

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



HEAD TEACHER WELCOME

As always, it has been lovely to see the vast majority of the students continue to represent the school with pride. The conduct of this majority of students has been outstanding throughout the half term. There has been a significant focus on celebrating these positive behaviours and last week's assemblies have been devoted to such celebration with various awards being distributed during this time. Further celebration events have taken place this week, including cinema visits, lunch engagements and hot chocolate. This is something we are keen to develop even further over the coming academic year.

There have been many events, trips and visits taking place this half term some of which are mentioned later in the newsletter. Year 7 were treated to a visit from Zoo lab. This was a wonderful experience where students were given the opportunity to interact with exotic animals such as snakes, spiders and giant land snails. Many students took the opportunity to hold the animals, under the supervision of their handlers, although the tarantula was not quite so popular when it came to cuddles!

We hosted our annual OAP Christmas party which was an absolute success. Guests were treated to a lovely Christmas dinner and entertainment from some of our incredibly talented students. Students who waited on tables and provided entertainment throughout the night were an absolute credit to the school. The comments from our guests were an absolute joy to hear and all our guests are already looking forward to next year's event.



Our sports leaders have been completing their tennis leadership qualification and this has enabled them to support the organisation and management of various primary school tennis festivals both in school and other local venues. These events have involved hundreds of primary age students. Visiting staff have commented on the positive, caring, and enthusiastic attitude of the Boldon School students involved. Further training and events are scheduled to take place later in the spring term.

The end of term is a time when we often say goodbye to staff members as they move on to the next stage of their lives. This term we say goodbye to four members of staff:

- Mr Curry, in music, has been with us for just over a year but has decided to pursue a full-time performance career and has been given the opportunity to support touring performers.
- Mrs Wall has been with us for a number of years but most recently in the maths department. She will be taking a post at another local school.
- Mr Riley will be leaving the science department after just over 5 years and is hoping to pursue personal business interests.
- Mrs Trueman has decided to take full advantage of her retirement. She has had a long and distinguished career and been with us for just over 7 years.

All will be greatly missed by the school community but we wish them the very best of health in their new adventures.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable Christmas break. I hope you are able to spend quality time with your families.

Mr G J Peel
Head Teacher



HEAD STUDENTS

Congratulations to Emily and Kacy, in Year 11, who have been appointed as Head Students, to work alongside teachers and students.

They are both excellent role models for our school, we are looking forward to seeing them excel in their roles as Ambassadors for Boldon School.

LEARNING MENTORS

ACTIVITIES

After funding from Escape Interventions we have been offered 2 trips to the Centre for Life in December and 2 trips to the Dunes in January.

Students have been nominated by staff and Pastoral Leaders. These are students who often slip through the net because they don't cause mayhem or any cause for concern.

They quietly come into school regardless of adversities and get on with the work without any hassle.

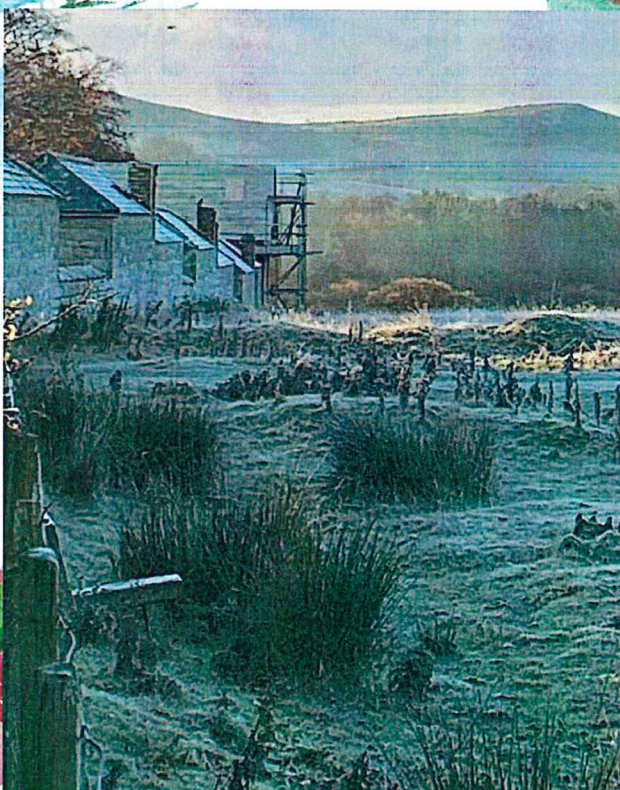
POWBURN 2024

March 9th-11th (Yr 7-Yr 10)

May 10th-12th (Yr 7-10)

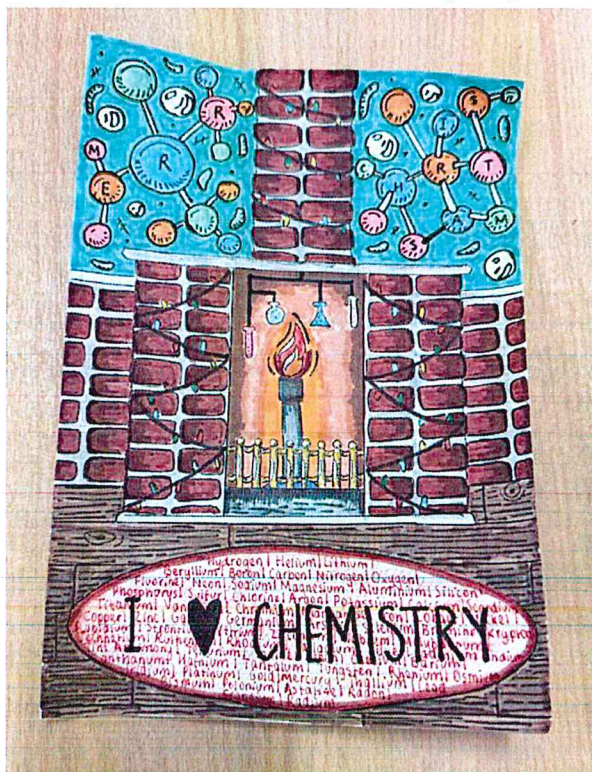
Nov 8th-10th (Yr 7 Only)

Approx £45-£50



CONGRATULATIONS

This year, Issabella in Year 9 has won the Royal Society of Chemistry Christmas card competition. Her design will be made into a real card which will be sent to Royal Society of Chemistry members. It is a truly wonderful and festive design which everyone has been extremely impressed with.



PE AND SPORT

Please see our separate PE newsletter to read about all of the sporting achievements from this term.

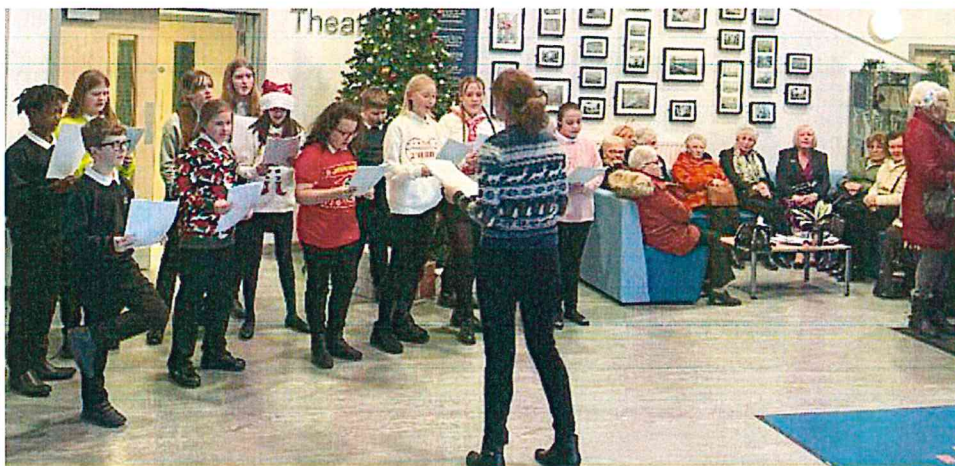


OAP CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CARE HOME ENTERTAINMENT

The Art, Music and Technology department thoroughly enjoyed organising the entertainment for the annual OAP Christmas party on Tuesday 5 December. Our guests arrived to jovial and upbeat festive singing from Year 7 and 10, many waiting in reception to listen or dance along. After proceeding to their dining area, they were treated to a series of more traditional songs from our whole school choir. Finally, after their dinner, the guests assembled in the school theatre for 45 minutes of showcase variety. This compiled everything from tap dancing, singing, cheerleading and musical theatre (from both staff and students!). The show delivered something for everyone and the atmosphere was fantastic.

On Friday 15 December, the festive singing students also visited the Sycamore Care Home in Boldon. They sang a wide range of songs to the residents and their families, which resulted in lots of singing and dancing along!

A huge well done to all the students involved and we can't wait to do it all again next year!



YEAR 9 ACHIEVEMENTS

Our Year 9 students have earned a staggering 302 weekly commendations from staff over the course of the autumn term, with a number of students receiving multiple nominations across the term. The reasons for these commendations have ranged from sporting success, to hard work, effort and achievement. However, our students have also displayed some really valuable and commendable personal characteristics that our staff have wanted to acknowledge, such as:

- 'a consistently fantastic attitude in PE and always having a smile on his face'
- 'impeccable behaviour and manners'
- 'always being well-mannered and polite'
- 'being such a joy to teach'
- 'a superb performance in an inter-schools chess championship - winning all three matches'
- 'being an absolute star - always so helpful and polite and producing some phenomenal work'
- 'always showing excellent resilience'
- 'getting back on track after a shaky start and then working like a trooper'
- 'He is always happy to help in lessons, listens well to instruction and always coming to lesson equipped'

I am incredibly proud of the positivity, resilience, determination, kindness and politeness shown by Year 9 students over the course of the year so far and look forward to seeing them build on that success next term.

Mrs Benson, Pastoral Year Lead, Year 9.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND ATTENDANCE REWARDS

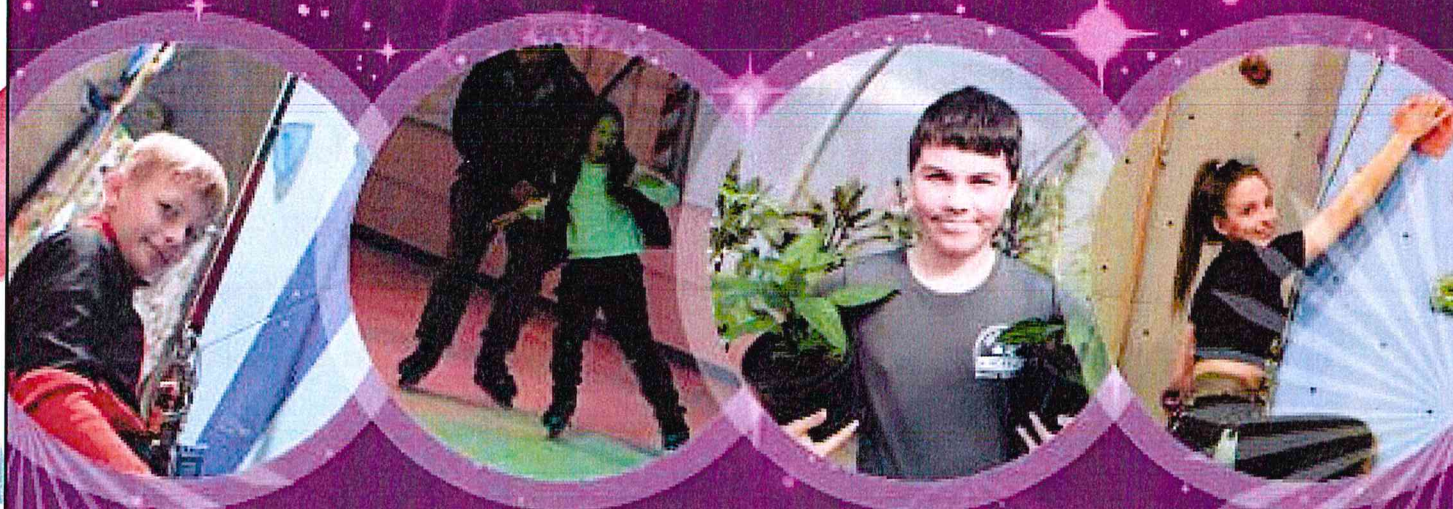
Congratulations to all pupils involved in Rewards this week. There has been a range of in-school activities including a Movie afternoon, Hot Chocolate and Cookies, and Christmas Crafts, as well as trips to the Metro Centre, Cinema and Ice Skating. All students with Positive Class Charts points and Green Band Attendance were entered into a draw to win a £15 High Street Voucher and a Chocolate Bar. Well

Done to our Term 1 Winners!

- Emily P, Year 7 - for Excellent Attendance and Class Charts Champion
- Bubacarr S, Year 7 - for Outstanding Contribution to school life and 100% Attendance
- Bobby C, Year 8 - for Outstanding Commitment to Learning and Good Attendance
- Louie S, Year 8 - for 100% Attendance and Excellent Attitude to Learning
- Alfie N, Year 9 - for Excellent Attendance and Outstanding Commitment to School Life
- Isabella M, Year 9 - for 100% Attendance and Outstanding Effort and Commitment to School Learning
- Harry A, Year 10 - for Good Attendance and Improved Attitude to School Learning
- Megan B, Year 10 - for 100% Attendance and Enthusiasm for Learning
- Katy-Lynn B, Year 11 - for Outstanding Attitude to Learning and helpful towards staff and students
- Michael T, Year 11 - for Excellent Attendance and Improved Attitude to Learning

It has long been recognised that academic success is built upon a sound foundation of good attendance. As a school and as parents we have a shared legal responsibility to ensure that pupils attend school regularly. Please continue to ensure your child attends school everyday and arrives on time. Thank you for your continued support.





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