.**

**Ackworth Road safety poster Competition** - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Please contact your representatives for details.

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## MILL DAM ACADEMY SCHOOL UPDATE



The African drums are cool because you can get them in different sizes. It's cool how you can play music by just banging.

When you use a little drum you will have to use one hand but when playing a big drum you need to use two hands this means you make a louder sound. All of the drums are amazing.'

Class 3

On November the 29<sup>th</sup> the whole of KS2 were involved in a drumming workshop. Each class was given drumming lessons using a wide range of drums. They learnt how to combine rhythms in order to produce a piece of music. All children had their own drum so that they fully engaged in the experience. Some children improvised dance sequences based on what they heard. After the workshop parents were invited to celebrate the children's learning by attending a performance.

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## Grandmas and Granddads came to tea.

As part of the topic of "Me and My Family", Key Stage 1 enjoyed a wonderful Inspire session with members of their families. They hosted an afternoon tea for their Grandparents. The children followed the whole process from writing the invitations, to making the sandwiches and afterwards writing a thank you letter for attending. It was an extremely well attended afternoon, many more people turned up than we expected. The children ended the afternoon by performing a song for everyone and a great time was had by all.

# ART ACROSS THE SCHOOL

The children at Mill Dam have been exploring a range of artistic techniques using inspiration linked to topic work.



Tiles inspired by Medieval Tiles.

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## WHAT'S IN THE NEWS TODAY

A chance for children at Mill Dam to talk to other children in the school about issues which are important to them.

### THE IMPACT OF PLASTIC POLLUTION ON SEA ANIMALS

#### Whole school assembly

At Mill Dam some of the children have begun to talk to the rest of the school about world issues that they are concerned about. This desire to discuss important issues that will have an impact on their future lives, was inspired when they were challenged to think about the impact of the Swedish school girl campaigner Greta Thunberg. How she has managed to change the minds of governments and big business.

The first presentation by two year 5 girls about, "The impact of plastic pollution on sea animals.'

They were a little nervous to begin with but as they presented their thoughts, their confidence began to grow and they gave a thoughtful presentation.