



# HARTBEAT

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## GREETING FROM THE HEAD

There are so many new and exciting Christmas activities taking place in school at the moment. Our staff have so much to share with you. I really hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter!



## FAMILY NEWS



Mr Perry, Head of Riddings Family, writes: It has been an exciting week of festive fun at school! Representatives from each tutor group were selected to help decorate the family Christmas trees last Friday. All family teams worked excellently, and the finished trees look dazzling. A massive thank you to all the staff and students who supported the event.



The trees are being proudly displayed in our school hall until Christmas. Stay tuned for the voting results for the best-decorated tree!

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We have also been blown away by the quality of the biscuits produced in the festive family bake-off competition that started this week. Well done to all the students taking part for showing such enthusiasm and impressive teamwork skills.



Congratulations to the Beeches baking team in Year 7 and the Whitehall baking team in Year 8 who won their respective competitions. We will reveal the results of the Year 9 and Year 10 bake off next week. A big thank you goes to all the Heads of Families, Miss Ferrie and Mrs Jones for their support with the events.

A big well done to Mrs Merryweather who won the staff bake off, earning points for her family, too!

Thank you to all the staff and students for supporting the 'wear something festive' day. We appreciate it is an expensive time to give money, but the Save the Children charity donations we have collected will make a big difference. We look forward to sharing some photos of the event and the total money raised with you next week.

## YEAR 9 ACHIEVEMENTS



Mr Mason, Head of Year 9, writes: I must give a special mention this week to Alphonse Rijo and Zephyrine Aji for addressing the whole year group in assembly with readings and prayers - both did fantastically well!

My recent 'well done Wednesday' students are Georgia Twibell (9R), Ruby Ackerley (9R), Finlay Atherton (9H), Beth Jackson (9S), Charlotte Frizzelle (9C), Jacob Harrison (9D), Maisie Cullen (9A), Bethany Knight (9A), Jo Perris (9S), Nathan Yue (9T), Isaac Maas (9D) and Sam Kendall (9C). Meeting with these students really brightens up my midweek morning!



## YEAR 7 PANTO

Ms Daniels, Head of Year 7, writes: The Year 7s and their tutors had a fantastic time at the Pantomime, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', at the Grange Theatre on Wednesday. The children were thoroughly engaged and audience participation was at its finest.

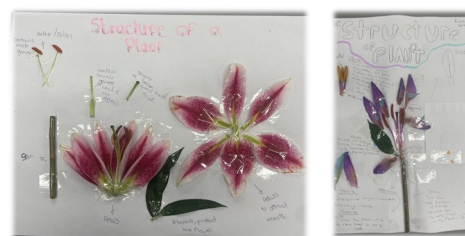
The theatre got in touch to say how well behaved and polite our students were and the commended them on their enthusiastic involvement in the show!



Our thanks to the Year 10 buddies for their help, not just at the panto but throughout this term.

## SCIENCE

Mr Jenyons, teacher of Science, writes: Well done to my Year 8 science class who dissected flowers to demonstrate their understanding of the structure of a plant. Outstanding work!



## PE

Mr Boys, Head of PE, writes: On Wednesday our Year 9 Boys played Sandbach in the County Cup round of 16. A very strong Hartford team proved too strong for the opposition, who have been crowned county cup winners for the past 2 years! The game finished 2-1 when our hero in goal, Sam Jeffries, made an unbelievable save and Hartford held on for the win!



This was really one of the most hard-fought victories I have seen for a long time and I wish the boys all the success in the next round.



Our Year 7 Boys competed in the Mid Cheshire 5-a-side finals at Rudheath on Monday. The team made it through the group stages with ease but came up against a very strong St Nicholas side losing 2-0 in the final. Some excellent football skills were on show by our boys; plenty to come from this team over the next few years!

Mr Hardwick, PE teacher, writes: On Monday, Oliver Hevicon (Y8), Evan Milton (Y7), and Talitha Ambery (Y7) took part in a Boccia/Curling event at St Nicholas Catholic High School. They utilised their skills and worked as a team competing against other local schools. Well done to all; a fantastic effort!



## DT

Mrs Pearson, Head of DT, writes: Our KS3 students have just come to the end of their first area of study in Design Technology, and they have created a range of products to a very high standard. I hope I have not spoilt anybody's Christmas present by sharing these pictures with you!



Year 7 have been developing their knowledge of electronic circuits, how they can be used as sensors and the use of switches in the circuits. This is a new adaptation of a well-known steady hand game.

Year 8 have made a selection of ergonomically shaped bottle openers from steel and acrylic, riveted together with aluminium rivets before being sculpted with hand files, emery cloth and wire wool.



This is a classic project that covers many skills and learning opportunities about material qualities.

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This is a new project to Year 9; a device stand that has been formed by shaping and folding a piece of sheet aluminium after firstly developing the design through modelling and prototype work.

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Miss Ferrie has been working hard with the Year 10s, exploring many new and exciting recipes...One particularly delicious day they were developing their own brunches.



## ART

Miss Hughes, Art teacher, writes: We are delighted to share with you some of the wonderful work created in Art Club by our Key Stage 3 students over the last term.

Year 8 have worked with me to produce Cubist inspired card relief portraits:



Miss Jump has worked with Year 7 to create wooden robots which the students will decorate using their Art skills:



Miss Sadler has worked with Year 9 to create surreal eye paintings:



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## DANCE

Miss Scott, teacher of Dance, writes:  
Well done to our dance team of 65 students who took part in our **POWER** showcase. They all performed so well and I am so proud!



A special mention to our wonderful Year 11s who performed their exam piece; what a transformation in 12 months, when many had never performed on a stage before!

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## SCHOOL COUNSELLOR



Miss Godfrey, school Counsellor, writes: Well done to the Anger Management students who completed their 6-week programme. These students created emotion snowflakes to share their understanding of the physical symptoms of feelings.

Congratulations also go to all students who have completed the 'Anxiety' and 'See Me Thrive' workshops. Reece Jones (9S) and Lucas Sturdy (9F) shared their therapy Christmas bakes discussing Rudolph and its associated meaningful conversations of diversity, inclusion and accepting others.



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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms Philippou, Lead for Vocational Subjects, writes: Congratulations to Ellie Lewis (9C) for achieving her Grade 5 Clarinet this week! A big 'well done' also goes to all students who have worked so hard to complete their BTEC assignments in Health and Social Care, Child Development, Dance, Drama, Sports and Music – brilliant work!



Mr Lee, Assistant Headteacher, writes: We would like to acknowledge the amazing achievements of Lily-Belle Antrobus (9D), for commendable levels of resilience and determination. She has a passion for dance and has worked hard to overcome recent demands in competitive events. She is now a Freestyle Slow Dance Champion and is also a Champion in her pairs section representing Quicksteps School of Dancing. Lily-Belle dances 6/7 days a week as she also takes ballet at Kinder-Berry School of Dance. We are so, so proud of her efforts and dedication!

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## AND FINALLY...

We have a large amount of lost property; please encourage children to come along to the student office during the last week of term if they've lost something in school, as any un-named, unclaimed property will be donated to charitable causes next Friday.

We wish everyone an enjoyable weekend and look forward to a special festive Christmas week, beginning on Monday.

Rachel Pickerill