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NEWSLETTER

Headmaster's message



Season's greetings to all our readers and welcome to our end of term InForm newsletter. Inside you will find articles covering many of the events and activities that have taken place throughout the past seven (and a bit) weeks and, as ever, my thanks go out to all the colleagues (and students) who have provided and facilitated these. As I write, our Year 11

students are coming to the end of their "trial" GCSE examinations and I want to commend them for their superb attitude throughout what is always a potentially nerve-wracking experience. Staff and invigilators have been full of praise for the focus and maturity of our students and we are anticipating a very positive set of results that will set them up so well in the lead up to their final GCSE examinations.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gazzard to teach MFL from January.

Remembrance

November seems a long time ago but I do want to give a special mention to our annual Remembrance week of assemblies, culminating with our flag ceremony on Friday 10 November. I want to compliment the entire student body for the respect and exceptional behaviour they all displayed in paying tribute to those earlier generations who sacrificed so much. A special mention too must go to students across Key Stage 3 who, led by staff from our Art and Design Faculty, created the impressive and very moving display of poppies outside our main entrance as well as a Remembrance display of poppies in our Main Hall.

Charity work

Our school motto "nemo sibi nascitur" has been most evident in the huge commitment of so many students to charity fund raising throughout the past two months. I would like to mention Year 9 and their form captains and student leaders who arranged two days of fundraising for MacMillan. Taking over the Sports Hall, students led and managed a host of fun activities that drew support from students from Year 7 right up to Year 13. They managed to raise £2,000 in just two days, which was so impressive. Even more impressive was that the students took full responsibility for organising, running and, most importantly, clearing up on both days. Year 7 have organised their own Charity donation for the local 'One Vision' charity, which raises funds and donations to support disadvantaged communities across the world. You can see more in the pages of this newsletter and we are delighted that a long-standing friend of Parmiter's, Dame Helen Hyde, addressed students at an assembly to congratulate and thank them for their service and charitable work.

Christmas Gift Fair

Where Charity is concerned, we know it begins at home, and what better example of this than the incredible support from parents, carers, students and the local community for our annual Christmas Gift Fair. Organised by our wonderful Parents and Carers Association, once again we are so grateful for the huge amount of work and commitment that went into making it such a superb community event.

School Show – "Carefree"

The creative team of Mr Froy, Miss Hunter and Mr Bates served up another spectacular school show – a zany adaptation of the 1938 musical, "Carefree". Aided by choreography from Year 13's Rose Arcos and with a phenomenal cast of actors, dancers, musicians and singers, it was an absolute treat for the audience. Special mention needs to go to the acting cast and leading actors, Elliott Bull and Amy Symons, the superb school orchestra and incredible singing support from Year 13s Eleanor Croston, Archie Halward and Becca Whitehouse as well as Anna Sharman. How lucky Parmiter's is to have such a wealth of talent.

Carol Service at St Luke's Church

There was a further musical treat at our annual Carol Service, held this year at St Luke's church. I am so grateful to members of the Parmiter's community, students, staff, parents and friends of the school, for their reading of the lessons. However, the standout part of the service was the superb choral and orchestral work of the Junior, Senior and Chamber choirs. To have over 100 students involved shows just how musical a school Parmiter's is. We are indeed indebted to the superb leadership and conducting of the phenomenal team of Mr Bates, Dr Tyack and Miss Birley. I would also like to record my huge gratitude to the Reverend Michael Norman for leading the service and his warm welcome to St Luke's and to the dedicated Parents and Carers Association who provided refreshments for the audience.

The Parmiterian 2023

Parmiter's has a proud tradition of publishing an annual account of school life and activity in the form of The Parmiterian magazine. Having seen and read the latest publication, I whole heartedly recommend it to all those who have an interest in our school or indeed in British school life in general. Not only does it give a full account of life at our school, it provides a record of what children can achieve in a school which is committed to education in the very broadest sense of that word. A school that values personal and character development every bit as much as the academic and where students are as committed to what they can give to the community as to what they can receive.

My thanks as ever to the editorial team of Mrs Clark and Mrs Mullett for the high quality of the publication and to all those colleagues and students who have made such valuable contributions to its contents.

It only leaves me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I do hope you enjoy a restful, happy and safe holiday. I look forward to welcoming our students back on Thursday 4 January 2024

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year



M Jones
Headmaster

Parmiter's Parent's Association

We are ending this year on a high note at Parmiter's supporting the Parmiter's School Carol Service - A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, where we welcomed over 300 attendees with mulled wine, mince pies and juices.

Our team's commitment and hard work have culminated in a series of successful events and substantial fundraising achievements, which have greatly benefitted our school and students.

This year's highlights include the annual *Christmas Gift Fair* in November, a standout event raising over **£10,000** with more than 600 people in attendance. We raised a further **£2,400** in donations and matched funding, **£1,336** at the uniform and book sale and **£150** from our *Bag2School program*.

Additionally, we were able to donate **£6,768** to the Art department for smart screens, with the aim of enhancing our students' educational experience. We also approved **funding** for an external speaker in the Maths Department, aimed at girls undertaking their GCSE's to inspire them to pursue maths and further it to A-level and beyond.

This year's remarkable success reflects the steadfast dedication of our entire school community. From the enthusiastic involvement of parents and carers to the active participation of our students and notably, the involvement of key faculty members including our esteemed Headmaster, Mr. Jones, each contribution has been integral to our achievements. As the newly appointed Chairman, I am immensely proud of our team and eagerly welcome more members to join us. If you're interested in contributing your time, talent or skills, please contact us at: pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk



Looking ahead, we have exciting events planned, including our first *Family Quiz Night* of 2024 on Saturday 20 January. This event promises to be a fun and engaging evening for all, so be sure to get your tickets early! (Available on WisePay now.)

As the festive season draws near, all of us on the Parmiter's Parents Association Committee, along with myself, extend our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy. Reflecting on the words of Booker T. Washington: **'Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.'** underscores the significance of our collaborative efforts, not only in supporting the success of our school today, but also in shaping a brighter future for our students tomorrow.

With warm & festive regards,

Greg Longmore (Chairman) and the Parmiter's Parents' Association Team



Family Quiz Night
Saturday 20 January 2024
7.30pm ~ 10.00pm (approximately)
Main Hall doors will open at 7.00pm

Charity work



Year 9

At the beginning of term, each Year 9 form group was set the task of raising money at two, whole school charity events. The students were given complete autonomy as to how they wanted to do this and had to be responsible for finances, advertising, marketing and all general organisation. As expected, they rose to the challenge magnificently and provided well-run and exciting events with everything from an ice bucket challenge, wet sponge throwing, gingerbread decorating, raffles, karaoke, hand made gifts, biscuits and cakes and 'beat the goalie'.



Mr Redmond was a 'victim' of the wet sponge throwing!



Their ideas and enthusiasm were endless.



Thanks to their hard work and kind donations, they were able to raise over £2,000 which will be going to Macmillan Cancer Support and the Teenage Cancer Ward at Watford General Hospital.

As the Head and Deputy Head of their year group, we could not be more proud. Well done Year 9!

Mr Swaile & Mrs Sellers



Year 7

Year 7 form groups held a competition to create the 'best decorated festive Christmas hamper', which would then be filled with treats and donated to the local charity 'One Vision'. The results were terrific and, after much deliberation, 7RLE's hamper was declared the best decorated.

Enoch Kanagaraj and Dame Helen Hyde, from the charity 'One Vision', came to Year 7's assembly on Friday 15 December. After speaking to the year group about the charity, they thanked them all for the 8 lovely hampers and took them off to be distributed to those who would benefit from them.

Well done to all those who decorated the hampers so creatively and to those who helped to fill them with festive treats!





'Carefree'

Back in 1938, RKO released a film called 'Carefree'; a wonderfully funny musical featuring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Fast forward 85 years, we decided to put our own stamp on this screwball comedy and create a Parmiter's adaptation; cue ex-Parmiter's student, Albert Chinn, being drafted in to arrange the score!

With Elliot Bull (Tony) and Amy Symons (Amada) in two of the lead roles, the cast entertained a packed audience over three nights.

Accompanied by a group of talented musicians, they danced and sang as they told the quirky story - even the Headmaster played a cameo role.

As ever, huge thanks to all involved; Miss Chapman for the costumes, Mr Bates for leading the music and Mr Froy and the Drama team for putting together such an ambitious production.



St Luke's Church in Watford was the setting for this year's **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** on Wednesday 13 December.

The Rev. Michael Norman led the service and warmly welcomed the school community to a packed St Luke's. The nine lessons were interspersed with wonderful music provided by over 100 students from all year groups. The Junior, Senior and Chamber Choirs performed a number of complex choral pieces beautifully, to a hushed congregation. Accompanied by the Brass Ensemble and the organ, a number of traditional carols were sung loudly and enthusiastically by all. There was a chance to chat and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies after the service, thanks to the Parents' Association. A really wonderful start to the Christmas season!

Well, what a fantastic first term it has been in the world of Parmiter's Houses! It has been an absolute pleasure to see so many students and staff involved with House competitions and challenges.



House Bake Off

In November, members of staff and 6th form took part in our annual Parmiter's Bake Off. Our individual winners this year were: Blind Challenge: Miss Smith (Carter), Technical: Eashan K (Renvoize) and Showstopper: Dr Butler (Carter). The overall winners were Carter. Thank you and well done to all those who took part, judged and taste tested! Special thanks also to Mrs Kosky for organising this event year after year.



House Art: Christmas Card Competition (Year 7)

Mr Jones had the pleasure of reviewing this year's Christmas card design entries and WOW did they impress! What a talented bunch of budding artists we have in Year 7. From over 200 entries, 27 were shortlisted, with 3 of those designs being selected for printing as the Headmaster's Christmas cards for 2023. Each student who entered was awarded 3 House Points, those shortlisted were awarded a further 5 House Points and those whose were printed a further 10 House Points! Congratulations to all involved and an extra special well done to Sahir D (Lee), Sebastian K (Carter) and Madhav P (Renvoize) whose designs have been printed.



House Poetry

The theme for this year's House Poetry competition was 'refuge'. With three categories to choose from, students were spoilt for choice! In the 'Poetry Performances' category, 1st place was awarded to Keya P (Y9, Beven), in 2nd place was Lex de F (Y7, Renvoize) and in 3rd place was Jaden P (Y7, Renvoize). In the 'Response to Poetry' category, 1st place was awarded to Heer V (Y8, Beven) for her excellent story. In 2nd place, with a wonderful painting, was Katie B (Y10, Carter) and in 3rd place was Ashleana P (Y8, Woolley) with a fantastic picture. Highly commended in this category was Raphael A's (Y8, Carter) review and Martha O'D's (Y8, Beven) picture. Also commended in this category was Sienna P's (Y7, Mayhew) picture. Lastly, we turn to the 'Original Poems' category. In 1st place, with his poem 'Glass Water', was Bobby L (Y9, Lee), in joint 2nd place was Hui Xin S' (Y10, Lee) poem titled 'My Refuge' & Sam P's (Y12, Mayhew) poem 'Pseudo-bloom' and in joint 3rd place was Rachel F's (Y10, Carter) poem 'Spacing Out' & Avleen K.S' (Y7, Mayhew) poem 'The Stars'. Highly commended poems in this category include works by: Garv K (Y8, Beven), Magdalena K (Y10, Lee), Kaviyuha T (Y9, Renvoize), Olivia I (Y8, Carter) and Surani P (Y10, Lee). An incredible achievement for all! The House with the most entries was Beven, which meant a bonus 100 House points!

House History

For this year's House History competition, Ms Harris challenged students to design a new History Club badge. There were so many fabulous designs but there could only be one winner... Congratulations, once again, to Ruchie C in Year 8, who scooped 100 points for Renvoize. We cannot wait to see History Club members wearing your badge around school. In 2nd place was Charlie YN (Y7, Renvoize, 70 HP), in 3rd place - Keya P (Y9, Beven, 60 HP), I'm 4th place - Heer V (Y8, Beven, 50 HP) and in 5th place - Caden P (Y8, Woolley, 40 HP). Thank you so much to all that took the time to create a History Club badge design.

House Chocolate Tombola Challenge

During November, we had our annual chocolate tombola challenge, in which students attempt to collect as much chocolate as possible for the chocolate tombola at our Christmas Gift Fair; thank you so much, again, to all those who donated - the chocolate tombola was very popular! The House that collected the most chocolate this year was Renvoize.

House Challenge: Touch Typing (Year 7)

Earlier this term, Mr Clark (Deputy Head of Year 7), challenged students to beat his touching typing score. Well done to Gautham A-S, who with a very impressive score, beat Mr Clark and won 20 House Points for Beven.

House Captains

At the beginning of November, we announced our new House Captains for this academic year; having received over 200 incredible applications, we really did have an extremely difficult job on our hands. Congratulations, again, to all those selected who are listed on the next page.

Houses

Year 7	
BEVEN	Michael Amarasinghe & Shree Parmar
CARTER	Neriah Oyekan & Emily Todd
LEE	Rhia Raj & Sam Rumble
MAYHEW	Zain Khan & Siena Pitney
RENVOIZE	Dina Bozorgi & Lex de Freitas
WOOLLEY	Louie Mynett & Aashni Vekaria

Year 8	
BEVEN	Maya Balmforth & Keiran Sihota
CARTER	Leo Gardner & Lucy Mapp
LEE	Karmin Kaul & Aaruthura Suresh
MAYHEW	Sawano Bayley & Aadit Mehta
RENVOIZE	Alexandria Dacres & Peggy Edwards
WOOLLEY	Diya Dasani & Mara Filipescu

Year 9	
BEVEN	Leya Symons & Natalie Worsley
CARTER	Ruby Ghioc & Pinyanate Piper
LEE	Neha Anand & William Wood
MAYHEW	Jayna Savadia & Abby Tamsitt
RENVOIZE	Sitara Menon & Sam Watkin
WOOLLEY	Sophie Dickson & Arush Poogamame

Regular Competitions

As ever, there are regular ways of winning some all-important House Points for your Houses. Every Friday, Mr Perkins emails the Houses Quiz of the Week, with the House with the most participants winning 10 points, and second place winning 5. You can also take part in the Park Run every other Friday. We also award House Points to students who only gain achievement points across the term - these are our 'zero heroes'.

Live Competitions

We currently have one competition running: House Fashion. All of the information about this competition, as well as details of how to apply, can be found via the email sent to students each Friday, on students' Houses Google Classroom and on our Houses Instagram page. Results for the House PE/Drama 'Performing Arts Show Poster' will be announced in early January.

Coming Up

There will be many competitions and challenges launching after half-term, including a House Branding Challenge and Senior House Netball & Football.

Current Standings

BEVEN	940
CARTER	813
LEE	779
MAYHEW	596
RENVOIZE	1114
WOOLLEY	804

And finally, at the end of the first term, we are delighted to announce the current standings are as follows... *drum roll, please*

Congratulations to Renvoize, who are currently at the top of the leaderboard! But have no fear, it is all very much still to play for. We thank you so much for all of your efforts so far this year and we look forward to what the new half term will bring in the world of Parmiter's Houses. All that's left for us to say is - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Year 10	
BEVEN	Emma Arcos & Marlene Winter
CARTER	Muneer Ahmed & Chidera Ezenekwe
LEE	Lucy Filippini & Surani Perera
MAYHEW	Jodie Chan & Erno Thorp
RENVOIZE	Francesca Bardou & Aleena Chaudhry
WOOLLEY	Arran Sihota & Elisa Yanez

Year 11	
BEVEN	Sophie Bromwich & Amaia Dacres
CARTER	Henry Ball & Luke Nikitas
LEE	Anna Dennis & Elsa McGaughey
MAYHEW	Charlie Beale & Grace Rosenthal
RENVOIZE	Will Denning & Holly Pool
WOOLLEY	Arya Chauhan & Skye Wheeler

Year 12	
BEVEN	Yusuph Choudhury & Ellen Latham
CARTER	Saarukesy Thanakesavan & Andrew Wilson
LEE	Andrew Emes & Violet Shepherd
MAYHEW	James Beasley & Anna Cox
RENVOIZE	Emma Abreu & Milan Gudka
WOOLLEY	Lauren Caldwell & Elena Sementini

Year 13	
BEVEN	Abbie Abraham & Tiago Bairos
CARTER	Eleanor Croston & Gabby Miller
LEE	Ben McGaughey & Tiya Savadia
MAYHEW	Rose Arcos & Archisha Jha
RENVOIZE	James Joseph & Yashashvi Mehta
WOOLLEY	Saul Seifert-Anderson & Georgia White

Ms O'Malley & Mr Perkins

Sport

It has been another busy half term in the PE department with the culmination of many competitions and over 450 students representing the school across 9 different sports. We have completed 181 competitive fixtures, winning events in badminton, table tennis, football and cross country. The next term will see the beginning of the rugby season and the end of the football season, when I hope to report more successes.

The stand-out performances this term have come from our 'net' playing teams, particularly badminton and table tennis. It has been the most successful badminton season ever, with several of our teams being recognised.

Badminton

Our U14 boys' team dominated the District tournament and qualified for the County finals, held at Hertfordshire University. In the first round, we narrowly lost to Richard Hale School but came back to win convincingly in our other games. We finished our pool in second place and qualified for the bronze medal play-off. Keen to get a medal, our boys battled it out against Watford Boys and secured a third place victory.

Having also convincingly won their District tournament without losing a game, our U14 girls team progressed to the County finals. Their tournament was played in a 'round robin' format, so every game was vital. Strong performances in both singles and doubles matches against the other schools resulted in well-earned silver medals. The U16 girls also had a faultless District tournament and finished as District Champions. Again, it was a round robin tournament with 6 matches to play. We won 4 matches out of the 6, a great achievement which resulted in us winning bronze medals. The U16 boys were undisputed District champions and we had high hopes for the County finals. The boys dropped very few points and won their pool to qualify for the gold medal final against our rivals Watford Boys School. Things didn't go as smoothly as we hoped and after 4 matches it was 2-2 in games. The final doubles match would determine who went away as County Champions and qualify for the regional round. The game ebbed and flowed with our boys eventually winning 13-11. Congratulations to Johan Joseph, Harry Dinesh, Ali Ismail and Anay Maheshwari, who will now play the regional round in the New Year.

This is the first year that all 4 of our teams have medalled at County finals, well done to you all!

Table Tennis

The U14 boys table tennis won their District tournament and qualified for the County finals. The boys had some really tough matches in their pool, with many close scoring games. A nail biting last match qualified us for the gold medal match. We met King's School in the final, who had a National top 20 player. Our target was to get a point, which we did, much to everyone's delight! It was a far closer match than the opposition expected, with us losing 2-3 in the game and securing a well deserved silver medal. The U14 girls' table tennis team also qualified for the County finals after winning the District round. The girls focused hard and soon got used to the tables and had some long points. The round robin format saw us play all other district winners, with the final position seeing the girls win the silver medals.



The U16 Boys team was unbeaten in the District round and qualified for the County finals. Strong performances against Kings School, Haileybury and Sir John Lawes resulted in a showdown game versus Watford Boys to see who would qualify for the final. Despite some outstanding table tennis, we lost the game 5-3 and had to play in the 3rd and 4th place play-off match. We met Richard Hale and, with all our players winning their games, secured a comfortable 8-0 victory and the bronze medals. Congratulations to our Year 9 team members who were crowned Watford champions in the annual District tournament. Some excellent performances against Watford Boys, Immanuel and Bushey Meads resulted in the team remaining undefeated and becoming worthy winners in the process.

Girls Football

Girls football continues to thrive with all of our teams remaining in the hunt for league titles and cup honours. However, having had the opportunity to test themselves against the Watford District, both our Under 13 and Under 15 teams proved up to the task to be crowned district champions. The U13 girls finished the District tournament as unbeaten champions. We beat Bushey Meads, HABS, Queens and Westfield in the league, scoring 22 and only conceding two. We then beat Croxley Danes in the semi finals 4-0 and Queens 3-0 in the final. Well done to the entire team who played some excellent football throughout.

The under 15 girls were also undefeated in the District Football Tournament showing some amazing teamwork, skill and excellent game play. The girls beat St. Michaels, Grange, Watford Girls, Westfields and Aldenham in the group stages, to go on and win the semi final against Croxley Danes and final vs Queens, bringing home the title of district champions. Well done girls!



Cross Country



The weather was not kind to our runners on the afternoon of the District Cross Country Championships. However, this did not deter our Senior Boys team who battled the elements to successfully win the District title! Top twenty performances from the whole squad of Archie Marshall, Archie Halward, Josh Mercer, Jack O'Neill and James Beasley resulted in a fine team performance.

Having entered the National Cross Country event for the first time, it was always going to be a tough ask for our teams. However, our U13 team rose to the occasion to win the county round and qualify for the East Regional final. With over 40 of the top achievement schools there, the team performed incredibly well to finish in 7th place. Special mention to Jonah McNaught and Max Henson, who both finished in the top 5 of the County round and top 50 in the regional round



Golf

Congratulations to our talented golfers, River and Jaego Gardiner, who both competed in the Junior European Open last month in Spain. Both boys qualified to compete as part of the best under 18 golfers in Europe. The competition was played over 4 rounds with the best 3 counting for their scores in order to qualify for the final. Despite Jaego performing really well, it was River who out shot his brother, finishing in 7th place overall - an incredible achievement for both boys. Well done!

Trampolining

For the first time in several years, we decided to enter teams in the East Region Trampoline Championships and what a decision it was! We had 8 Year 11 students who made two squads and all completed two routines in front of a packed house and judging panels. The girls were led by excellent performances from Skye Wheeler and Jessica Dalton who, combined with the other members of the squad, finished in the bronze medal position.

