

# REAL LiFE Showcase

On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December parents were invited into school for a 'showcase' of the work their child has been doing this term for their 'Who am I?' mission as part of the REAL LiFE Curriculum. The afternoon began with a presentation/talk where students had the chance to present work to their parents and explain all of the brilliant things they have been doing in subjects across the school. There was then an opportunity for parents to walk around and have a closer look at some of the work and have conversations with staff and students about what their child has been doing.



As I sit at my desk at the end of what has felt like one of our busiest terms ever it is great to look through the newsletter and see all the amazing things that staff and students have managed to fit into this half term. I do want to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support as we have raised expectations for all of our students. It has been brilliant to work in partnership with you and see so many students step up and consistently get things right. I have been doing assemblies this week focusing on the theme of hope. Looking through the newsletter there are so many examples of how students and staff are creating hope as they 'shine brighter than they thought they could!' Just one example of this is how the students approached the Open Hands Christmas box collection - even in such difficult times it is great to see the generosity of everyone in our community. Thank you for all your support - I do hope you have a blessed Christmas full of hope.

**Mr Bennett, Headteacher**



## Winstanley Life

### Winstanley Remembers

On the 11th November we held our whole school Remembrance event. We were pleased to welcome KS2 pupils from Kingsway Primary School, Geoff from The Litter Wombles, the Reverend Nigel from St Peters Church and Cllr Anthea Ambrose. The two minute silence was held respectfully by everyone



and students who were involved with greeting visitors, laying wreaths and speaking during the service did a fantastic job. Once again our students and those from Kingsway Primary School put a lot of hard work and thought into the beautiful wreaths and tributes they had made to lay in front of our flag poles. We raised £156.93 selling poppies for the British Legion, so a big thank you to everyone who contributed.



# Christmas 2022

## Caring for Others

On the 8th December the charity Open Hands came to collect the support hampers that had been put together by our staff and students. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Winstanley community as we all feel the pinch of the cost of living crisis this winter. Open Hands help those who are homeless as well as supporting the food bank in Braunstone. They have also been kind enough to put together some festive goody bags for families in our community to help make Christmas special during these difficult times.



## Presenting our new Prefects...

- This term our recently selected prefects received their new grey blazers and house ties.
- They will now take on the role of student leaders who represent our school values and set a good example to younger students. Our new prefects have already started to take on their new responsibilities around the school and it's fantastic to see them flourishing in their new roles. There will be another opportunity for more Year 11s to take part in the process next year.



## Litter Heroes



In October our Eco-club carried out an environmental and litter survey during a litter pick



across the school. This is part of their 'get loud on litter' campaign they are working on as part of their eco-school green flag award. With their findings, they will develop an action plan and hope to improve the way we interact with waste and litter as a school.



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## Winstanley Life



See what #winstanleyelf has been up to on our **Instagram** and **Facebook** stories!



## Celebrating Success

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Well done to all our students who received awards at our KS4 Awards Evening. We hope parents and carers enjoyed celebrating the achievement and hard work of our successful students. It was also lovely to see some of our 2022 GCSE students who came to collect their certificates.

### The winners were –

Anna 11JF & Daljinder 11RHA – Student of the Year

Anna is a caring, helpful and kind student who comes into school daily and gives her best. Daljinder consistently goes above and beyond in everything he does, a polite, well mannered and hard working young man.

Aaron 11JCU – Most Improved attendance, Lacey 11JCU – Learning Support, Effort, Alfie 11RHA – Learning Support, Personal Progress

### Achievement Awards

Archie 11JCU, Ibrahim 11JF/TO, Vanesa 11JF/TO, Dylan 11BE, Rory 11BE, Daljinder 11RHA/SAT, Daniel 11JCU, Aissatou 11BE, Anna 11JF/TO, Julianne 11BE, Aston 11RHA/SAT, Nela 11RHA/SAT, Rihanna 11JF/TO, Phoebe 11RHA/SAT

### Effort Awards

Natassia 11BE, Rory 11BE, Beth 11BE, Anna 11JF/TO, Aissatou 11BE, Gabriel 11JCU, Kian 11JCU, Shannon 11JCU, John 11RHA/SAT, Kayden 11BE, Mareks 11JF/TO, Rihanna 11JF/TO, Warren 11RHA/SAT, Niall 11BE, Saudahtu 11BE





## Odd Socks

It was great to see so many people supporting Odd Socks Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> November and wearing odd socks for school, to demonstrate our commitment to eradicating bullying, through our ongoing programme during SHINE lessons. There were a range of activities happening throughout Anti Bullying Week to raise awareness of the impact of bullying and encouraging everyone to be kind and support others.



## Celebrating Diwali

Year 7s had a fantastic assembly on the 25<sup>th</sup> October which gave them the opportunity to find out how different faiths celebrate the festival of Diwali. Diwali lasts for five days and is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists. It symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness. It's an opportunity to spend time celebrating with family and friends and enjoying celebratory meals. It is also a time for contemplation and thinking about self-improvement and kindness to others. Students also contributed to the assembly by explaining how they celebrate Diwali.



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Don't forget to keep a look out for #HotChocFri each week on our socials.

## Colour Awards

During the second half of this term we held our colour assemblies. Students have been awarded 'colour' badges and certificates to recognise their hard work and effort in subject areas across the curriculum. It's great to see them 'Shining Brightly', well done to everyone who has been awarded a badge this term.



# Christmas 2022



## Amazing Art

Well done to Miss Bell, Yasmine (8FMN), Andre (8FMN), Vanessa (8MGR) and Alissa (7EF) on a beautiful design for this year's Winstanley Christmas card.

## Future Skills

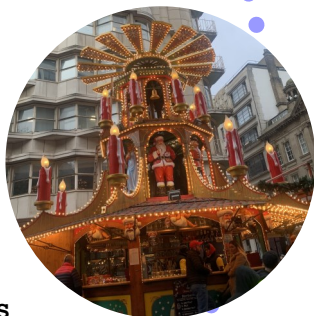
Thank you to all of the volunteers who came to conduct interviews with our students today. The event is organised by our careers team and Leicestershire Cares, and students are given feedback about how they can improve their interview skills as they approach the next steps in their education or future employment.

It's a fantastic opportunity and students really benefit from the experience.



## The Big City

On the 5th December Year 11 students visited Birmingham, which is the UK's second largest city after London. This trip tied in with exploring urban environments in Geography and the challenges and opportunities of urban growth. It was also a fantastic opportunity to visit the Birmingham Christmas Market and soak up the festive atmosphere to.



## Poetry Workshop

During Black History Month we had the pleasure of hosting workshops with guest artist Marcus Joseph. Marcus delivered to all the students in Year 8. The workshops focused on the poetry of Leicester based poet the late Jean Binta-Breeze. The students engaged in spoken word activities and produced personal pieces using the 'Instant Poetry' tool. We would like to thank the 'World reimagined project' for making this learning opportunity possible.



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# Winstanley Life Trips and Activities



Arbor

Download our new parental engagement app, further details are available on our website.

## Rugby Fun & Games

It's been great to be working with Rugbyworks again this year. They have been doing various teambuilding, strategy tactical games with Years 7 to 9.



## Panto Trip

Year 7 and 8 students who were lucky enough to get a place on our Christmas reward trip have gone to see Cinderella at DeMontfort Hall this week. The trip had been a long time in the planning with the tickets being sold out at the box office in September. This year we are really proud that Year 10 student Eva R is taking part in the Panto as part of the ensemble.



## Follow that star...

On the 8th December Year 7 students joined those from Kingsway Primary School for a lovely Christmas service at Friar Lane & Braunstone Baptist Church. As well as being able to join in some well known Christmas hymns members of the church acted out the nativity story, which supports our topic of Christian festivals in Religious Studies. Thank you so much to Minister Rev Jon Grant and the team for making us so welcome and provided our students with an authentic learning experience.





## Independence

Well done to our Year 7s who received certificates and badges for the Accelerated Reader Bronze Award. This means they have already read 100,000 words since starting at Winstanley. What a fantastic achievement.



## Hard Work



Our Super Scientists were rewarded with a trip to the cinema this term as a treat for their hard work in Science. Students from Year 7, 8, and 9 walked to the Vue Cinema at Meridian to watch The Lost Planet. It was great that so many of our students were able to attend this trip at no cost to parents - apart from sweets! We are so lucky to have the cinema within walking distance too.



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## Never Giving Up

During December students had an inspirational talk from Leicester Riders Basketball player, Mo Walker. Students were amazing and listened attentively to Mo as he talked about the importance of respect, hard work and never giving up. He explained that even when things seem at their worst they will always get better. He currently has a serious injury and has his leg in a boot, demonstrating how important it is to have a positive attitude and determination.



# Let yourself SHINE

## Supporting Others

For Children In Need this year we asked staff and students to wear something spotty for school and

support this great event which does so much to improve the lives of children and supports so many fantastic initiatives. Our House Leaders held cake sales during the week at break time so a big thank you to everyone who baked and bought cakes. We also held a penny challenge to see which tutor group could collect the most loose change.



## Excellence

Well done to our Catering Team, who cooked an amazing Christmas dinner again this year. We were treated to tasty turkey, scrumptious sprouts, crunchy carrots all the trimmings and a choice of two desserts. We always have a massive uptake for Christmas lunch and they

work so hard to serve up this festive treat. This year we were also treated to carols played by our orchestra, it was lovely and especially nice to see students supporting their musical friends with lots of encouragement.



## Sport Success

**Rugby** - Wins for both rugby teams in their first games of the season beating Castle Mead in the under 13s and under 15s. Really competitive matches and fantastic spirit from both schools.

**Football** - HBSSPAN year 9 football champions. Fantastic effort from whole team and especially those who stepped up to take the penalties that won the game.

