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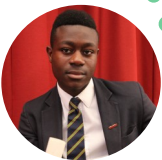
This year's Anti-Bullying Week took place during November and we took this opportunity to explore the important messages with our

students organising range of assemblies and activities during Tutor Time. Mrs Roberts co-ordinated the week's activities and every day had a different theme such as cyber bullying and equality.

- On Thursday, 16th November all students were encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks. This was to promote the themes of equality, diversity and uniqueness but in a light-hearted way that students could easily understand and participate in.
- The important message of the national campaign was **'All Different, All Equal'**.

Celebration

On 9th November we celebrated academic and sporting achievements at our **Key Stage 4 Awards Evening**. Awards were given out to students who have achieved excellence and worked exceptionally in subject areas across the school. The student of the year awards were presented to **Jack Wheeler** and **Molli Ledger**. Sports Person of the Year was awarded to **David Akinola** and the Ruby Dhaliwal Trophy was awarded to **Michael Harding**. Well done to everyone who received an award.



Welcome

Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter. As it shows we have had an incredibly busy term with students excelling and achieving in all sorts of different ways. The stories demonstrate our shine values in a wide variety of activities. It has been an absolute pleasure to lead the school and to see so many of our students 'shining brighter than they thought they could.' Special congratulations should go to Jack Wheeler and Ferguson their amazing achievement in winning a 'Leicester Mercury Education

Award.' Thank you for all your support through this term - our partnership with you is crucial. We wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2018.

Mr Williams and Mr Bennett, Co-Heads of School.



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Friday Feeling

As a special treat every Friday students who have done excellent work, achieved

something amazing or have really demonstrated our SHINE values are invited to have 'Hot Chocolate with the Head'. Mr Williams and Mr Bennett have really enjoyed meeting and praising our students who

deserve some extra recognition. They even have squirty cream and marshmallows! Follow us on Twitter to see who's chosen next!



We are pleased to announce that Year 11 student **Jack** won the 'Beating the

Odds' trophy at the **Leicester Mercury Education Awards** on Thursday 7th December. Jack suffers from Narcolepsy which means that he has disturbed sleep patterns and can often become tired in lessons, despite this Jack is in all of the top sets, takes part in school trips and activities, is a co-head boy and an active member of the school council. Jack constantly shows 100% commitment to his school work, and although this type of condition could hold him back, Jack is determined that it won't. One of our most successful GCSE students Fergus, also won 'Student of the Year' at the ceremony. Also shortlisted for awards and attending the ceremony at the King Power Stadium were Senior Leader and English Teacher - Ms Fawcett, nominated for the 'Inspirational Teacher' award and Paul Newman, our new Catering Manager who was shortlisted for the 'Healthy Schools' award. We are very proud of all of them and hope they enjoyed their evening in the spotlight.

Awards



Giving...

Students have been collecting much needed food and toiletries for the charity **Open Hands**. Each tutor Group has made a hamper of items which will be

given to a family in need or to homeless people over the Christmas period.

Students have put a lot of thought into the items they have included and their generosity has been amazing. We collected over 20 boxes of food which were collected on the 15th

December, the project has been co-ordinated by Mrs Boyce our Religious studies teacher. The project has been jointly run with Bosworth Academy and students from both schools have visited the charity to understand the difference these hampers will make to people in need.



We are now on **Instagram**, join our other 90 followers!

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Festive Cheer

Students put on amazing performances at our Christmas Concert on Thursday 14th December. The **Music Captains** had done a great job decorated the hall after school. **Amelia Widdowson** performed a beautiful solo and **Dru Mulji** impressed the audience playing the Tabla drums, we had some festive favourites from the choir and the steel pans, and contemporary covers by our various bands and musicians. This year the concert was organised by **Elarna Cole** in Year 11 who ran the event as part of her Silver Arts Award, what a fantastic achievement!



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Remember

During the two weeks leading up to **Remembrance Sunday** staff and students at The Winstanley School created a tribute to those people who have been killed or affected by conflict. During 'Tutor Time' students had written messages on poppies which are displayed on the outside of the school building. Over 600 poppies were completed along with three 'remembrance trees' where students and staff wrote messages to someone who they would like to remember.

We were very pleased to welcome Braunstone Town Mayor, Cllr Bill

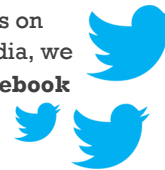


Wright, who visited Winstanley to see the display, meet staff and students and add his own message to one of our Remembrance Trees. Reuben from Year 7 did an amazing job making Bill feel welcome, explaining why Remembrance is important.



In touch...

Why not follow us on social media, we post regularly on **Twitter, Facebook** and **Instagram** with our news as it happens..



Congratulations to **Alice, Courtney, Patrycja, Langa, Molli, Joseph, Brad, Michael, Sam, Ben** and **Joe** who have been selected to be our new Prefects and **Kacey, Panashe, Jack** and **David** who are our new Head Girls and Boys.

Perfect Prefects

They received their new suits on Friday 8th December and we hope they all enjoy the responsibility of their new roles.



Love Reading

As part of our induction to the school library, Mrs Bate our Librarian ensures that every Year 7 student is given a book of their choice to keep. The students were able to choose from a list at the start of term and are now looking forward to taking their books home and reading them over the Christmas break. The idea behind this is to encourage students to read for pleasure at home. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in exams but also develop a broader vocabulary. We hope that Year 7 all enjoy their new books.



Independence

During November we were very pleased to welcome **Braunstone Blues** to Winstanley to run a week-long Life Skills Workshop with our Year 10 students. Braunstone Blues - Police, Fire and Ambulance service, run this outreach programme as part of their keeping Braunstone healthy, safe and secure scheme. Our students had lots of fun during the workshops with some really imaginative activities, which offer coping strategies and encourage resilience. It was great to see students getting involved and showing a real interest in promoting well-being.



Never Giving Up

Miss Yates our new Hospitality and Catering teacher has been running a **Christmas Cake Club** over the last few weeks. Students who wanted to take part went along during lunch times to bake, ice and decorate their cakes which were baked in small baked-bean tins. The students showed amazing perseverance and patience when icing and decorating their cakes, and the hard work really shone through in the finished cakes. They are all looking forward to taking them home to show family and friends.



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Supporting Others

Children in Need took place on Friday 17th November and staff and students rose to the challenge to raise lots of money during break time. Our student council sold hot chocolate and cakes in the hall, while tutor groups 7CC and 8SYA sold Pudsey cakes, key rings and arranged some games in the cube. Enthusiastic swimmers Nile and Sid from 7HG also did a sponsored swim. In total we raised £139 showing that even at break time we can still support others.



Let yourself

Hard Work

On 9th November **Year 11** students spent the day taking part in science practical experiments as part of their GCSE requirements. They worked in small groups, and moved from classrooms to complete a whole range of tasks as part of their required controlled assessments. They all worked really hard and completed the tasks in a mature and sensible manor.



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Excellence

Well done to our **Rugby Team** - Max, Ben, Archie, Corey, Ben, Ryan, Tyler and Charlie who are the winners of the local Dallaglio RugbyWorks Tournament. They have all been having intensive coaching on a regular basis and this has really paid off. Not only did they play some amazing Rugby but they were also a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour and brilliant team spirit. They will now go through to the national competition with the final being played at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry. Well done to all of them and great to see students really putting in the extra effort to achieve excellence.



Congratulations

Students who produce exceptional work will be entered into a special book of recognition held in the Head of Schools office and where possible are asked to take their work to show Mr Bennett or Mr Williams. So far we have had an amazing variety including some marvellous Maths and amazing artwork. See our social media sites for weekly updates.



Winners

The winners of our 'Write a Christmas Verse' are **Joe James, Nikola Fride, Vanessa Harding and Brenden Tompkins** all from Year 8. Their designs and verses will feature on the Winstanley Christmas card which will be delivered to our local community.