



The run up to Christmas is always crazy – and at BMS it is no different! We continue to be immensely proud of our students and their achievements both in and out of school. Last week, a number of our students represented the school at the Poole Lighthouse Carol Concert, singing their hearts out along with various other Poole primary and secondary schools. We had our first entry (in a number of years) in the Broadstone Christmas Parade, with sparkly dancers dancing their way down the Broadway to 'Jingle Bell Rock'. We are yet to hear if we have won any prizes for our entry! We have had a number of transition events which our Year 8 prefects have supported, and our school council are already on the ground finding out more about the learning that is happening here.

On behalf of the whole BMS team, I would like to thank you for your support over the last two terms: for lending us your brilliant children, for contributing towards our charity events and speaking so positively about our school. I can confidently say that every member of staff has worked incredibly hard to ensure your children get the very best learning experiences, and we will continue to do so.

All that is left to say is that we wish you a very merry (and hopefully relaxed) Christmas break and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 2nd January next year.

On behalf of the team,

Dawn

KS3 ENGLISH UPDATE

Year 8 pupils have been exploring Romantic poetry and generating their own poems that convey moods and emotions using vivid imagery and symbolism. We have also looked at multicultural poems by Agard and Zephaniah, exploring themes of equality and justice for all. Year 7 pupils have been exploring War Horse and writing from the point of view of the horse whilst exploring effective and deliberate figurative devices. We have been overwhelmed with the quality and emotion that our students have put into their poems and recounts, we have a very talented bunch!

Mr Yeates – KS3 English lead

VIKINGS!

Year 6 pupils visited the art room to continue their topic study about the Vikings. They experimented with a variety of painting techniques to create the waves and designed their own Viking long boat, adding extra detail to the figure head, sails and shields. The collage was mounted on a vibrant painted background representing a sunset or stormy sky. Here are just a couple of the wonderful outcomes:

Miss de Looze



Gardening Club

As we head to end the of the year, The Gardening Club decided to use some of the vegetables they had harvested previously in the year and had been storing over the autumn. They made a vegetable soup using their onions, turnips and pumpkins and also included courgettes, carrots and peppers to make a really hearty, winter warming soup. They roasted the garlic, courgettes, pepper, carrots and turnips before adding them to their mix of onions, leeks, celery and sweet potato. Everyone enjoyed making the soup and taking home for their evening meal.



They have also been busy, crafting winter wreaths from natural foraged items such as pine cones, teasels and dried rose hips. They look really effective with a distinct Christmassy feel and will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre. *Miss Pike*

KITTY SWIMS A MARATHON FOR CHARITY

Kitty (6X) has successfully completed another epic swim-marathon as part of the swim team 'Captain Shaun's Treasure' at the Purbeck Sports Centre. She has been taking part in these swims since 2015 and has been commended on her team spirit and positive approach. Kitty and her team have raised over £2200 for the Brain Tumour charity. Well done Kitty, we are very proud of you and your achievements!

SPORTS TEAMS RESULTS

On 23rd November the Year 7 rugby team had a very high scoring match against St Edward's. We lost 6 tries to 5 in the last play of the game. There was some accurate passing and strong running throughout, with lots of positives for future matches. Well done team.

The boys football team beat Bishop Aldhelm's 1 – 0, Harry J scoring the winner in the second half following good build up play between Fred, Toby and Finley.

The Year 6 boys also represented the school on Friday in the 7 a-side County Finals. We won the match and although we lost 3, (1 – 0, 3 – 2 and 3 – 2) they were very close matches and we easily could have beaten the other teams to qualify from our group.

The Year 6/7 girls team beat St Mary's Middle school 3 – 0 in the County Cup this week.

The year 6 boys football team beat Longfleet on Wednesday (2-1) and as a result have qualified for the quarter final of the PEDSSA quarter final. This will be in the new year! *Mr McCalister and Miss Marsh*

HOUSE POINTS

Houses

1 st Rowling.....	3130 points
2 nd Dyson.....	3041 points
3 rd Attenborough.....	3014 points
4 th Da Vinci.....	2996 points

Top 5 house point earners

1 st Hannah P, 6Y.....	100 points
2 nd Benjamin G, 6Y	68 points
3 rd Barnaby D, 8X.....	64 points
=4 th Millie J, 6Y.....	63 points
=4 th Abi P, 6Y.....	63 points

AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT

A massive thank you to the Social Hub who have funded the purchase of new microscopes for use at our school. Our pupils have always enjoyed discovering the detail hidden within the microscopic world. We now look forward to making full use of this new resource at the school.



Dates for your Diary...

8th December— BMS Christmas Fayre 6-8pm
15th December— last day of term. Pupils leave school at 1.15pm or 3.05 pm.
2nd January 2018—Pupils return to school
25th January—Roman Day, Year 5

Reminders...

Drama club has now finished for Christmas. The club will restart w/c 1st January 2018.
Karate Club starting after Christmas, 5pm-6pm every Monday from 8th January 2018. Details will be emailed out shortly.