



**December
2021**



Welcome to the
Doncaster
School for the
Deaf

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year. The children have had a really busy term. Here are just some of the things they have been involved in!

Remembrance Day 2021



Year 7 and 8 pupils enjoyed decorating the windows in the school hall during their Creative Art lessons to remember those who gave their lives during World War 1, World War 2 and later conflicts.

Following Remembrance Sunday, the pupils visited St George's Minster where they were shown the memorial records of all those that lost their lives in connection to Doncaster.

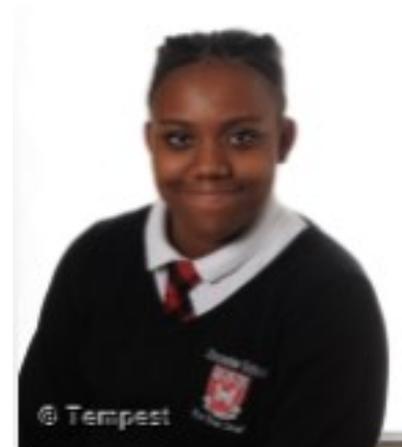
NDCS Roadshow visits school



The NDCS 'Big Purple Bus' visited school and delivered fun and engaging workshops to our pupils focussing on independence as they grow older. Pupils were also made aware of the BUZZ website. The NDCS staff commented on what a lovely school we are and how polite and well behaved our pupils were during the workshops. Fantastic feedback!

Welcome to our new staff and pupils

We have had the great pleasure of welcoming 3 more pupils to our school this half term, Ben, Hadiqa and Veronica!



A warm welcome also, to our new staff member, Miss Thornton, who has joined the school's Specialist Teaching Assistant team this term. We also said a sad farewell to Mrs Round who has left The Trust after 12 years of service.

Children in Need Appeal 2021

Staff and pupils alike took part in the Children in Need fundraising appeal. They came to school wearing either their pyjamas or wearing casual clothes. £59.24 was raised for the charity which will help fund projects based in the UK that have the aim of helping disadvantaged young people.



Achievements...



A huge congratulations to Eleanor who has proudly represented Selby rugby team in a recent 'touch and pass' game. She loved being part of the team and looked great in her match shirt.

Her sister, Lucy has also been in the headlines, she has been awarded a 'Girlguiding Hero' certificate for her sign support for Eleanor at guides.

Well done to Filip, Plamen and Igor - all 3 have passed their BSL Level 1 award with flying colours.



Ten Pin Bowling



Pupils really enjoyed taking part in the Ten Pin Bowling competition organised by The Panathlon Foundation. They proudly finished in 2nd place overall.

A special well done to Simas who was the top scorer in the whole of primary! Go Simas!

Keeeeeeep Dancing!.....



Mrs Taylor-Bunting and Miss Flannigan helped pupils to send a BSL video message to the Deaf actress Rose Ayling-Ellis wishing her luck in the Strictly Come Dancing competition and thanking her for being such a brilliant Deaf role model. Following on from this, BBC Look North came to school to interview some of our staff and pupils.

Everyone was really excited. The filming was broadcast on Look North the very same evening!

A big well done to all staff and pupils involved!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

The countdown to Christmas began with the annual switch on of the Christmas lights. Some of the cast from the BSL integrated pantomime Aladdin, came along with Doncaster Rover's Cameron John and club mascot, 'Donny Dog' to press the magic red button.



Christmas Book Advent Calendar

We have all been really enjoying opening our "Christmas Book Advent Calendar" again this year. Every lunch time, we open a drawer to reveal a new title for the library (and a chocolate of course!) We have had a whole range of books to suit all ages and interests - already the pupils are loving borrowing the new books to take home and read. The football books have been especially popular!



Christmas Panto

Pupils really enjoyed their visit to The Cast Theatre to watch the BSL integrated panto, Aladdin! Oh yes, they did!!

As you can see from the photograph—they were very excited waiting for the performance to start.



Christmas Jumper Day



Everyone came to school wearing their Christmas jumper and helped raise almost £40.00 for the Children in Need appeal.

Friday Guitar Group



Every Friday lunch time the guitar group get together for a jamming session led by Mr Brennan. It's a really lovely way for them to end the week. The group have been learning simple 3 note chords: 'C' and 'G'. After Christmas they will start to play single note melodies.

Speech Therapy



Mrs Oakes, Speech Therapist, wanted to share this lovely photograph of Lacey taken in a recent speech therapy session.

As it was the last session of term, they played games with a focus on learning about things they had in common with each other.

The group were asked to build a thing they liked, using play dough. Lacey chose to build a model of a mouse and a cake.

Lacey and Mrs Oakes found out that they both like mice!

Lacey has worked really hard in speech therapy group this term. She has been patient, kind and helped other group members. Well done Lacey!

Christmas Carols at Lakeside



Our primary pupils had a great time entertaining the shoppers at Lakeside with their Carol Signing/Singing. Nearly £54 was raised in the process. The pupils were rewarded with a lovely, warming hot chocolate for all their hard work.

Welcome to Yoga



Polly came into school to teach a yoga session, the children really enjoyed it. They learnt lots of new yoga poses including cat, cow, banana and tree. They loved the relaxation at the end too!

CAT POSE

Try it out!



Why not have a go at some of the poses yourself over the Christmas break?

COW POSE

Try it out!



GCSE Success



It was with great pride and pleasure that we were finally able to present Barry and Kuba with their GCSE examination certificates that they had worked so hard for. Well done to them both on their achievements.

Kuba has settled into the College's Blue Hub well with his peers and is making good progress towards his targets. Barry has settled well into the Green Hub. He has made new friends both Deaf and hearing and is working well in his classes. He has surpassed expectations and has just had a positive review with new outcomes set to reflect this.

Sundown Adventureland



As an end of term treat our primary pupils visited Sundown Adventureland where they climbed aboard one of Santa's sleighs and took a magical journey through the enchanted forest to arrive in style at Santa's Grotto!

Religious Studies



Earlier this term pupils visited a local mosque as part of their learning. Towards the end of term, Rev Adam Priestley came into school to explain about the Christingle and the significance of it at Christmas time. Pupils enjoyed seeing him dressed up as Superman and joined in with some songs and dancing. They lit the Christingles that they had made in form time.

Visit to D31 Gallery

Secondary pupils visited the D31 Gallery to see the winning art work of one of our pupils in it's place on the gallery wall. Whilst there, they sketched their favourite pieces and enjoyed being shown around by Mrs Chinwe Russell, the gallery owner. They also saw the huge mural opposite the railway station and the miner's tribute sculpture in the town centre.



Party time!



Pupils enjoyed their festive Christmas dinner followed by a whole school party including a visit from Father Christmas and one of his helpers.

All children received a present from Father Christmas and a selection box.

Our Residential Pupils

Pupils have had some fun filled evenings this half term. They enjoyed being involved in the switch on of The Trust's Christmas lights, attended an evening football match at the Keepmoat Stadium and, as a special end of term treat, visited the Christmas illuminations at The Yorkshire Wildlife Park!



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 17 December 2021
Tuesday 4 January 2022
Friday 11th February 2022

School closes for half term
School re-opens
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