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Gym Festival: On Tuesday December 1st, five of our Year 2 children - Maya Gaga, Ella Small, Alyssia Sableski, Naima Clarvis-Slany and Jason Henry took part in the Borough Gymnastic Festival. There were nine infant schools in all and each child had to perform a set gymnastic sequence and a vault.

The children have been practising two lunchtimes a week since September and Mrs Ballett, Mrs Stiles and myself would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication. The children were excellent and a credit to the school.

Considering it was our first attempt at this competition and we were not sure what to expect, we are thrilled to report that we came **FIRST** and received a lovely shield for the school. Each of the children received a medal and certificate for taking part. Linda Smith, PE Co-ordinator.

Key Stage 1 Curriculum Meeting: This meeting held on 26th November was very well attended. We have noted your comments on how we can improve and include some of the very positive comments here.

"All teachers are very approachable and spend time explaining the needs of your child".

"Good overview of an excellent range of support groups and interventions".

"Useful to be able to discuss as group was small".

"Raglan teaching methods are varied, which makes it interesting for the children".

"Everything was useful. It was good to hear about how we can re-enforce learning at home".

We anticipate repeating this workshop meeting in the Spring, to give parents a chance to attend a different workshop. If you missed the handouts they are available in the office.

Reminder of Xmas Performance Dates:

Below are the dates to put in your diary -

Tues 8 Dec	Classes 13 & 14	9.30 am
	Classes 5 & 9	2.15 pm

Wed 9 Dec	Classes 7 & 8	2.15 pm
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Thur 10 Dec	Classes 6 & 11	9.30 am
	Classes 1 & 2	2.15 pm

Fri 11 Dec	Classes 3 & 4	2.15 pm
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Please note we are recording the performances and a DVD will be available to purchase in the near future.

The bazaar is tomorrow **Saturday 5th December from 11am-3pm**. Come along with all the family and have a great afternoon. Santa will be there in his grotto as well as plenty of fun and games and commercial stalls to start getting those Christmas presents. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mayor's Parlour visit: Yesterday our School Council were lucky enough to go and visit the Mayor at the Civic Centre. They had a very enjoyable time and had an opportunity to ask questions in the

Mayor's chamber. They listened and behaved very well and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

This was a very good opportunity for them to learn more about developments in the borough and how facilities for young people are being improved. Photos of this visit will be on our website soon.

Salvation Army Christmas Gifts: On Thursday the Salvation Army came to pick up all the Christmas gifts that have been donated. They were amazed that we had collected such a huge amount and were very grateful. These will be distributed to local children in the borough who do not receive many gifts at Christmas time.

Website: We are pleased to announce the launch of our new school website. Please take the time to have a look at some of the exciting new features. This project has been ongoing for the past year with staff, governors and parents working together.

Particular thanks goes to Jane Russell and Anabel Sableski (Class 2) for their expertise and hours of work. We are very proud of the result and hope you and your children enjoy using it. www.raglaninfant.org Thank you. Mrs Allen, ICT Co-ordinator.

Xmas Cards: Children can bring in their cards for friends from Monday 7th December. Please ensure the envelope has both the child's full name and class number.

Pat Speare