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SANTA DASH 2018

Students take part in Santa Dash to raise funds for Pitch In!

The Lymm High School Santa Dash was back, and the students yet again were all ready to have some festive fun, whilst coming together to help raise funds for the 'Pitch In!' campaign – our fundraising initiative launched to build a brand new 3G pitch and

floodlighting on the school grounds.

The event saw the entire school community turned out in Santa Hats and festive dress for the sponsored Dash, which took part on the school grounds on Friday 7th

December.

Once students had completed the Dash, and took on the snow machine, it was time to warm up in the Winter Wonderland, with Hot Chocolate and more festive fun.

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SANTA DASH 2018!

A huge well done goes to Mrs Varewdee's form group 7TL - winners of our inter-form Santa dash challenge! They managed to raise an amazing £969.23 towards the final total; they will be receiving a buffet lunch party in the New Year as a 'Thank You'.

Our top 10 fundraisers also received a big 'Thank You' in the form of Christmas Lunch, with a friend in our very own Chapters restaurant, prepared and served by our talented Sixth Form catering students. Our winning form group were closely followed by 7WH, 7WL, 7AL and 10MH.

We are extremely pleased to announce that we raised another £18,000 from the Santa Dash towards our £100,000 target! Added to our previous total from the Santa Dash last year, non-uniform days and other events throughout the year raising funds for Pitch In, our total raised by staff, students and parents now stands at £74,759.52!!

Whilst we haven't yet hit the £100,000 target, this latest push has convinced Mr Williams that we will get there before the end of the academic year and he now feels he is able to submit our bid to the Football Foundation, which is fantastic news.

We could not have done this without the support from everyone involved and those who donated, so a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who Pitched in!



TOP FORM



Fantastic Fundraising: 10MH raise over £2000 for Pitch in! over the Academic year!

We are delighted to be the form that has raised the most money for Pitch In over the academic year with a total of over £800 raised.

This year our fundraising efforts included organising a Christmas Tombola, raffling a generously donated Clarins Hamper and last but not least sponsorship money from Santa Dash. Thank you very

much to local businesses

like Sainsbury's, Morrison's, WHSmith, Tesco, Boots and Costa Coffee for your kind donations towards the Christmas Tombola as well as to the many students who brought in gift donations.

This money is on top of the excellent work we did as 9MH with the car wash, name the



Teddy raffle and signed Wayne Rooney shirt amongst several others. This takes our grand total of fundraising up to well over £2000.

We look forward to seeing the 3G Pitch and think we have deserved a piece with our name on it!!

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Dear parents and carers,

It's been a long term, but we've made it! I hope you are a little more prepared for Christmas than we are in my own home, but are also looking forward to spending some quality time with loved ones. As always, we've been holding our Christmas assemblies in St Peter's Church this week – one of my very favourite traditions of the school – and they have certainly helped to build up the Christmas spirit.

I am always grateful to parents and carers for the support you show the school, but I particularly want to thank everyone for the financial contributions over the past couple of years that have allowed us to engage in two very significant projects recently. Firstly, we have finally been able to refurbish the PE changing rooms. This is something that we really would like to have done years ago and, as you'll see from the photographs in this newsletter, students will now be changing in surroundings that are

infinitely more pleasant and spacious than before.

At the same time, we've been able to replace the old gym floor, which was getting dangerous. Some of the money for this joint project came from a grant we were able to secure from a one-off pot of money the government created out of the 'sugar tax', but we still would simply not have been able to carry out the work were it not for the money raised in the year or so before we started the Pitch In campaign – most of which came from parents. I want to thank the PTA in particular for all the fund-raising activities that they led to make this happen; you have been fantastic.

Secondly, thank you so much to everyone who has supported Pitch In so far. As you'll see elsewhere in the newsletter, we raised another £18,000 from the Santa Dash this time, which is a phenomenal amount. Whilst we haven't yet hit the £100,000 target, this latest push has convinced me that we will get

there before the end of the year so I now feel able to submit our bid to the Football Foundation.

We are putting the final touches to the bid at the moment and, if it hasn't already been submitted by the time you read this, it will be very shortly. Most of the surveys have been done, the planning permission submitted and a detailed business case created so we shall now be keeping our fingers crossed that the bid is accepted, whilst continuing to try to raise the rest of the money.

Aside from these capital projects, I shall leave the newsletter to speak for itself in terms of you reading about all the fabulous things that our young people have been up to over the last few weeks.

They really are incredible.

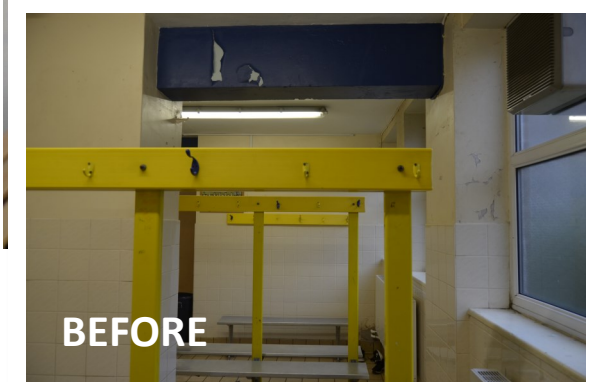
Have a lovely festive season.

Kind regards

Gwyn Williams

TIME FOR A CHANGE

A new gym floor and changing rooms for Lymm High School!



The old PE changing rooms and small gym floor have been redeveloped using money from a successful government funding bid.

The capacity of the changing rooms along with the general appearance have been improved to a very high specification, to support the school and local community in sporting activities. They are modern, clean and exactly what our students and members deserve, with new flooring, shower cubicles, toilet cubicles and a complete paint over.

The small gym floor has been completely re-laid, with the newly replaced heating and painstaking of the changing area it looks like a new facility!



CAROL SERVICE



Lymm High School brought the school community together with a joyous end of term carol concert attended by former students, staff and parents.

The annual Carol Service took place at St Peter's Parish Church, Oughtrington on Monday 17th December and included an official address from Headteacher, Mr Williams and a number of well-known traditional Carols and Hymns.

Head Girl, Jessica Baillie and

Deputy Head Boy, Ollie McFerran, each give readings on the evening as did Scarlett Bancroft (Year 9) and the acclaimed Lymm High School String and Brass Ensembles provided music. They performed a number of Christmas favourites including Do They Know It's Christmas, Winter Wonderland and

Merry Christmas Everyone as well as G. Holt's In the Bleak Midwinter.

The Carol Service provides an opportunity for past students of the school, who may no longer live in the north-west, and its supporters to come together and it was wonderful to see the church full.

Assistant Headteacher Mrs McGahey said: “We are delighted to be able to bring so many of our former students and the school’s supporters together for this wonderful festive event.

“With the high calibre of musical performances from our students it was a poignant and memorable evening.

Both the String and Brass ensembles had clearly worked very hard to deliver high-quality renditions of classic carols and those the audience sang were not too bad either!

The students who provided readings on the evening deserve a special mention, as does Jenna Pomfret, whose solo performance for ‘Once in Royal David’s City’ was truly mesmerising.

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A GOLDEN PERFORMANCE!

String Students perform Christmas Classics at Warrington shopping centre.

Shoppers at the Golden Square shopping centre, Warrington, were treated to string renditions of classic Christmas songs and Carols on Tuesday, courtesy of the Lymm High School String group. Twenty string students took part in a one-off performance in the centre performing well-known songs such as 'Jingle Bell Rock', 'Deck the Halls' and 'Re-write the Stars' from hit film The Greatest Showman.

The string group received a great reception from the general public, with many passers-by commenting on how talented our students are. The string group managed to raise £100.27 in the hour they performed and this will go towards further music provision at the school and the cost of instrument repairs.

Peripatetic Tutor, Jaqueline Leighton-Jones, said:

"Performing in the Golden Square is completely different to performing a traditional concert as students are exposed to a number of distractions and really have to focus hard.

"Whilst they were all a little nervous beforehand, the buzz they got from the experience will do wonders for their confidence and act as great preparation for future performances."

Communications officer, Kathryn Thomas, said: "Our string group perform regularly around Lymm but it has been fantastic to show the wider Warrington area just how talented our String group are. The school's visit has been a real success and the students certainly caused a stir amongst shoppers."





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LYMM HIGH SCHOOL



Recently there has been a lot of talk in the local and national press about the increasing threats on our environment.

Threats like plastic use, fast fashion and diesel consumption are increasing the rate of global warming and climate change and creating even bigger consequences to our way of life.

In April, more than 40 companies including Coca-Cola and Asda, signed up to the UK Plastics Pact in a bid to cut plastic pollution over the next seven years.

These companies alone are responsible for more than 80% of plastic packaging on products sold throughout the UK.

Indeed, 99.75% of all plastic coffee cups do not get recycled. As a nation of coffee drinkers, in 2011, 2.5 billion coffee cups were thrown away throughout the year.

At Lymm High School, we think that protecting our environment and being socially responsible citizens is an important part of our school and local community.

That is why a small group of eco-ambassadors have set about making it their mission to achieve the Bronze Eco-Schools Award the end of this school year.

Eco-Schools is a globally recognised programme ran by Keep Britain Tidy that empowers pupils to improve their environmental awareness, develops leadership skills and has the possibility to generate financial savings for our school.

Since the start of the year both myself (Harry) and Georgina Powell have formed a committee with the goal of achieving the Bronze eco-award for the school, and in subsequent years the Green Flag Award.

So far, the committee has conducted an environmental review, during which we identified that we need to improve the how healthy the school is, the schools energy expenditure, and its waste/litter quantities.

This week, we have been conducting our 'Lights Out' week, with the goal of reducing the school's energy consumption by turning lights off when possible, ensuring computes and their monitors are switched off and keeping

windows shut to reduce our heating usage.

We firmly believe that these minor actions will not only benefit the environment but the school due to the reduced costs associated with running the school like this, thereby increasing departmental budgets so teachers can supply their students with everything they need.

We will be running this scheme periodically throughout the year so that eventually every week is a 'lights out' week without needing to be told.

In the New year we're looking to get involved with Walkers crisp packet collection, a nationwide recycling scheme, in hope to help clean up the school and reduce our waste.

If you own a local business and have already developed some clever ways of saving the planet and would like to share some ideas, then please contact kyates@lymmhigh.org.uk.

Or, if you would like to find out more information about the Eco-Schools Award, please visit:

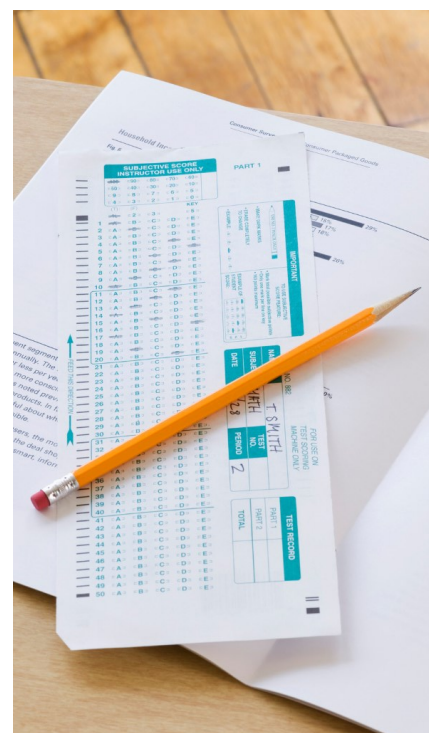
<https://www.eco-schools.org.uk>

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

The lead up to the Christmas break was a very important time for our year eleven students as they completed their GCSE mock exams.

Lots of time, effort and energy went into the preparation for these exams and the results will be crucial in helping students and staff to plan their next steps.

Well done to all for the commitment you have shown and the way you have conducted yourselves during the exam period.



PRIMARY SWIMMING GALA

Wacky costumes donned by Sixth Form students from Lymm High School for Children In Need.

On Monday 3rd December Lymm Primary Cluster competitions hosted the Year 5/6 swimming gala.

Six of the local primary schools involved in the cluster entered the Gala, these were; High Legh, Thelwall Juniors, St Wilfrids, Ravenbank, Cherry Tree & Oughtrington.

The children were able to show off their swimming ability in front of a full crowd of spectators. The children who came first place in their discipline received a certificate of achievement.

The overall winning school award was received by Ravenbank (I think, please can you confirm?) The event wouldn't of been the success it was, without the help of the high schools sports leaders that dedicate their time most Mondays to help run the competitions.'





LUSH CLUB

Lush Club: Enrichment is the bomb Lymm High School!

Lymm High School has been putting the fun into science – after creating their very own bath bombs as part of the school’s Lush Club.

As part of the schools enrichment programme, the school’s Lush Club saw students taking part in the whole bath bomb creative process, spending two hours in science mixing ingredients, adding different scents, colours and glitters to make their designs a reality.

Since its launch in April, last

year, Lush Club has continued to grow in popularity with students with weekly sessions full to capacity. Once again, students have thoroughly enjoyed the whole process.

“As a country we know that we need to be doing more to engage young people in science,” said facilitator of Lush Club, Mrs Barraclough.

“There is no better way of doing that than giving students the enrichment opportunities to do practical activities which help them

make the link between scientific theory and things they encounter in their daily lives.

“Lush enrichment club provides students with both a fun and hands-on activity, and it was encouraging to see the extent to which they really engaged with the experiments.”

Keep an eye out for the next round of Lush club – who knows what crazy creations we’ll make!





JAMES ALLEN VISIT

Students receive an insight into studying theatre and performing arts.



We were fortunate enough to have a visit from James Allen (former LHS student) who is currently studying music composition at Guildhall.

James spoke to students from

a variety of year groups, sharing his experiences of studying at a conservatoire and giving them valuable information about how to strengthen their portfolios to support making applications

to such competitive courses.

Students left feeling inspired and passionate about studying the arts at a higher level.

Thank you James!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING DAYS 2019



As part of the DofE awards, all participants must complete a compulsory training day. The original date for this was Wednesday 9th January.

Due to capacity, we will now be doing the training day over Tuesday 8th January and Wednesday 9th January.

Students will be invited on one of these days, and will receive a letter detailing which day today via Form Tutors. Please read the letter carefully and ensure your child knows where to go and what to

bring/wear. Wearing appropriate clothing to be outside is particularly important given the time of year and nature of the activities, all of which are detailed in the letter.

We also strongly advise your child reads the DofE Expedition Handbook before their Training Day, which can be found on the DofE section of the school website.

Students have also had an appointment this week with Get Outside The Classroom in order to ensure they had set

all their aims and submitted them for approval to us.

Please ensure your child has now done this in all three sections. If students do not do this and have chosen an activity that is not an approved one, the danger is that we cannot sign it off at the end, delaying their completion of the award.

We really do not want this to happen, so would be grateful if you could support your child with this over the Christmas holidays.

MULTIPLE MINI INTERVIEWS

Our gateway students have been preparing incredibly hard over the last half term for their interviews.

This year we held our first Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs) after school for our perspective medical students.

They were put through six stations varying from problem solving activities to discussing topical ethical issues.

Perhaps the greatest challenge was provided through the role-play station, where some volunteers for Y12 put them through their paces.

Huge thanks to all of the students for their hard work and those staff who supported them.



On behalf of all the staff at
Lymm, we wish you a



MERRY
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 20th Dec
End of Term
(Early closure 12.15pm)

Thurs 3rd Jan
Term Begins
(students return)

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