

House Report December 2021

The first term of the 2021/22 academic year is just about behind us and the House Leaders have had a very busy time. Not least Miss Marsh, Hartley Leader, who went off on maternity leave and gave birth early to a wonderful baby boy. Many congratulations to her and her partner on the safe arrival of their son.

Stepping in to fulfil the role in her absence, Mrs Nolan from the SEND department and PTA has enthusiastically joined in to cover and support in Miss Marsh's absence.

Autumn ended with Year 7 completing their sponsored skip in the gym with all forms taking part. 7B (Bronte) had the highest total of jumps and 7P (Pankhurst) raised the most amount of money for their house charity.

Prizes were handed out in assemblies at the end of October and Bronte had special visitors in to their assembly. Members of their house charity, Southport Offshore Lifeboat, came along to tell the pupils about their heroic roles, their new lifeboat building and showed off their equipment which was demonstrated by dressing up pupils in their protective clothing; much to the mirth of onlookers.



November saw the chaos of auditions and arranging the House Talent Show and a lovely Thursday afternoon was given over to watching the performance of the final. This was streamed live to all forms who were able to watch and support their friends taking part. Hepburn, Bronte, and Pankhurst all had winning acts in the different categories for singing, dancing, musical instruments and novelty act and the overall winner was Daisy Capie-Witterick from Pankhurst. Her year 7 voice was almost as incredible as Adele, whose song she sang. She could very well be making her own records in the future.



Ms Gouldbourne has been rumbling her tuck shop trolley around school once a month to allow pupils to buy treats and support a good cause, the Big Steps appeal at Liverpool Women's Hospital.

In November Mrs Powsey raised funds by collecting donations of used clothing items to weigh in for cash. This added to the coffers of BEAT – a new house charity that supports children with eating disorders.

December welcomed Mr Whittle's hot chocolate cart in to the quad. Twice a week he and his helpers have been selling hot chocolate loaded with marshmallows to warm hands and hearts and raise funds for our partner school in Ghana – somewhere that frozen hands are highly unusual but every penny is gratefully received.

Hepburn as ever began their Christmas fund raising with the Christmas raffle they have done every year since the house system was reintroduced. Each year prizes have got bigger and better and this year, with support from Bronte, Hartley and Keller Houses, Christmas hampers have been on offer to buy raffle tickets for again. House Captains gave up their spare time to attend evening events and concerts to sell tickets and others did so around school at lunch and break time. Parent pay allowed parents to purchase from the comfort of their own home and not miss out.



Pupils and staff generously donated enough goodies to build 11 hampers of various sizes, the largest of which took their winners by surprise when they collected them. All winners were phoned on Friday 17th December and that is one of the nicest parts of my role; hearing the surprise and excitement of telling someone they

have won. The other great part is raising over £1000 to go between the charities of the four houses who took part.

The New Year may bring new challenges – but all the House Leaders are up for whatever it brings and plans for more and new events are already taking place, so please, watch this space.

Have a lovely and joyful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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House Co-Ordinator.