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## Principal's Newsletter

16 December 2022

Dear Parents,

The end of Michaelmas term has its traditions. The nativity, Christingle, carol service (sadly recorded not live today for reasons of ice on pavement) and end of term assembly.

On this occasion we said goodbye to Mr Fox about whom I have written a previous paean of praise and Mr McBride who has been promoted to become an assistant headteacher at Archbishop Blanch. Mr McBride brought strong leadership to our ever-expanding maths faculty, introducing onenote, and other curricular and pedagogical innovations. He will do brilliantly at his new school and we will see his career soar without doubt. Ms Bibby will take over the reins of the faculty. She has much leadership experience and will build up the faculty brilliantly, we are sure.

Ms Archer, Ms Coates and Mr Mathews are all completing maternity covers this term and Ms Maloney, Mrs Achilleos and Ms McCone will return next term. They have deputised brilliantly and brought a lot of energy and commitment to the school. I want to pay special tribute to Ms Flanagan, our long serving cleaner who is also leaving today after 35 years. There is a whole army of people, little recognised but vitally important, and we are all grateful to them for their contribution.

Although secondary pupils were not able to walk up to Mossley Hill Parish Church today for their carol service, they were fortunate to be able to watch a recording of last night's service, thanks to the efforts of the LC Video Production team. A big thank you and well done to Mr Bishop, Ms Clark and Ms Green, our readers, and all the pupils involved in the choir, chamber choir and orchestra for leading the congregation through such a reflective and joyful occasion.

Meanwhile in the primary phase, Santa's Grotto had to relocate from Forest School due to the weather conditions. Undeterred, Mrs Shackell reports that a lovely warm, Santa filled

space in the Prep School library was created instead and every class from Reception to Chapter 6 had the opportunity to visit Father Christmas. The excitement was reportedly off the scale!

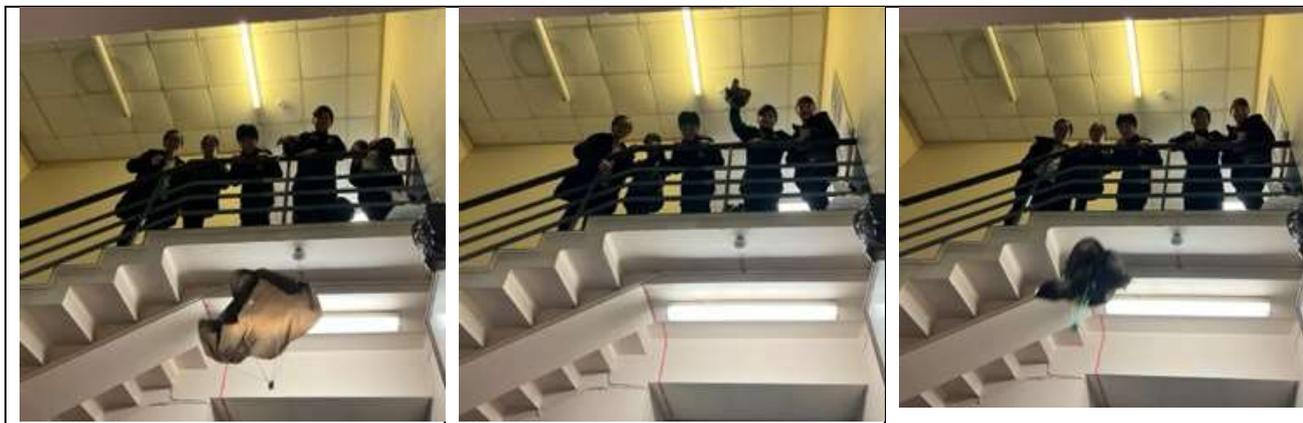


Pupils in Reception were also lucky enough to be treated to a special Christmas assembly led by Chapters 1 and 2.



Science Club in the secondary phase have been getting into the Christmas spirit as Miss Pye reports:

*As part of the day boarding programme, in science club we celebrated the end of term with a Santa parachute competition. The pupils had to use the resources provided to create a parachute that would safely get Santa to the ground. We then timed how long it took for Santa to jump off the science landing and land safely in the entrance hall. Maxton was the winner with his parachute taking 6.18 seconds to land, followed by Cyrus and Andrew with 4.52 seconds and in third place was Grace with 4.11 seconds. Merry Christmas from all of science club!*



We were reminded of the generosity of our pupils and families this week as we gathered together all the donations that had been made to support the Charity Action Group's Christmas appeal for the Whitechapel Centre. Miss Green, Charlie J (Ch7), Habeba H (Ch12), Emilyneen C (Ch12) and Zizi M (Ch12) were able to drop off a minibus-full load of winter clothing, toiletries and selection boxes on Wednesday. The donations were very gratefully received by the "elves" at the Centre who were in the process of making up the gift bags. Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal.



Mrs Drew reports on another charitable initiative, this time led by Chapter 8:

*This week, Chapter 8 pupils took part in a reverse advent calendar activity during Personal Development where families were asked to provide Christmas gifts, treats and toiletries to make up Christmas boxes that are being donated to the service users at Heys Court Unit. Some of the patients won't see family and friends at Christmas and so these boxes will be a lovely surprise. We had 23 boxes full of the most wonderful gifts and treats and the staff from Heys Court were overwhelmed with the generosity of our Liverpool College community. Thank you again for your donations.*



This week also saw a Careers Fair for pupils and students in Chapters 9, 11 and 12 organised by Mrs Doran and Mrs Drew. There were a large number of different professions and educational providers represented at the fair which enabled the pupils and students to find out about a vast array of possible career opportunities. You can read more about the event on our website [here](#).

Mrs Crook (SENCO) has asked me to highlight that Liverpool's ASD Training Team is offering 1-1 virtual or telephone consultations in January 2023. Please [click here](#) to find out more information.

Your Christmas maths challenges have been set:

Q1. 10 people are having a Christmas party! They are lined up in a row and they want to wear Christmas hats. To be unique, no two adjacent people can wear hats with the same colour. If there are 5 colours available, how many different ways are there to wear the hats?

Q2. How many items in total were gifted in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

Answers to last week's puzzles:

Q1. $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{5}$	Q2. £31
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A reminder that the Lent Term commences for all pupils on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

At Christmas we celebrate the reality that God is with us, he is at our side, and that no event, no incident, no challenge, has not been transformed by his love.

I hope that you and your family will experience this at Christmas.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr H van Mourik Broekman**  
**Principal**