



Newsletter

15 December 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a nice week and that preparations for Christmas break are going well!

Christmas Concert Spectacular!

The Christmas concert was its usual fantastic success this week, with a variety of performances wowing the audience! There was a great atmosphere in the hall, and the quality of what was on show was simply stunning! Well done to all those involved, with special mention to Mrs Leggett for leading on organisation of the event.



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Christmas Food Bank Appeal

A very big thank you to all those who were able to contribute to our appeal for the Chet Valley Community Larder. We have had a great response, and the picture below represents just some of the many items donated, which today have been taken to the larder collection point by staff and students.



Nelson Scholarship Success – Tilly Bell (Year 11)

Many congratulations to Tilly Bell, who this week learnt that she has been successful in gaining a prestigious Nelson Scholarship at Langley School when she begins her post 16 studies. The selection process was rigorous, with interviews and a presentation to a panel for those selected after the initial application forms were submitted. Tilly worked very hard to prepare for these activities, taking on board feedback to further develop her speech. Well done Tilly – a brilliant achievement!

Early Closure on Last Day Reminder

A reminder that on the last day of term (Wednesday 20 December) the school finishes early, with students getting on buses at approximately 1.25pm.

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Pantomime Trip – Year 7 & GCSE Year 11 Drama Students

It was great to hear back that the students had a great time at the Aladdin Pantomime in Lowestoft on Wednesday. As is often the case with panto, they got to sing, dance (specifically the monkey dance!) and join in during the performance. The youngsters were also lucky enough to see one of our own Year 7 students - Evie-Joan perform as part of the ensemble. All students were polite and well behaved on the trip, and represented the school brilliantly. The staff from the theatre commented on this and I am really proud of them!

Thank you to Miss Woods for organising/leading the trip and for the report above.



Latest Special Educational Needs Updates

I have received some useful communications this week for those families with children that have an SEN diagnosis or where SEN is being explored. Please find attached a useful document that provides various links and information regarding support for families of children with neurodevelopmental differences/additional needs in Norfolk.

The latest SENDIASS newsletter has been issued and can be access via the link [here](#)

Further SEN information, links and subscription to the SENDIASS newsletter is through the link [here](#)

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Christmas Jumper Day



It was a terrific atmosphere around the school for Christmas jumper day. We do not yet have a total raised figure but I would like to thank you for your contributions to Save the Children.

Subject Stars of the Week



Daniel Goldson (Year 9) - Daniel always has a fantastic attitude in lesson. This had paid off brilliantly, as in the last physics test Daniel got 100%.

TJ Norton (Year 11) - TJ is always polite, helpful and enthusiastic. He consistently gives maximum effort in lessons and clearly understands that hard work pays off. Well done TJ!



Fearne Mickleburgh (Year 7) - Works so hard during lessons and has got fully involved in lunchtime clubs. A pleasure to teach!

Bonnie Bracken (Year 9) - Positive attitude and effort and contribution to lessons. Well done Bonnie!

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Sparx Maths

This term we have introduced a new homework platform to all Year 9 students and we have been delighted to see the success students are having with their compulsory homework. In addition to the homework set, some students have completed a remarkable amount of independent work to boost their scores, which will definitely serve them well in the future. The three students with the highest XP points are photographed below with their prizes. Left to right: Larysa Klepikovska with 11 500, Harriet Atkinson with 17 400 and Dylan Doyle with 3500.

We look forward to sharing more success next term.

Report by Mrs Jackson



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Year 11 Design and Technology: Product Design - Prototype: Cardboard modelling



In Design and Technology for the past couple of lessons I have been making cardboard models. This is a part of my portfolio, and I am designing a shoe storage box for outdoor storage of shoes. I have chosen this product to make, as my contextual challenge that I chose was longevity, which is when a product is made sustainably so it can last a long time. To achieve this, I will make my product as sustainable as possible, for example I will be waterproofing the outside, so the product is less susceptible to water damage.



To produce this product, it requires planning and research, which includes cardboard modelling. Once made, these Cardboard models will then be photographed and included in my portfolio. Next to the photos, I will be analysing in depth, why I chose the features included in my models and develop them further to produce my final design. I have made these models from my initial sketches I have drawn, and they will help show any flaws in my designs that need improving or changing for a better product and what my client (who I am making it for) thinks of my design ideas; this will help with the gradual development of my product/design as I will have a clearer idea what my clients preferences are.

These models are made from cardboard and hot glue, with the use of the tools glue gun, Stanley knife and a metal safety rule. These models will massively benefit and influence my final design, as these prototypes show all the improvements to be made and what I have done successfully.

Kelis (Year 11)



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Library Updates - December 2023

Book Buzz- Year 7



Year 7 received their Book Buzz books this week! All Year 7 students got to choose from a selection of 16 titles so there was a good choice that would suit every type of reader. Inside their book package is an activity pack that students can choose to complete while they are reading their chosen book. Any work completed over the Christmas break and handed in by the end of January will receive some well-earned positive points. Happy reading!



Student Library Assistants



Our school's Student Library Assistants have been working hard to complete their initial training and have completed their first award, receiving their Library Assistant badges. Well done to:

Emily Crossland, Jack Baldry, Keely Robinson, Liam Smith, Freddie Hoadley, Isla Burrell, Tia Toleman, Emily Copestake-Cox, Betty Keal, Alex Goff, Sophie Baldry, Elliot Wason-McPhee, William George, Skye Craig, Verity Todd, Hope Grimwood, Skye Bensley.

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South Norfolk Schools Panathlon

On Monday morning, a small team representing Hobart travelled to Framingham Earl High School to participate in the South Norfolk Panathlon. The team; Jared Bollington (team captain), Henry Borrett, Oli Nunn, Harry Lentini, Aiden Roberts, Daniel Barmby and Tommie-Lee gave their upmost in many different activities, including basketball, bowling, long jump and curling. Our youngsters showed superb effort, and were rewarded with 2nd place overall, only missing out on the top spot by 5 points! All involved had a fantastic morning and are already looking forward to the next event. Well done all – a superb achievement!

Report by Mr Armitage

Allotment update





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Our Year 9, 10 and 11 students involved in creating the allotment have been working hard and we have seen excellent progress. The beds have been dug with lots of manure laid on them. Students have been using wood to edge the borders of the bed and have also planted some garlic, broad beans and strawberry runners. We are well on our way to being ready for the 2024 growing season. Well done to all those involved and a huge thank you to Harriet and Poppy from the Papillon Project for helping make this happen.

This will be the last newsletter before the festive break. As always, thank you for your support. I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hope that you have super break.

Ross Li-Rocchi
Head of School