



# NEWSLETTER

## Dates for your diary

End of Autumn Term Friday 16th December (12:15pm)  
Spring term begins Tuesday 3rd January



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

RAISES INCREDIBLE £3341 FOR CHARITY



Wade Deacon held its first ever Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November with over forty independent local businesses in attendance attending selling a wide range of hand made and bespoke products.

There was also wide variety of stalls run by Wade Deacon staff and students, ranging from from tombolas and bake sales to Christmas arts and crafts for younger children. We even had a visit from Father Christmas, who was able to meet and greet a large number of our guests.

Well over a thousand members of our local community turned out in support of the event and our school hall was packed throughout the day. The Christmas spirit was truly in evidence; the atmosphere and spirit was fantastic and the support overwhelming.

The event raised a staggering £3,341 for our chosen local charity (Papyrus) which will be delivered to them in the new year!

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who involved in organising and contributing to the Fayre. We hope to see you next year!



# GCSE AWARDS EVENING



Year 11 Class of '22 returned to us on Thursday 1st December to celebrate their GCSE results and achievements.

It was a pleasure to welcome the students back to school and see them take hold of the certificates that they had worked so hard to attain. It was also wonderful to hear of their progress and next steps in their journeys as they have all moved on to college.



We listened to two of our past senior prefects; Elena Mecklenburgh and Tom Haigh who shared their memories of school and gave thanks for their time with us and also, two of our current prefects, Joe Code and Pheobe Manns who described how inspired they have been by the Class of '22 and how they will heed their advice in preparation for their own examinations.

A multitude of prizes were awarded to pupils for work within subjects, progress they made and recognition for contribution to school and school life – huge congratulations to these pupils too.

All in all, a wonderful evening celebrating our students' success – well done to all!

# A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday 13th December we welcomed parents and carers to a sold out show for the spectacular return of our much missed Christmas concert where students from all year groups wowed audiences with their musical renditions and dramatic performances.

We celebrated with our best turnout ever, with staff, friends and family clapping and singing along to an inspiring set of performances.

It was an emotional evening, with many of our singers and actors making their live debut alongside our experienced performers to take their moment in the spotlight and truly show us what they are capable of!



*"It really was a fantastic show! The talent is truly a credit to you for your hard work and dedication."*

*"The talent and performances from all of the students who performed was amazing!"*

## CHOIR IN THE COMMUNITY



On Tuesday 6th December, the school choir and woodwind group, led by peri staff Mr Gallagher and Mr Lewis, performed to an audience of Widnes Golf Club ladies during their Christmas Afternoon Tea. Their performance was very well received with many of the golf club members commenting on their professionalism.

# LIFE SKILLZ CHRISTMAS PARTY



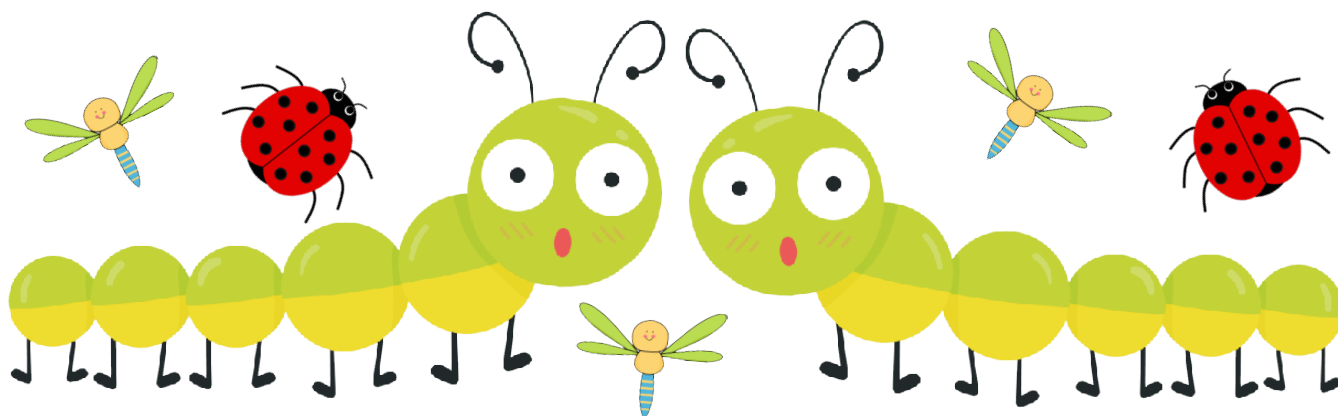
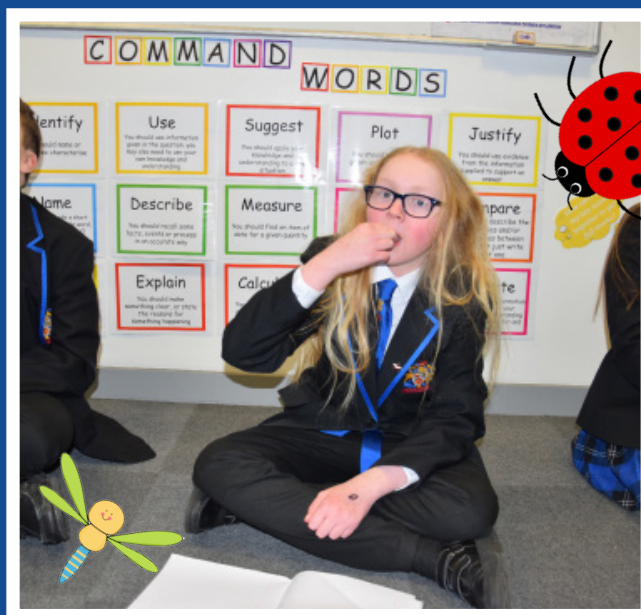
The Life Skillz club has been formed with the aim of building positive relationships and friendship while building communication skills to confidence. Students have taken part in sessions on health and hygiene as well as preparing simple food and drinks. Club members have also enjoyed making crafts and learning how to keep themselves safe. Students are even taking on leadership roles during sessions.

The club now has 17 members in all. Sam Houghton Squire made a lovely Christmas cake for the Party and all of the children including Maize Owen and Lily Davies made decorations. We sang Christmas carols and played party games to get into the festive spirit!

# MMMM CRUNCHY LITTLE CRITTERS....

Mrs Evans' 8GN1 and GYN1 classes enjoyed taking part in their very own *I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here* challenge. As part of our food and digestion topic, students explored diets from various cultures across the world, and discussed the issues we face regarding our current farming practices and sustainability. Students explored concerns regarding food production for a growing human population, and compared the impact of farming insects as opposed to chickens and beef on the environment.

Students pretended that they were at last years venue Gwyrch Castle in Abergele as our local link, and enjoyed sampling piri piri, sweet chilli and lime, and smokey BBQ crickets. Students seemed pleasantly surprised by the flavour describing them as tasting like crisps and asking for seconds. However they were less than impressed when it came to the price!



# CINDERELLA EXTRAVAGANZA



Our annual mentor panto trip went to St Helens Royal Theatre to watch Cinderella on Wednesday 7th December.

The mentors identified 45 students who have shown a real commitment to improving their personal and social development during the autumn term.

As always the students were a pleasure to spend the evening with and were impeccably behaved. One of our pupils even got up on stage for the final song.

Merry Christmas from the mentor team!



## ART & DESIGN

On Wednesday we had the pleasure of hosting two workshops delivered by Carmel College – one in photography and one in fashion & textiles.

Some of our Year 10 students took part and developed new skills and learnt about pathways into creative careers.



# THE WADE DEACON PANTRY

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### WHAT IS IT?

We understand that the times we are currently living in are both uncertain and challenging. Many families are facing changes in their financial circumstances. We would like to introduce The Wade Deacon Pantry which is a discreet service for families who may need additional support. If you feel like you would benefit from this service, please send an email to [school@wadedeacon.co.uk](mailto:school@wadedeacon.co.uk) and we can make arrangements to support you.

### CAN YOU HELP?

If you are in a position to donate food items, toiletries or pre loved uniform to the Wade Deacon Pantry, items can be dropped off by students on Monday mornings to the office under the main staircase.



**A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE**

In the current economic climate, we know that there may be some families and staff members that may be finding it tough. The Wade Deacon Pantry is a discrete service that will operate in school to support those in need by providing food items, toiletries, and preloved uniform.

Morrisons have generously donated lots of food items to get the pantry started and have agreed to help support it going forward. We are also asking families and staff that can, to donate items to help support the service. Staff and families will be able to donate items to the Business Manager's office under the main staircase on Monday mornings. The main items for donation that would be most helpful are listed below:

- Rice
- Pasta
- Tinned goods
- Cooking sauces
- Tea
- Biscuits
- Crisps
- Toiletries

If you are aware of any families that would benefit from this then please signpost the service to them.

If you yourself feel that you would benefit from the support of the pantry, please email the school ([school@wadedeacon.co.uk](mailto:school@wadedeacon.co.uk)) and it will be discretely organised for you.

## SILENT DISCO

Students in Year 7 showed their moves at our recent celebration event - a silent disco in the school hall. Over 200 students attended the event...and there may have been one or two members of staff who took the opportunity to dust off their dancing shoes too!



# SHOE BOX APPEAL

We managed to make up 47 boxes which went to "A shoebox full of love". They were picked up on Friday morning and they were very grateful. Amazing effort from everyone within school!



## SCIENCE DEBATE



Year 10 science students have been debating the ethical and scientific issues presented by genetic engineering in order to develop and strengthen their understanding of some challenging but extremely important concepts.



## TECH TREES

Year 11 students Max Carter, Harrison Lightfoot, Aryas Rafiq and Brandon Williams had a great time dressing the Christmas tree for the Computer Science break out area. We loved their creativity of the technology accessories!



## WHAT'S ON NEXT?

**STAY UP TO DATE WITH SCHOOL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR NEXT ISSUE IN THE SPRING TERM!**



AND FINALLY...

VERY BEST WISHES FOR  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A WONDERFUL NEW  
YEAR!

