

House Update – December 2019

Recently the hall was ringing with the sound of music – and laughter, bursting balloons and corny jokes. Of course I am happily talking about the House Talent Show which took place the first week in December. Fabulously compered by the maths department's own Mr Hunter and Mr Scott, who did canny impressions of Ant and Dec, they could have been winners themselves. They introduced a wide variety of acts this year, from acting to balloon modelling, singing and dancing to gymnastics, comedy routines and stand up to horse dressage - though for obvious reasons no horses were brought in to school and a video presentation was felt safer. Mr Hunter may need to watch himself as he had healthy competition on the joke front from a number of pupils.

Third place was awarded by the judges – Mrs Collins-Murphy, Miss Cullen and Mrs Russell – to Lily Hunter-Reilly in year 7 who rapped 'Hopeful' by Bars & Melody for Bronte House. Hepburn girls, Priya Wadwah, Martha Topping and Alex Hunter, also year 7, wrote and performed a modern day twist on Cinderella which raised much laughter. However, overall winner and taking the trophy for Seacole, was Olivia Armstrong in year 11, who raised the rafters with a beautiful and poignant version of the 'The Power of Love' by Frankie Goes to Hollywood. These girls also gained prestigious casting in Mrs Collins-Murphy's dance show to perform in front of proud relatives.

Fund raising for house charities continues as always. Bronte held their sweet tombola, a very popular event and made over £300 for the Southport Offshore Life Boat. This is a very worthwhile and local cause and as an independent charity receives no funding from the RNLI at all. Every penny is welcomed to support these brave volunteers.

Hepburn House Captains have been attending awards evenings and the dance show selling raffle tickets to parents. Prizes consist of vouchers for Remedy (the popular venue on Lord Street and in Churchtown) a giant teddy bear and also two Christmas hampers put together with donations from Hepburn girls in year 8. To date the raffle has raised over £265, with all money going to UNICEF. Winners were notified by phone in the final week of term.

Seacole had a Christmas cinema night with girls attending a jolly showing of the film 'Elf'. About 30 girls attended and were extremely well behaved whilst enjoying sweets, popcorn and hot chocolate. They also had faces festively painted on Christmas Jumper Day, with both events boosting funds for Help the Heroes and Liverpool Women's Neo-Natal Unit.

The New Year will I'm sure, see more challenges, competitions and events to increase the house charities coffers, with the help and support of parents, pupils and staff alike.

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