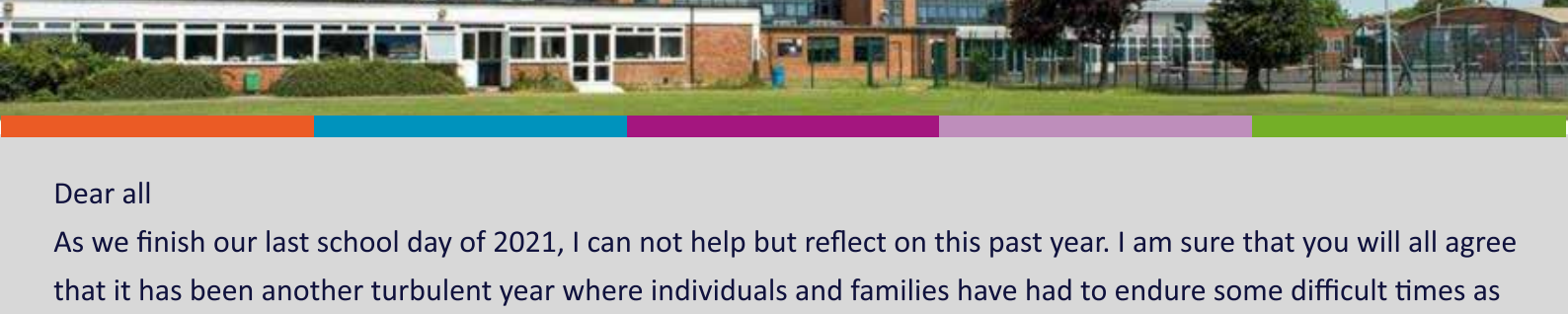


Brightside

DECEMBER 2021



Dear all

As we finish our last school day of 2021, I can not help but reflect on this past year. I am sure that you will all agree that it has been another turbulent year where individuals and families have had to endure some difficult times as well as hopefully creating some happy memories. This has most certainly been the case for our school community as well. I am very proud of how we have responded to the constant changes and the successes that we have had.

I would like to thank the staff, students, parents and governors for all of their support and hard work. I am aware that some of you will have a more difficult Christmas than others; whether it be remembering family members who are no longer with us or those who are currently struggling with different issues. Hopefully, we have been able to offer some support. I would like to really thank the governing body for the presents that they have provided for some of our students this year.

I would also like to thank the PTFA for their amazing effort in sending a book as a present for every student within our school. It meant so much to a lot of our families.

Finally, please remember to use the Lateral Flow Kit tests that we have sent home before you return in January.

So, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all safe and sound next year.

Keep safe and take care.

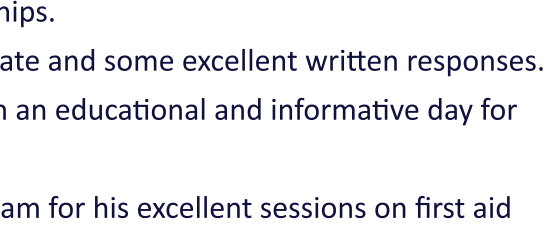
Neil

HEADTEACHER

SAVE THE CHILDREN

This year we held our annual Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save The Children.

In total we raised a fantastic **£250.75**. This has now been donated to the Save the Children fund and we would like to thank everyone who gave so generously.

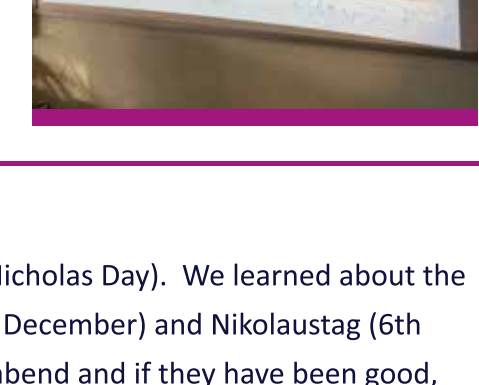
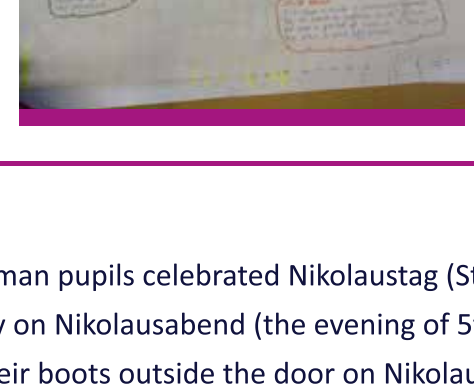
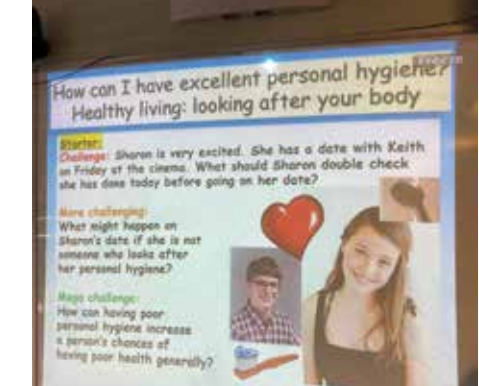


PSHRE - MISS DEAN

Wednesday 8th December we held a PSHRE Drop Down Day - All students were highly engaged in a wide variety of topics around the theme of personal safety, well-being and relationships.

We have seen mature responses to challenging topics, enthusiastic debate and some excellent written responses. Thank you to all staff who were involved in planning and delivering such an educational and informative day for the students.

We would also like to thank Simon from the Wiltshire Air Ambulance team for his excellent sessions on first aid with our year 8 students.



GERMAN - MISS ROBERTS

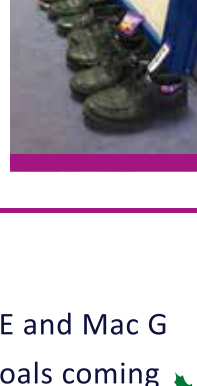
On Monday 6th December, year 7 German pupils celebrated Nikolaustag (St Nicholas Day). We learned about the traditions which take place in Germany on Nikolausabend (the evening of 5th December) and Nikolaustag (6th December). German children place their boots outside the door on Nikolausabend and if they have been good, they are filled with sweets and treats by St. Nikolaus. If they have not been good, legend has it that the character Knecht Ruprecht or Krampus fills their boots with sticks. Year 7 pupils placed their shoes outside the classroom door during our Nikolaustag lesson and Miss Roberts filled them with sweets in celebration of this lovely German tradition. We also learned the song which children traditionally sing on Nikolausabend. Here are some of the lyrics. You can search for the song on youtube if you wish.

Lasst uns froh und munter sein (Nikolauslied) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkvXugij3U>



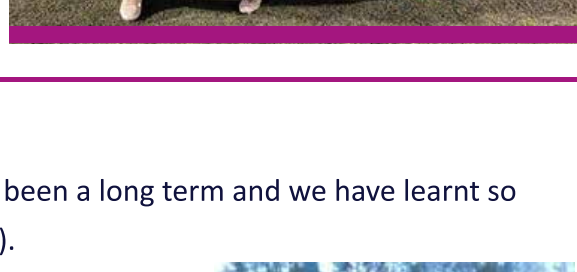
*Lasst uns froh und munter sein,
und uns recht von Herzen freu'n!
Lustig, lustig, traleralera,
bald ist Nik'lausabend da! (X2)
Dann stell' ich den Teller auf,
Nik'laus legt gewiss was drauf.*

*Wenn ich schlaf', dann träume ich:
Jetzt bringt Nik'laus was für mich.
Wenn ich aufgestanden bin,
lauf' ich schnell zum Teller hin.
Nik'laus ist ein guter Mann,
dem man nicht g'nug danken kann.*



P.E. - MISS JOHNSON

The year 8 boys travelled to Wellington School for their first game together, with Jack D, Harry E and Mac G stepping up from year 7. After playing some brilliant football we came away with an 8-0 win. Goals coming from Oscar W x2, Harley L x2, Josh G, Harry E, Mac G and Lucas T.



The year 7 boys also travelled to Wellington Academy for their first game representing the school. After going 4-1 up in the first half the boy's unfortunately lost 8-6, with Jack D scoring 5 and Olley S scoring 1.

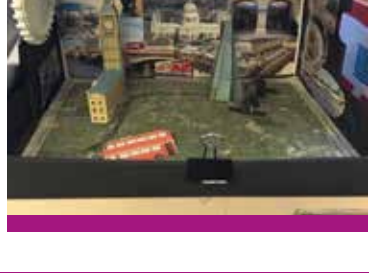
GEOGRAPHY - MISS LYTHE

Well done to all geography students for working so well this term. It's been a long term and we have learnt so much - I bet you are all ready for a break (students and parents alike!).

Particular congratulations to these students who produced such a wonderful piece of homework. The task was a megacity in a box and this was set as a five week project. I was very impressed with the research and creativity that culminated in these fantastic representations.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, bright 2022.

Best wishes, Miss Lythe.



MUSIC - MRS DU TOIT

MUSIC EXAM SUCCESS

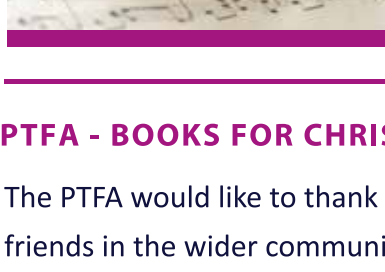
I would just like to congratulate Seraphina B-S for achieving a Merit in her Grade 4 piano exam and a Distinction in her Grade 1 flute exam.



CAROL SERVICE

Unfortunately, St. John the Baptist Church had to cancel the Carol Service, but please look out for a number of recordings we have produced which will be used in online services over the festive period.

Many thanks to Josie B, Grace B, Daniel L, Beth BB for their wonderful performances.



ENGLISH

WORD OF THE WEEK - MIRTH

noun
Amusement, especially as expressed in laughter.
Old English myrth, of Germanic origin; related to merry.

e.g.
All of the staff at Pewsey Vale School wish you a Christmas full of joy and mirth.

Or
It was lovely to spend time with Bobby, he brought a feeling of mirth with him wherever he went.



PTFA - BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

The PTFA would like to thank all parents, families and friends in the wider community who contributed to our Books For Christmas project via our Wish-list.

Many thanks also to the Robert Pile Trust and White Horse Bookshop who also provided contributions.

With the help provided, the PTFA have been able to provide Pewsey Vale School with the gift of a book for **every student** at the school.

We hope that the students will enjoy their books this Christmas.



PEWSEY VALE YOUTH OUTREACH

Do you have any plans for New Year's Eve, 4.30- 7.30pm?

Why not come along to the Little Lunch Box?

Come in, out of the cold for a hot meal of bangers and mash with baked beans, gravy and a soft drink.

After your meal, we plan to watch a short video and have the chance to discuss how we can provide regular opportunities for young people in our community.

NO NEED TO PAY! This is a complimentary event and will finish on time so that you can enjoy your regular New Year's Eve celebrations.

The maximum number of places is 30. Please use the contact details below or alternatively contact Lisa Brindley, of The Little Lunchbox, to confirm attendance.

Bookings by Boxing Day please.

Mr. Phillip W. T. Arthur, M.Ed.
3, Aston Close, Pewsey, Wiltshire SN9 5EQ
07708 426942 apwt2000@yahoo.co.uk

THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please could we ask parents and carers to provide their students with refillable water bottles? We have a growing number of students coming to reception during the day asking for cups water. This causes an unnecessary amount of plastic waste, which is very bad for our environment. Please refill and re-use whenever you can.

SWINDON NEW COLLEGE

Please find attached the weekly newsletter detailing upcoming events at New College, information on visits and apprenticeship vacancies.

There is also a quick 'How to apply' video which New college have uploaded to youtube,

<https://youtu.be/lhZtYrOM6rc>

The application process allows students to book an initial interview with an advisor, who will check the application and arranges a face-to-face meeting with the most suitable advisor.

STILL RUNNING NEW COLLEGE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION!

The College is currently running a Christmas competition for the 12 Days of Christmas. Entries to Facebook and Instagram from 1st December 2021 to 12th December 2021.

Prizes on offer include: Nintendo Switch and Amazon vouchers, PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X, iPad Pro, and more!

For more information visit www.newcollege.ac.uk

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK FOR THIS YEAR'S MEET THE CURRICULUM EVENTS

Don't miss the chance to meet the staff and see the facilities and resources at New College. The events will be held on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th December 2021. Bookings are now closed.

SAVE THE DATE!

JANUARY OPEN EVENINGS AT NEW COLLEGE SWINDON

Open evenings for our students open evenings at New College Swindon. Come and see our facilities and resources at New College Swindon. The evenings will be held on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th January 2022.

NORTH STAR CAMPUS TUESDAY 25th JANUARY 2022, 5-7PM

QUEENS DRIVE CAMPUS THURSDAY 27th JANUARY 2022, 5-7PM

LATEST COLLEGE NEWS

STUDENTS LEARN BUSINESS AND SUSTAINABLE SKILLS

Students at New College Swindon have been learning about business and sustainable skills. They have been learning about the importance of business and how it can help to create jobs and improve the economy.

LOCAL UNIVERSITIES PROVIDE UCAS SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Local universities have provided UCAS support for students at New College Swindon. This has helped students to understand the UCAS process and to apply for university courses.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STUDENTS ARE VISITED BY POLICE DOGS

Animal management students at New College Swindon were visited by police dogs. This was a great opportunity for the students to learn about the role of police dogs and to interact with the dogs.

FOCUS ON HAIR AND BEAUTY AT NEW COLLEGE

Our focus this week is on Hair and Beauty courses at New College. This area is great to study and work in as it's a growing industry. Our students have been learning about the latest trends in hair and beauty and have been practicing their skills in our salon.

We offer a range of Hair and Beauty courses at New College. Our courses are designed to give students the skills, knowledge and experience they need to succeed in the industry. Our students have been learning about the latest trends in hair and beauty and have been practicing their skills in our salon.

Our students have completed qualifications at Level 1 and Level 2. They have also completed a range of practical assignments and projects. Our students have been learning about the latest trends in hair and beauty and have been practicing their skills in our salon.

APPRENTICESHIPS AND CURRENT VACANCIES

If you're considering undertaking an Apprenticeship, we have a helpful list of current vacancies available at www.newcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships/current-vacancies

Here you will be able to gain an idea of the sort of things that will be available to them next year:

<p>ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE</p> <p>Level 2 AAT Accounts Assistant Vacancy, Edgware College Limited</p> <p>Level 2 AAT Accounts Assistant Vacancy, G5 Trussard Battery Sales UK Limited</p> <p>Level 2 AAT Accounts Assistant Vacancy, Workman Ltd</p> <p>Level 3 Assistant Accountant, G5 Trussard Battery Sales UK Limited</p>	<p>CHILDREN AND BABY YEARS</p> <p>Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Vacancy, Gordon Academy</p> <p>Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Vacancy, Allerton Primary School & Nursery</p> <p>Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Vacancy, The Play Den</p> <p>Level 3 Early Years Educator Vacancy, Gordon Academy</p> <p>Level 3 Early Years Educator Vacancy, The Play Den</p>	<p>LEVEL 2 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OPERATIVE VACANCY, LUSH HORTICULTURE</p> <p>Level 2 Property Maintenance Operative Vacancy, Lush Horticulture</p>
<p>BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Level 3 Business Administration Vacancy, Trainers Lane Partnership</p> <p>Level 3 Business Administration Vacancy, Jeffrey Hutton Ltd</p> <p>Level 3 Business Administration Vacancy, PricewaterhouseCoopers</p> <p>Level 3 Business Administration Vacancy, Land Operations UK (LLP)</p> <p>Level 3 Business Administration Vacancy, Corstis</p>	<p>COMPANIONSHIP AND IT</p> <p>Level 3 IT Solutions Technician Vacancy, Ecotria Ltd</p>	<p>A BRIDGE BETWEEN SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY OR YOUR FIRST JOB</p>