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Find out which of
our students have
won a place on this
year's Wall.

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Students appreciate
art and culture in
France's capital city.

NEWSLETTER

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Students enjoyed a week of skiing in Italy during February's half-term break.

We had the pleasure of taking 50 students to Sestriere for our annual ski trip, writes Mrs Ashford. For some students it was their first time conquering the slopes, for others it was time spent perfecting their already finely tuned skiing ability.

The advanced group of skiers spent 4 days exploring the valleys of Sestriere, taking on black runs, moguls and having fun off piste. With some sunny weather, we had limited powder, but it did mean we could embrace some vitamin D and enjoy some warmth on the

slopes, which was unseasonal for the time of year.

Those who had never skied before showed immense progress. By the third day of the trip they were venturing on blue/ red runs, having fun on moguls and even got to

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have a play on the snow park where they embarked on some ski jumping.

Friendships were made and students showed fantastic social responsibility by pro-actively helping each other in the boot room, on the slopes, and even taking their life into their own hands by attempting to pick up their friend's ski half way up the button lift (sacrificing their own place on the lift and having to climb up the rest of the way). Please note, that the student who



lost their ski, did indeed manage to make it to the top of the button lift, with one ski! Evidence of the amazing progress they had made, even after one day of ski practice.

Students got to embrace Italian culture by dining in the local

pizzeria and experiencing some delicious crepes. The ice skating rink was actually more like a snow rink, yet students made the most of the experience and had fun in the snow.

We won't speak about the hotel or the quality of the food, but I will say that these aspects taught us gratitude for the things we do have.

The students were a real credit to Lymm High and were an absolute pleasure to take away.





I would like to personally thank Ms Moreno, Ms Dixon, Miss Crowder, Mr Hayes and Mr Starkey for giving up their half term to help me on this trip.



HACKING IN TO MOONPIG HQ

On a gloomy day in January, a group of Lymm High School students braved the freezing cold school minibus, which Dr Dodds kindly defrosted for nearly an hour. We then headed off to Manchester to meet the staff behind the card company Moonpig, writes Miss Farmer.

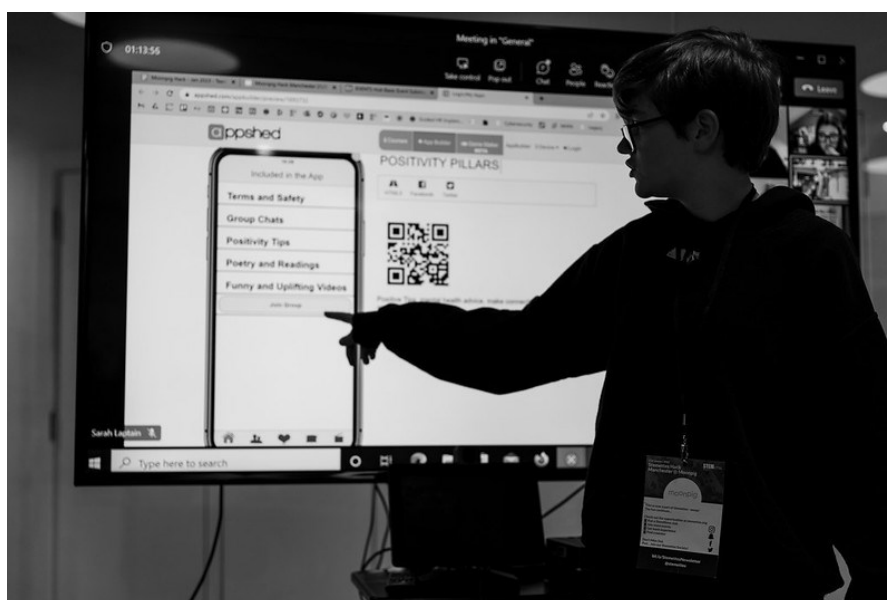
Our students were challenged with coming up with a new app that would help to keep people connected. Throughout the day we met with STEM role models from Moonpig and learned about their knowledge and expertise. After a busy morning getting to grips with our business ideas and designing our apps on coding websites, we refuelled with a feast of pizza and endless sweets.

After lunch, with full bellies and lots of confidence, we stood in front of the panel of expert judges and presented our ideas. Lymm High School students were split across three different design groups, and they all did us proud presenting their wonderful ideas. A special shout out has to go to Charlie Pearson (Year 9) who won the prize for best idea. Well done Charlie!

Nobody left empty handed as we were gifted with our very own Moonpig teddies and bags full of cards and sweets, a perfect souvenir to remember a fantastic day out.



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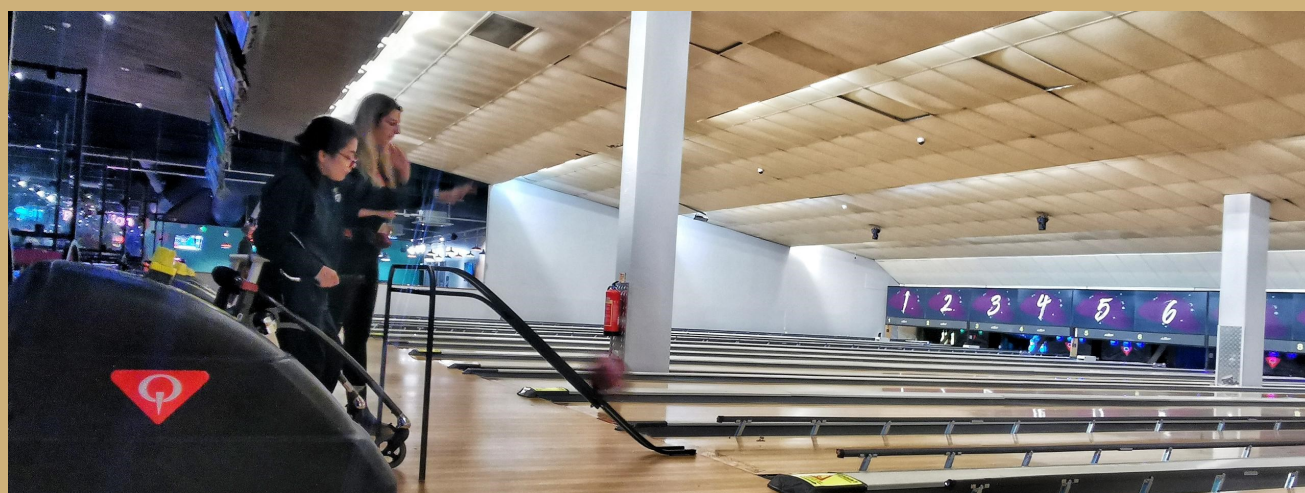
Lymm High has another trophy in its cabinet! The Panathlon Foundation is a National Charity (www.panathlon.com) that works with SEN/Disabled young people to give them the opportunity to represent their school in sporting competitions. Together with Penny Moorfield, School Games Organiser, and Warrington's Inclusion Lead, Lymm High School was invited to a Warrington Ten Pin Bowling competition for SEN Secondary age children.

Lots of schools from across Warrington created teams to compete in the competition. And our teams did brilliantly!

Mr Powell said: "With great pride, I watched as the Year 8 team won first prize while the Year 7 team finished fourth runner-up. It was great to be part of the event and also lovely to see so many students with huge smiles, having fun."

Miss Harrison described how the students were all very driven to win the competition. "When the awards were announced, I was exceedingly proud of our students and what they had achieved. It was delightful to watch their faces light up as they received their gold medals and a trophy for the school cabinet", she said.

Well done to all the students involved. Now on to the regional competition!



GOING FOR GOLD

Congratulations to all the Year 9 and 10 students who took part in the prestigious UKMT Intermediate Maths challenge. "We had an amazing set of results with eight gold certificates, 29 silver and 43 bronze", says Mrs Quilter.

Well done to all!

The students who received gold certificates were: Ben Liput, James Booth, Akshith Gulapally, Harrison Haase, Christian Hill, Max Ottiwell, Mya Hughes and Lottie Nicholson.



A special mention to Ben Liput (best in school), Alfie Gardiner-Johnson and Christian Hill who are invited to take part in the follow-on round on Thursday 16th March. We should get to hear the results in early April.



DIORAMA DISPLAY

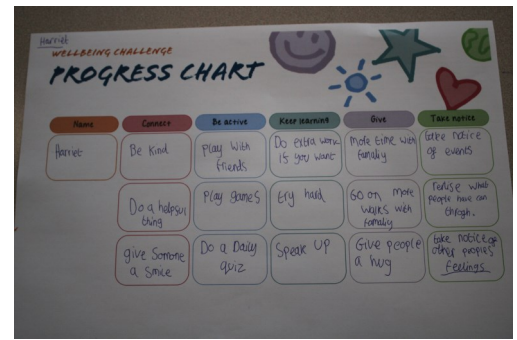
Year 7 have been studying the Mexican festival Day of the Dead in their Art lessons. This cultural festival celebrates the lives of loved ones who have sadly passed with huge celebrations taking place at the beginning of each November.

As part of this project, students were asked to design and make a diorama. A diorama is a replica of a scene, typically a three-dimensional full-size or miniature model that show a situation, such as a historical event, in a way that looks real. Students have produced a range of scenes relating to the Day of the Dead theme and have been very imaginative with their use of materials.

"They really do look fantastic", said Mrs Taylor. "Well done Year 7!"



SPREADING THE WELLBEING MESSAGE



This week our Year 8 Wellbeing Champions have visited Statham Primary School to deliver 'healthy minds' workshops to Years 5 and 6.

The sessions included encouraging pupils to reflect on where they can get a 'helping hand' with their thoughts and feelings. They also helped the primary students design a wellbeing challenge to promote positive mental health.

ART AND DESIGN FUTURES LECTURE

The Visual Arts & Technology faculty recently welcomed three students from Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) to host a presentation and portfolio viewing session with a focus on studying art and design at university level. Ana Ortuño Floria, Frances Machattie and Abbie Townend are currently studying their second year of the Graphic Design and Illustration degree at LJMU and kindly offered to run the presentation in school. The lunchtime session was open to students of all years with an interest in any art and design related subject. The Visual Arts & Technology department were thrilled to see such a big turnout of students from Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 and how keen they were to ask the

visiting students questions about their experiences so far.

Ana, Frances and Abbie showed off some really inspirational work they had produced so far on their degree. Their session was very informative and so valuable, advising Lymm High School students on what to expect when studying at degree level with points to consider when applying to a university.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ACTION

Year 10 Lani has been working with Warrington Foodbank for more than 2 years. She gives up her time on Saturdays to collect donations of food outside Sainsbury's at Lymm Cross.

Lani interacts well with the public, giving out leaflets, collecting donations and has shown a genuine interest in helping others. She explains to the public that it's not just food that some people need, but also toiletries, children's toys and treats such as Easter Eggs.

Lani often brings her younger brother Huey to also help.

"Lani has a social conscience and does understand the world is a lot bigger than her and that there is a lot of inequality, and poverty, in it", says her Grandad Paul Johnson.

Lani wins a place on our Wall of Kindness.

Well done Lani, we are all very proud of your social conscience (see also p.12).



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our recent fundraising endeavours.

With your help, we have raised £3571 for the Turkish-Syria earthquake appeal, £985.51 for Children in Need, £119.15 for Breast Cancer Now, and £149.50 for the Anthony Walker Foundation.



CAKE SALE FOR BRIANNA'S FAMILY

A bake sale, organised by Year 9 students in the memory of murdered Warrington teenager Brianna Ghey, has raised £193.20.

"We wanted to raise awareness and support about the tragic loss of Brianna", said organiser Martha Swiffen. The money will be donated to Brianna's [Go Fund me page](#), which has been set up to help the family with funeral costs.



LYMM HIGH PTA PRESENTS

BAND NIGHT

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CLIMBING HIGH FOR THE CHRISTIE

On Sunday 12th March, Alice Norton completed the Beetham Tower Run challenge in aid of The Christie Hospital. The challenge involved climbing the 46 floors, 798 steps to the top of the building!

The Year 7 student is the youngest competitor to complete the run, which is usually open to over 16s only. Alice completed it in 7.34 minutes, finishing 26th out of 100 participants. She was also the sixth fastest female – and given that her legs are a lot shorter than the adults – this was a fantastic achievement.

The team she ran with have raised over £1800 for the hospital so far with donations still coming in.

“Well done Alice! We’re extremely proud of your achievement”, says Miss Beck (see also p.12).



GLOBAL EMPATHY WEEK

Lymm High has again embraced Global Empathy Week. Mr Hayes ran a series of assemblies, which focussed on the meaning of empathy and how our students can show empathy both inside and outside of school. The assemblies were supported with Form Time reflections related to the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and students were asked to consider the impacts on the local and wider population. Tutors provided feedback on the maturity shown by the students during the discussions. We held a dress down day to raise funds for the earthquake appeal, and other fund-raising activities were organised by Mr Soykir and Mrs Hill. The grand total raised was a huge £3571.

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KINDNESS WALL

Following Kindness Week last term, we started collecting nominations for this year's Wall of Kindness. This has now been updated with these worthy winners.



- Liam Stokes, James Limbert, Jessica Minnery and Maisie Delaney** helped an elderly gentleman who slipped on ice near Lymm Cross. He had cut his face and couldn't get up. These students helped get him up and sat him on a nearby bench. They also got napkins from Chickenville to dry the bench for him. A local resident said, "They were really caring and so helpful".
- Sophie Vaughan, Sophia Bernstein, Kacie Stott, Amber Kelly, Bella Beardmore, Bethany Worrall and Edward Nicholls** from 7WL organised and held a cake sale raising nearly £150 for St Rocco's. They also each created a Christmas shoe box for the Manchester Street Angels charity. This charity supports those who are homeless and struggling.





- **8WH** and **13ML** collectively created shoe box contributions for Manchester Street Angels.
- **Isabella Walker** also created a shoe box for the Manchester Street Angels appeal. In addition, she donated to the hedgehog sanctuary and Warrington Animal Welfare.
- **Alice Norton** (7DH) completed the Beetham Tower Run challenge in aid of The Christie Hospital. The challenge involved climbing the 46 floors, 798 steps to the top of the building! Alice is the youngest competitor to complete the run, and finished it in 7.34 minutes (see also p.10).
- **Maria Harrison, Sophia Marrable-Wright, Evie Nunnerley, Luke Anderson** and **Emily Burnett** supported Miss Tunstall in collecting cat food donations for Warrington Animal Welfare and 'Changing Lives

in Carrington' charities.

- In the run up to Christmas, our **Year 8 Wellbeing reps** made Christmas cards that were distributed to local care homes. **Lymm High's String Group** also played at two care homes.
- In collaboration with Lymm Parish Council, students across all Year groups were invited to present ideas to regenerate areas of Lymm, including the Sunken Garden, the Cross and Lymm Dam. Lymm High's winner was **Jessica Midgley** (7DH). **Sebastian Cowley** (9AL) was Lymm Parish Council's overall winner.
- **Lani Johnson** (10TL) has been working with Warrington Foodbank for more than 2 years. She gives up her time on Saturdays to collect food donations outside Sainsbury's at Lymm Cross (see also p.8).



APPRECIATING ART

Last month, a group of 24 students who study Art, 3D Design, Catering, Photography or Fashion set off by train to London St Pancras International to board the Eurostar to Paris.

The purpose of the trip was to gather primary research and to experience a wide range of Art and Design settings in a new city environment.

Miss Simms writes: The trip was a great success. Every single student fully embraced the 4 days we had in Paris, and were unphased by the massive amount of walking we did each day!

Students spent time completing observational sketches in their sketchbooks, gathering primary research and inspiration in the galleries and museums, as well as taking plenty of photographs to document the trip.

Visits included some of Paris's most renowned galleries and museums such as the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay and the Louis Vuitton Foundation, as well as food tours and tastings around a traditional French food market and the Museum of Chocolate.



AND CULTURE IN *Paris*

Our students were a pleasure to take to Paris, writes Mr Beardsall. A true credit to themselves and fantastic representatives of the school. We had a jam packed itinerary carefully planned by Miss Simms. Each day was full of visits to exciting museums, galleries and famous landmarks. We covered a lot of the French Capital on foot or by Metro and had clocked over 80,000 steps in total throughout the trip!

Amongst the scheduled visits to galleries and museums, staff and students enjoyed the free time to explore, admiring the vernacular architecture whilst sampling the Parisian cafe culture of espressos, crepes and a favourite of the food department, the croque monsieur!

My personal favourite visit on the trip was to the Louis Vuitton Foundation, an iconic building designed by world renowned architect Frank Gehry. The building rooftop offered incredible panoramic views of the city and the Eiffel Tower. The inside was just as spectacular with galleries containing the work of Claude Monet and Joan Mitchell.



'An artist has no home in Europe except in Paris'

Friedrich Nietzsche

YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

Back in January, several students entered a Creative Writing Competition called Integer Stories Inspired by Numbers. Students were tasked with writing a short story relating to numbers. The mini sagas had a 100-word limit.

Henry Sidley and Ned Martin, both in Year 7, entered the 11–18 category and won individual prizes for their stories. Henry's story '*The Church*' and Ned's story '*The Roll of a Dice*' impressed the judges. Their short stories will be published along with other winning entries, and the book will be stored in the National Library.

"Congratulations Henry and Ned", says Miss Dockerill.



RISE TO THE TOP

Elliot Crook participated in his first climbing competition a few weeks ago as part of the Cheshire scouts. It was based around the Olympic standards so included bouldering, speeded climbing and increased difficulty. The Year 7 student is a keen climber and attends a local climbing club at the weekends.

He did really well and thoroughly enjoyed it!

TAKE A BOW

Congratulations to Year 7 Jasper de Glopper and Year 9 Hayden Brown for winning the KS3 Inter-hall archery event.



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SWIMMING SUCCESS

Several students are excelling at swimming outside of school. A few have recently returned from international swim camps during February's half-term.

Year 7 Jasper de Glopper is in the top 15 fastest swimmers in his age group and is getting quicker!

At the Cheshire County Racing competition last month, Jasper was rated the 14th best boy in England. He also attained eight Personal Bests (PBs), a Cap for under 12 males, three silver medals and four bronze medals. This is a massive achievement! Especially, when considering what long days they are. Typically, a race day will start around 7.30am, with a 15-minute warm up and dive practice. There are then two or three races, which can go on until 5, 7 or even 8.30pm at night.

Jasper attended a swim camp in Fuerteventura, along with fellow Lymm High students Bria and Talia Coxon. All completed their 60km challenge over the week (in 23 hours).

In early March, Jasper had another amazing weekend at the Wirral Europa Swimming Gala. He ended up with 12 PBs, six gold medals, four silvers and two bronze.

"Well done Jasper", said Miss Beck. "This is an amazing achievement."



Jasper trains 12 hours a week with Warriors of Warrington swimming club, including three early (4.45–7am) sessions. Anyone interested in joining the club is invited to contact headcoach @swimwarriors.org.uk

Jasper now has Regionals to aim for in Liverpool in April.



Year 10 Ben Ross also attended an international swim camp in Torremolinos, as part of the training programme for National competitions coming up in the Summer. At the Nationals, he hopes to improve on last year's success where he made Finals in five events.

At the Spanish swim camp, Ben undertook 4 hours of swimming each day as well as other land training activities to improve strength and fitness. His year has certainly started well. He earned a County Championship Title at Lancashire County Swimming Championships, and a total of eight medals (one gold, four silver and three bronze) over several weekends in February.

Ben trains 14 hours per week (including two early mornings with a 4.20am start) with the City of Salford Swimming Club. He has also been selected for the National Age-Group Development Camp by Swim England which supports and develops young talent.

"Ben is an absolute superstar. He blows me away with his drive, dedication and determination!", said Miss Crowder.



GIRLS FOOTBALL GOALS



Year 9 girls (right) won 6–0 in their semi-final in the Cheshire Cup. The home game was on the 3G pitch against Leftwich High School. They are also through to the County School Games finals at Moss Farm in Northwich. Year 7 girls (left) are also through to the County School Games finals and are representing Warrington. Year 11 girls are also through!

Mrs Slater and Miss Steele are thrilled with the girls football success this season! "It's great to see these three school teams representing Lymm at county level."

LYMM HIGH WIPES THE BOARD AT CROSS COUNTRY

The final races of the Neville Jones Warrington Schools Cross Country were on Saturday 4th March at Walton Hall and Gardens. The runners had performed well at both previous races and were in a strong position to take the trophies going into the final race. Once again, the runners performed amazingly, winning every team event!

"Well done to all involved as we now look forward to the track season", says Mr Scott.

Year 7 Evie-May won the Minors Section and went on to represent Cheshire in Loughborough, mid-March. She was the first Cheshire runner to end the race, and finished in 201st place out of 466 girls.



RUGBY SEVEN SUCCESS

Year 7 went to the invitational Wirral Grammar School Sevens for their first experience of this new sport.

The team worked extremely hard, developing during each game. They finished fourth in the group and qualified for the Shield final, where they played Stockport Grammar. Stockport took a two-try lead; however, Lymm turned round after half time and managed to score three unanswered tries winning the game.

“The improvement throughout the day was incredible”, said Mr Pickles.



FIFTH IN THE COUNTRY!

A superb achievement for Jack Marwood who finished in fifth place at the English National Cross Country Championships at Bolesworth Castle last month. The Year 10, who runs for Warrington Athletics, also competed in the UK Inter-counties Cross Country Championships in Prestwold Hall, Loughborough in March. Taking advantage of a wet, muddy and hilly course, Jack won the battle for fifth place beating last year's British Schools Cross County Champion. An amazing achievement! Well done Jack.

He moves to the track season next month where he will be competing in both the 1500 and 3000m.



HONG KONG TOUR

Year 9 Flo Tribe has recently returned from a tour of Hong Kong with Manchester United.

“I really enjoyed my experience with the Hong Kong U16 national team”, says Flo. “We played some matches with and against the Hong Kong team and we got to eat some traditional Chinese food. We also learnt about Chinese New Year and their culture which was really interesting. The girls were very nice and gave us some traditional gifts.”

Manchester United has a strong relationship with Hong Kong and supported their national Women’s U16s team with their tour to the UK in January. As well as both the RTC U16s and ETC U15s playing friendly matches against them during their regular training slot, any U14 and U16 Manchester United girls were also invited to train with the national team.

Flo plays for school’s Year 9 team (see p.20). The future of girls football at Lymm is very bright indeed!





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