



# HEBBURN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### CHRISTMAS, 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you pupils' achievements and whole-school events from the Autumn Term, as well providing you with some key dates for the forthcoming Spring Term.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST WEEK OF TERM

Monday 18 December	Whole-school cinema trip to Boldon Cinema to see 'The Last Jedi' (am)
Tuesday 19 December	Packed lunches required for Friday must be ordered by 9.10am, via form tutors. School Choir performing at Tesco in Simonside (am) School Choir performing at The Viking Centre (pm)
Wednesday 20 December	Christmas Lunch, served in the Dining Hall. School Choir performing at Tesco in Simonside (pm).
Thursday 21 December	School Choir performing at Hawthorne Court (am).
Friday 22 December	School closes at 12 noon; pupils in receipt of free school meals requiring a packed lunch should inform their form tutor by 9.10am on Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December. Lunches to be collected on exit at 12.00pm.  All pupils will have the opportunity to watch the staff Christmas pantomime. There will be merit draws throughout the morning.  A Carol Service for Year 7 will take place at St John's Church at 11.00am. Please come and join us, if you are able to. Pupils will be dismissed as per the letter to parents.
Monday 8 January	School re-opens at the normal time of 8.50am, with Breakfast Club available from 8.00am.

#### SPRING TERM CALENDAR

Monday 15 January	'Blue Monday' campaign
Tuesday 16 January	Year 11 Full Reports to parents
Thursday 18 January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Monday 29 January – Friday 02 March	Assessment Cycle 2
Monday 26 February – Friday 9 March	Fairtrade Fortnight
Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February	Half term
Tuesday 13 March	Y10 Celebration Evening
Monday 19 March	Sport Relief
Monday 26 April	Progress Reports for Years 7, 8 and 11
Wednesday 28 March	Full Reports for Years 9 & 10
Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April	Easter Break

#### YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS



In November, as part of our first assessment cycle, students in Year 11 sat their GCSE mock examinations. The buy-in to additional revision sessions and study support in the run up to the exams was very good, but a more consistent buy-in from some pupils in the year group would increase their chances of success in the summer. Students had the opportunity to pick up their results on Mock Results Day on Friday 8 December replicating, as closely as we could, the experience that pupils will have in August. It is hugely important that students respond positively to the advice given by subject teachers and have a clear plan of what needs to be prioritised from now until the final examinations in the summer.

After Christmas, there are only approximately 14 teaching weeks left to the first examinations in May. It is absolutely crucial that all students focus their full attention on their GCSE studies throughout the Spring Term. Details of the range of support available will be communicated after Christmas.

## OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

OPEN  
EVENING

Our thanks again to all pupils and parents who attended our Open Evening on Wednesday 20 September. There were lots of happy children engrossed in all of the exciting activities on offer around the school. We were delighted with the feedback:

"My daughter really enjoyed this evening. She is really looking forward to starting in 2018."

"Fabulous school and an even better environment. I have no hesitation in sending my daughter to this school after the fantastic progress that my son has made since joining the school. Thank you to everyone."

"The children were very helpful."

"It was excellent!"

"A very reassuring presentation in the hall."

"After this evening, I am really looking forward to becoming a pupil at Hebburn Comp."

"Outstanding facilities. Excellent presentation in the hall. Excellent opportunities for children. Friendly approach from staff and pupils."

"Really enjoyed the evening and the activities. My son is really looking forward and excited to come here next September."

"Very impressed! Unexpected surprise at the standard of the school facilities."

"Lovely young people who made my child feel very welcome. Fantastic ambassadors for the school."

"Enjoyed this evening. Thank you for your enthusiasm!"

"Great evening. Really enjoyed it. My son is definitely coming here."

"We are very happy with the learning facilities. The staff and pupils were extremely helpful."

"It was very interesting. Activities were really fun!"

"I found the evening excellent and very informative. The staff and pupils were very welcoming and friendly."

"I really enjoyed this evening. High praise for the activities."

"Everything was fantastic."

"When speaking to pupils, they all spoke highly of the school."

"Fun, friendly, approachable, happy staff and pupils"

"As always a wonderful environment and very helpful staff. I wouldn't consider sending my child anywhere else but this school because I know her needs will be met."

**Thank you!**

**We look forward to seeing you all again in July.**

## VOTING FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

VOTE 

As part of our democracy theme, pupils voted for representatives for the school council at the start of term. Pupils in Year 7 took part in a mock election in the Main Hall with a voting booth and voting cards.

## AWARDS EVENING



On Thursday 19 October, staff, pupils, parents, school governors and special guests gathered to celebrate the achievements of both current and former pupils at our annual Awards Evening in the school's Main Hall. Prize winners collected trophies, plaques, certificates and vouchers for: 100% attendance; academic achievement; outstanding progress; and recognition of exceptional performance in the UK Maths Challenge. A number of special prizes were awarded at the end of the evening. Thanks go to, Abbie Forster and Erin Embleton, from 'The Key', our guest speakers for the evening. Congratulations to all prize winners, and special thanks to Mrs Burdis for co-ordinating the evening.



## BONFIRE NIGHT CAMPAIGN



In the run up to Bonfire Night, Julie Moon, from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, delivered assemblies to all year groups, outlining the potential dangers of fireworks and giving pupils advice on how to stay safe on bonfire night.



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Throughout anti-bullying week, pupils took part in a range of activities on this year's theme, 'All different; All equal'.

Activities included:

- a cake sale;
- a non-uniform day;
- displaying our anti-bullying charter;
- designing an anti-bullying flag;
- selling anti-bullying wristbands and rulers; and
- creating a display board with reasons of why we are all unique.
- Thanks to the Learning Mentor team for co-ordinating the activities.



## FRIENDS AGAINST BULLIES "FAB" AWARD

On Wednesday 15 November, our Peer Mentor Team, Matthew, Riley, Willow, Charlie and Robert collected a 'Friends Against Bullies' (FAB) award on behalf of the school, in recognition of the outstanding work that goes on throughout the academic year to promote anti-bullying. Well done to everyone.



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Thursday 30 November, we held a hugely successful Christmas Fair at the school, with over 30 stalls, 23 of which were run by our pupils. Over 100 children worked with Mrs Sharp and representatives from the charity 'The Key' to plan and organise an enterprise project. All of this was done in just one day! The day's planning culminated in a 'Panel Blast' in the school's main hall, with pupils receiving up to £125 to help fund their stall.

A tremendous amount of work went on in school in preparation for the event, with pupils coming up with some wonderfully creative ideas. The grand total of £2000 was raised on the evening, with all profits going to the following charities: 'Hebburn



community Response Team

## ST OSWALD'S CINEMA VISIT

Our Peer Mentor Group organised a chocolate hamper raffle to raise money for a cinema morning for one of our local primary schools. St Oswald's C of E Infants visited the school on the morning of Monday 11th December to watch 'Arthur Christmas' in the school's main hall with a selection of treats!

Well done to all involved.

## 'HEBBURN HELPS', 'HOSPITALITY AND HOPE' AND 'MAKING WINTER WARMER'.



On Wednesday 20th December, representatives from each charity came along to the school to be presented with a cheque for £600 and donations of food and care packs.



Food donations were given to 'Hebburn Helps' and 'Hospitality and Hope', organised by the Year 9 'Hunger Busters': Naomi McIntyre, Bryanie Dellin, Kai Peco, Kai Atkinson and Leon Stoker, as part of their 'Key Social Action' project.





The Year 9 'Hebburn Heroes' Key group, Kasey Richardson, Leah Ross, Will Fowler, Cain Rayner, Logan Kennedy, James Sweeney and Jack Lynsley, put together 10 sleep packs for 'Making Winter Warmer', as part of their Key Social Action project. The packs contained tents, sleeping bags, essential toiletries, socks, snacks and dog food for any pets.



A further 27 care packs, including socks and toiletries, have been donated to 'Making Winter Warmer' by Brooke Ransome and Alice Collier, in Year 9, as part of their KSA project.

Erin Ridley, Maddi Phelan, Jamie Whitehead, Jennie Mothersdale, Kyle Powell, Lexi Brown, Ross Smith, in Year 8, organised the donation of selection boxes to 'Making Winter Warmer', as part of their KSA project, 'Hebburn Helping Hands', supported by Mrs Phillips. Selection boxes were also delivered to our local senior citizens.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



107 shoeboxes were collected for despatch by Samaritans' Purse in November for 'Operation Christmas Child'. Katie Cook, Chloe Redhead, Kazia Leigh Kane and Bethany Harrison ran a shop during registration, selling items for the shoeboxes. Well done to all pupils, staff and parents who donated, wrapped and packed shoeboxes and thanks to Mrs Sharp for co-ordinating.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



On 29 September, we held a MacMillan Coffee Morning, raising the fantastic sum of £724.64 for the charity. Well done to everyone involved in baking and huge thanks to Miss Hood for organising.





## **BIN IT! ROADSHOW**

On 28 September 2017, pupils in Year 7 took part in the award winning 'Bin it!' roadshow, which helped to raise awareness of the environmental impact of littering and the importance of correct litter disposal. Pupils enjoyed the informative and entertaining workshop and were keen to pass on the anti-littering message.



## **LEPRA WORKOUT**

On Wednesday, pupils in Years 7 took part in our annual Lepra Workout, raising the phenomenal sum of £659.85. Well done, Year 7!



## **YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS CALENDAR**

Pupils in Year 7 have designed a superb 2018 calendar, of which Year 7 parents will receive a copy of at the end of term. The calendar will also be posted on the website.



## **DRAMA CLUB**

Throughout the term, members of the school's Drama Club have continued to meet each Thursday after school. Thanks to Mrs Moore for all of her hard work.



## **"WHY QUEUE?" ROADSHOW**

On 6 October 2017, pupils in Year 7 took part in a 'Why Queue?' roadshow to raise awareness of road safety and environmentally friendly ways of travelling to and from school.

## **GRAPHIC DESIGN PROJECT**

In December, a group of pupils in Year 9 was involved in a graphic design project with a senior designer from 'Tommee Tippee'. Pupils were asked to design a poster to advertise Cadbury's Chocolate Snowballs, gaining an 'Insight Stage Award' with the Open Badge Academy. Well done to Mia, Emily, Brooke, James, Daniel, Matthew, Dylan, Owen, Elyse, Daniel, Leah and Ceydence.



## **YEAR 10 ENGINEERING PROJECT**

Pupils in Year 10 took part in a team building engineering challenge in the main hall. Pupils were asked to build a bridge and tower using only paper and Sellotape. The task was excellent for developing pupils' communication and collaborative working skills.

## **YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS QUIZ AND CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

On Wednesday 20 December, pupils in Year 7 took part in a Christmas quiz and celebration assembly in the main hall.



## **HALLOWEEN DISCO AND QUIZ**

ON 30 October, pupils in Year 8 took part in a Halloween quiz.



On 31 October, pupils in Year 7 had a fun-packed Halloween disco in the school's Main Hall. Pupils took part in a range of activities, including some traditional Halloween games. Thanks to the Year 7 pastoral team for all of their hard work.



## **CINEMA VISIT**

On Monday 18 December, pupils went to see the new Star Wars film, 'The Last Jedi', at Boldon Cinema. Thanks to Mrs Moore for organising.



## **WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

On Friday 15 December, pupils took part in 'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day' to raise money for Save the Children. Money is still being counted, but we have raised the sum of £60 so far. Thanks to Miss Hood for organising.



## **YEAR 9 CAREERS MORNING**

On Friday 8 December, pupils in Year 9 took part in a careers morning in school. A carousel of workshops with a wide range of activities gave pupils an excellent insight into the world of work,



providing them with information and guidance on future career paths when they leave school. Thanks to Mrs Spark for co-ordinating.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 17 November, we had a 'non-uniform day, a name the bear competition and a cake sale for Children in Need, raising the fantastic sum of £444.83 for the charity. Well done to all involved.



### ESCAPE PROJECT

Throughout the term, pupils in Year 9 have been taking part in a series of outdoor adventure activities with 'Escape Interventions' to help develop collaborative working.



### SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to all pupils who competed in the area cross country championships in November.



Results:

Year 7 Boys: 1st place Thomas Rowe; 2nd place Ryan Hardy

Year 8/9 Boys: Hebburn Comprehensive won the team event, with William Fowler finishing in second place.

Year 8/9 Girls: 1st place Abi Ferguson

Year 10/11 Boys: 2nd place Kyle McClusky

Well done to all involved.

The following pupils qualified for the county cross country championships in January:

Thomas Rowe, Ryan Hardie, Will Fowler, James Jobling, Ollie Cresdee, Connor Clark

Dylan Love Abbi Ferguson, Brooke Ransom, Lexi Brown, Kyle McCluskey and Christina Love

The KS3 basketball team, Matthew Spence, Matthew Qualters, Ethan White, Lewis Farrell, Joe Corkin, Caleb Dumasia, Maddison Collins, Nicholas Hibert, Dylan Longworth, Jamie Neve, drew 10 - 10 with Jarrow in their first fixture for the school. Pupils are working hard in training and are hoping for some deserved success in 2018.

The Year 7 boys' football team are currently top of the South Tyneside League. Well done to the team!

Morgan Dart, in Year 11, has been selected for the Under 16s county football team. Well done to Morgan.

Thanks to the PE staff for all of their hard work with extra-curricular sport throughout the term.

### MUSIC

The school choir has been extremely busy over the Christmas period performing at the Christmas Fair, Hawthorne Court Care Home, Willowdene Care Home, Tesco in Simonside, The Viking Centre in Jarrow, Hebburn Hub and South Shields Town Hall. Well done to all involved!

Thanks to Mr Wilkinson for all of his hard work with extra-curricular music throughout the term.



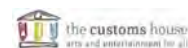
### BUILDING MY SKILLS

Throughout the term, pupils in Year 10 have been taking part in the "Building my Skills" employability programme, co-ordinated by the Esh group. The year-long skills programme provides students with a comprehensive introduction to the world of work through a series of timetabled engagement sessions and booklets. Pupils who successfully complete the programme will receive a certificate which is recognised by over 130 businesses from 25 sectors.



### THE LAMBTON WORM PANTOMIME

On 15 December, pupils in Years 7 went to see 'The Lambton Worm' at the Customs House in South Shields. Thanks to Mrs Moore for organising.



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### UNIVERSITY UNZIPPED

In November, pupils in Year 7 worked with graduate ambassadors from Northumbria University, looking at the opportunities available to them. The aim of the event was to promote team work, build confidence and raise aspirations. Pupils took part in a range of interactive and engaging activities that encouraged them to think about the opportunities available to them in higher education.





## STAR STUDENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHUMBRIA



In December, pupils in Year 8 attended an event called 'Star Student' delivered by the University of Northumbria. A giant board game introduced pupils to the concept of Higher Education through a series of interactive team challenges. Delivered by current undergraduates, the game covered topics ranging from managing finances to social life. The pupils involved moved around the board answering questions relating to student life and course choices at university.



## CAREER CONVENTION



In October, pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 were invited to a career convention in the school hall. The purpose of the event was to give pupils an insight into the many opportunities and routes available to them when they leave school. The event was a huge success, with providers and industry representatives giving huge praise to our pupils for their mature and positive attitude to the event. Well done to everyone who took part and thanks to Mrs Phillips for organising the career convention and the university events.



## BRINGING SOME FESTIVE CHEER TO OUR LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS



A group of pupils in Year 8 worked together to plan and carry out a project which culminated in visits to

local care homes to bring some festive cheer to our local senior citizens. Kyle Powell, Lexi Brown, Madison Phelan, Erin Ridley, Jenny Mothersdale, Jamie Whitehead and Ross Smith were successful in securing Keyfund money and set about ordering, wrapping and delivering presents and cards to Willowdene Care Home and Hawthorn Court Care Home. Mr. Wilkinson and our superb choir joined the group to make the visit a really festive experience for our local senior residents. Well done to "Hebburn's Helping Hands!"

## STAFF V PUPILS CHALLENGES

Mr Longstaff has organised two staff v pupil challenges in the Autumn Term, with pupils going 2-0 up, following a win in the Crystal Maze challenge last week! The staff have some work to do to draw level! Thanks to all staff who prepared challenges and to Mr Longstaff for all of his hard work.



## CHALLENGE 1: TOTAL WIPEOUT

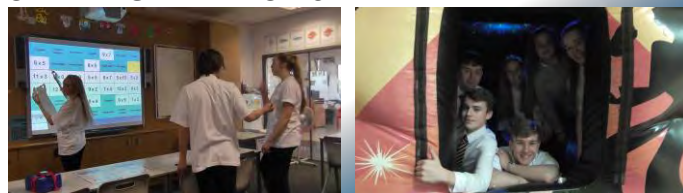






**CURRENT SCORE:  
PUPILS 2-0 STAFF**

#### CHALLENGE 2: THE CRYSTAL MAZE



May I take this opportunity of thanking all parents and carers for your support over this past term, and of wishing all families a pleasant and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,

D R Thompson  
Head Teacher

