



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022

We have had a wonderful week here at school to end another busy term. We began with wintery trips to Hampton Court Palace for ice skating for Years 9, 10 and 11 and a visit to the pantomime for Year 7 and 8. We were delighted to reward our students for their positive attitude to school life, hard work and exceptional attendance. We look forward to many more visits like this in the future.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening took place on Monday night for those students who have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Congratulations to all who attended.

On Tuesday we held the BBC Young Reporters Event - a project run by the BBC that aims to give young people digital literacy skills and insights into careers in the media industry through teaching them about the news-making process. 26 of our keen journalists spent the morning creating news articles and video broadcasts in the Media Room. It was all very exciting!

We were delighted to host our first Christmas Market comprising over 20 local business and school run stalls Tuesday evening. The hot mulled wine (alcohol free of course) from Mel's Marvellous Cakes was definitely needed! The Market was opened by local councillor: Louise Morales and it was lovely to hear the school choir singing carols. Thank you so much to all who attended and many thanks to all the staff and PTA members who helped – in particular John Russouw, Lisa Johnston and Mel Bartlett for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day took place on Wednesday. It was lovely to see our students and staff enjoy these festivities together. A huge thank you as always to our catering team who made the most delicious lunch for us all. All donations from Christmas Jumper Day will go to Save the Children.

This morning, some of our Year 8 students took part in a collaborative Zoom Call with our Partner School in Bielefeld, Germany. The pen pals discussed cultural differences in how we celebrate Christmas, compared to how it is celebrated in Germany.

Each tutor group in Year 7 & 8 have been designing and filling a Christmas hamper which will be delivered to Kingsley Care Home, Greys Nursing Home, Snowden Care Home, Heathside and Kettlewell House. The homes were all very excited to hear that we are thinking of them at this special time of year. It has been incredible to see how inspired our students have been to give something back to people in our community. Mrs Sweryt will be delivering the hampers this afternoon.

With best wishes for a wonderful Christmas break.
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2023

03/01/23	Start of Term
18/01/23	Y11 Parents' Evening
25/01/23	Y8 Preferences Evening
26/01/23	Y8 GCSE Subject Taster Day
08/02/23	Y8 Parents' Evening
10/02/23	INSET Day (Staff Only)
13/02/23 -	17/02/23 Half Term
01/03/23	Year 9 Parents' Evening
22/03/23	Year 7 Parents' Evening
31/03/23	End of Term 1.00pm

Summer Term 2023

17/04/23	Start of Term
19/05/23 -	02/06/23 Half Term
03/07/23	INSET Day (Staff Only)
18/07/23	End of Term 1.00pm



A stall at our PTA Christmas Twilight Market, Year 10 students ice skating at Hampton Court Palace and our delicious Christmas Lunch.



SPORTS NEWS

INTER HOUSE COMPETITION RESULTS ARE IN!

Year 7 - Mandela 56 Points, Wright Brothers 42 Points, Nightingale 34 Points, Lovelace 30 Points, Hawkings 18 Points

Year 8 - Mandela 44 Points, Nightingale 42 Points, Hawkings 34 Points, Lovelace 31 Points, Wright Brothers 24 Points

Year 9 - Mandela 26 Points, Wright Brothers 25 Points, Nightingale 21 Points, Lovelace 12 Points, Hawkings 8 Points

Year 10 - Lovelace 22 Points, Mandela 20 Points, Wright Brothers 18 Points, Nightingale 15 Points, Hawkings 6 Points

As you can see, inter house has shaken up the leader board!

As we look back over the term we celebrate our sporting successes. Our year 10 netball team entered their first ever Surreys and performed fantastically, the year 8 boys football squad travelled to Desborough for their National Cup rounds putting on a great display. The year 10 boys also entered their National cup rounds with a tight score line v St Andrews and that is just a few to mention. We are excited for our year 7 teams and the progress they have made so far. They have certainly enjoyed their first experiences of senior school sport and the excitement that comes with it. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the squad members for their dedication after school and the teachers who give up their time to coach! Particularly our PE department whose efforts and enthusiasm is endless! Here's to a successful 2023!

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas, we look forward to all that is to come in the New Year!

Please see our [Enrichment Timetable for Spring 2023](#)



Inter house competition!

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

4611



Ada Lovelace

3939



Nightingale

5649



Hawking

5207



Mandela

4451

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