



Holy Trinity School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Our pupils have been involved in lots of enriching opportunities over this half term. They have been enjoying sporting activities, cultural visits and there have been opportunities for our older students to prepare for their next steps in education.

As promised, I want to give you an update on our post-Ofsted activities, to keep you informed of the work being done and progress made so far. The post-Ofsted Action Plan has been submitted to the DfE and we are now awaiting a response from them. Meanwhile, the Dioceses of Leeds and Hallam continue preparation for Holy Trinity to become an academy.

As you know, our Chair of Governors resigned in January. At their last meeting, the Board of Governors elected Mrs Susan Burton as Chair and Mr Simon Frow as Vice Chair. To add further expertise to the board, an associate governor who is also a secondary headteacher has been appointed. A Review of Governance took place on 10th February, from which we are awaiting the outcome report.

In addition, the election process is underway to fill the two vacancies we have for parent governors; you will have received nominee statements and voting information via your children. Please return ballot papers to school by 28th February – the ballot box is located in reception.

We have two additions to the school leadership team, Mrs Scott, Headteacher of All Saints Catholic High School, Sheffield, has joined us in an executive role and Mrs Bullars from Notre Dame High School, who is with us in an Assistant Head role; both will be in school for two days each week.

Mr Sawyer (Director of Schools, Hallam Diocese) continues to work with us; together we are working with staff to further develop teaching and learning across the school and to establish greater consistency. This will be the focus for our INSET day on Monday 27th February.

In the primary phase, Mrs Black from the Leeds Diocese and specialist leaders in education from the local authority have been working with staff on provision in early years, phonics, English and mathematics.

I would like to thank parents for your continued support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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News and Events

Euro Championships beckon for Demi

After seven year's of hard work and training, Year 6 pupil, Demi Charlesworth has earned her GB badge and secured a place in the GB squad for the 2017 European Karate Championships, which will be held in Romania in April.



To achieve the GB badge, Demi had to fight contenders from across the country, in the age 10-12 years section. She put in a brilliant performance and worked very hard throughout a gruelling, six-hour long selection event, which was held in Birmingham, in January. Well done Demi!

Daniel is a Holy Trinity Star!

In December, Daniel Grandy from Year 1 appeared on our TV screens, in his role as the young Hank Zipzer, in the movie 'Christmas Catastrophe', which aired on CBBC and starred Henry Winkler and Nick James!



Daniel had a great time and loved playing the mischievous lad; he especially liked getting to have his hair a different colour and he even got to keep the clothes & shoes as a bonus!

In January, you might also have seen Daniel on screen again, starring alongside Michelle Keegan and Lorne MacFadyen, in the ITV drama 'Tina & Bobby', about the life of the famous footballer Bobby Moore. Daniel played the role of bobby's son aged 5.

Alternative Curriculum Day

On February 3rd we held another very successful Alternative Curriculum Day (ACD), with a huge number of enriching activities taking place across the Secondary phase. A group of 38 Y9 students visited York St John University, whilst others took part in Enterprise activities in school, along with a fantastic Science event for Y8 and a Technology Challenge for Y7.

The visit to York St John University, gave students the opportunity to find out what university is all about. They had a tour of the campus and a session to help them choose

GCSE options, as well as looking at careers and qualifications.

An interactive session in the style of 'The Million Pound Drop' gave a lot of useful information about student finance too.

The centrepiece of the AC Day was the Careers Fair, which saw more than 50 colleges, universities, employers and other organisations come into school to give information and advice, helping students to make important decisions about their futures.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped and special thanks to Miss Hardcastle, Miss Watts, Miss Meehan and the Technology Dept, for all their hard work.

We are also privileged to announce that our next guest speaker in school will be the former Chairman of Arsenal FC, David Dein, who will be addressing some of our Y10 and Y11 pupils on the afternoon of March 20th.

As Chairman of Arsenal FC David oversaw five Premier League and FA Cup successes as well as the construction of the Emirates Stadium and the hiring of Arsene Wenger.

As Chairman of the FA he has hired and fired numerous England managers and is instrumental in the success of the Champions League. We hope he inspires our boys and girls to be the very best they can be, in whatever they do with their lives.



Year 11 Hospitality and Mince Pies

Again, during the festive period, Year 11 students delivered gifts of homemade mince pies to elderly residents in the local area. As always the students were very humbled by the warm welcome they received. We were delighted to receive an email of thanks from the son of one of the residents; he said:

"I'm emailing you on behalf of my mum who lives just across the road from the school.

She was over whelmed by the generosity of the school and the students (for the past 2 years mince pies have been delivered and wrapped!) She told me that the mince pies were delicious, I didn't get any because she had finished them all!

She wanted to praise the girls who delivered them and thank them for their politeness and consideration."



Year 7 TeenTech Challenge



informative presentations of their Human Eco Hamster House and The Under the Beach Hotel. The judges, including Maggie Philbin, were impressed with the confidence, knowledge and consideration for the environment shown by our pupils, and by the level of preparation given to their entries.



We are delighted to announce that the two Year 7 teams who successfully represented our school in the Barnsley Teen Tech Challenge were just as successful in the National Competition held last month at the Emirates Stadium, London!! Seven of our fantastic pupils did us all proud with confident, creative an



In fact, the teams each won category prizes, for Best Domestic Space and Best Use of the Outdoors respectively. Each pupil won a prize, and collectively they were awarded a Raspberry Pi programming devise for use in school. So, thank you and a HUGE 'well done' to Deven, Maisy, Dilly, Amie, Laura, Meg and Molly.

More from Alternative Curriculum Day

Top Class Readers!

Our KS3 students have been enjoying reading some fabulous books from our new library. Students complete a quiz after every book using the Accelerated Reader software.

Massive congratulations to these students; they are at the 'top of their class' for their efforts in reading!

Class	Name	Words Read
7A1	Marcie Heckingbottom	349,720
7A2	Lewis Barnes	87,413
7A3	Abigail Burgin	63,149
7B1	Michelle Frey	378,512
7B2	Casey Morgan	229,148
8A1	Stephen Berry	334,735
8A2	Logan Phelan	1,060,805
8A2	John Twigg	134,787
8B1	Samanta Stepka	84,672
8B2	Abigail Berry	595,617
9A1	Summer Wells	415,775
9A2	Mackenzie Burton	92,580
9A3	Joshua Steer	157,253
9B1	Olivia Athorn	345,375
9B2	Scott Jubb	69,541

Gymnastics Success!



Holy Trinity pupils took part in the Barnsley schools gymnastics competition on 14th February.

Two teams competed in the event, one foundation and one advanced. Both teams worked hard and finished in 1st position in their category, meaning they qualified for the South Yorkshire school games. Well done to the girls and thanks to Mrs Burton for all her hard work and coaching.

Geographers Get Around Barnsley

Year 11 Geographers had a great day travelling on the stagecoach to Higham Village, Woolley Grange, Barugh Green, Gateway Plaza and Old Mill Lane to complete surveys and collect data for their Controlled Assessment.

They collected data on Traffic, Housing, Environment, Shopping and local Services by filling in survey sheets and questionnaires. During the day, they walked over 12,000 steps and met David Bradley!!!!

Now they have to get on with the hard part: graphing, interpreting and concluding their projects, to decide which is the best place in Barnsley to live!

Holy Trinity's Got Talent!

We held another brilliant night, showcasing the talent of our students. There were some fantastic performances, including Olivia Landon, who won this year's event, singing her version of Adele's 'All I Ask'. Superb dancer Katie Faulkner (Y7) and the incredibly talented Jake Doherty (Y10) came in joint 2nd. The event was well attended by pupils, parents and staff and the three finalists will share £160 of vouchers toward supporting their creative talents.

Rainforest Showcase

Our Year 5 pupils hosted a rainforest showcase as part of their topic work.

Parents were invited into school, to see what the children had been learning. This included the Palm Oil Challenge, the History of America and DT models of the New York skyline.

Parents' comments were very positive regarding the children's engagement and enthusiasm.

