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NEWSLETTER

From the Headmaster



Christmas Greetings to all our readers as we come to the conclusion of another successful Autumn Term at Parmiter's. I am well aware that staff and students are all looking forward to a well-earned rest and wish to commend one and all for their hard work and commitment throughout another hectic term. A special mention goes to our Year 11 cohort who are completing their Trial Examinations as I write and also our Year 13 students who will return to their own Trial Examinations in January. I am sure that you will all reap the rewards your efforts so richly deserve.

Staffing

We say goodbye to two long-serving members of staff at the end of term; Mrs Carroll, our Finance Manager and Charles, one of our caretakers, both of whom are retiring. We wish them all the best and thank them for their service to our school.

Mrs Agarwal will be taking over Dr Boorman's teaching as she leaves to start her maternity leave in the New Year. We wish her well.

PA Gift Fair and a special appeal to Parents

Amidst so many successful events this term, a special mention must go to our most successful ever Christmas Gift Fair that has raised upwards of £17,000! I write "upwards" as with matched funding, this figure is set to rise. What with the Quiz Night success earlier in the term, our PA are well on the way to meeting their ambitious target of raising £30,000 with a view to sponsoring the equipment in one of our new Science Block classrooms. A special thanks to Nicola Day and the whole team for working so hard to make such a successful and enjoyable event possible. And on that note **here comes my appeal...**

We fully appreciate that parents and carers lead busy lives but we urgently need more parents (particularly those with children in the lower years) to come forward and support and lead PA events next year. I'm sure current PA members would all assert that PA life is truly a fun and satisfying way of supporting Parmiter's and I really enjoy working with the PA Committee in both the planning and running of events like the Fair. I so appreciate and thank the many, many parents who support our school through donations and our covenant scheme but if you are able to devote time to help organise and lead events, now is the time your school needs you.

"The Wizard of Oz"

And what a wonderful Wizard it was. It was such a joy and a privilege to watch Mr Froy's magnificent annual school production aided and abetted by our Musical Maestro, Mr Bates and the superb School Band. Ella Byrt was sensational as Dorothy and so well supported by Connie Chinn, Will Brammall and Hatty Hardie as Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion. The whole cast were amazing and it was a particular pleasure to see students in the Lower School making their mark in the Chorus and showing signs of the talent that we can look forward to in future years.

Year 7 Kingswood Trip

Another annual Autumn Term event that just seems to get better and better is the Year 7 Trip to Kingswood which took place this year in the first week of December. For the most part, the rain held off and spirits were incredibly high when I visited staff and students on the Thursday morning. There has of course been a new Year 7 Leadership Team in Mr Boyce and Mrs Mullett who ensured everything ran smoothly and the days were fun and action packed. My thanks to them and my colleagues who put their heart and soul into all the activities.

Carol Service

We were delighted to welcome back the Reverend Caroline Wainman, former Languages teacher at Parmiter's, to officiate at our Carol Service as she did so well last year. As ever, we enjoyed a wonderful evening with music of the very highest quality led by Messers Bates, Yeo and Dr Tyack. Not that they haven't been kept busy throughout the term so far. Aside from performances at the Gift Fair and of course accompanying the Wizard, the school band once again provided the backing for the annual Watford Primary School Concert that was held at the Bushey Academy this year. A particular favourite event of the Department's and certainly mine, is the Partnership Carol Concert held each year at Breakspere School. We are so proud of our role in supporting this event and the link between our two very different but equally impressive schools.

It only leaves me to wish all my colleagues, our students and parents, carers and friends of Parmiter's a most Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I do hope one and all enjoy a restful, happy and safe festive period and look forward to welcoming back our students to a new school term on Monday 6th January 2020.

Michael Jones
Headmaster

Term Dates

Dates of school trips and other events can be found on the calendar on the school website:

www.parmiters.herts.sch.uk/news&events/schoolcalendar

Fri 20 December - Second half finishes 12 noon
Mon 6 January - First Half begins

Parents' Association

It has been another busy term for the Parents' Association. Please read the full report inside

**The next PA meeting is on
Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 7:30pm,
all are welcome.**

Stay connected with the PA social app:
parent.classlist.com



Parmiters School Parents Association Group Page



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A level Photography at John Lewis

In October, John Lewis invited A level photography students to explore the theme of their autumn campaign, 'However you live, we'll help you style it'. The design brief described how John Lewis wants to help customers to find products in its stores that reflect their own personal style and budget. We were given creative freedom to interpret this, however, we liked and were invited to visit the Watford store for our photo shoot if we wanted to.

Some students shot their photos at home, but I decided to take up the offer to visit the store for my photo shoot and took along one of my friends as a model. I enjoy photographing people because I love the interaction that I have with them while I'm taking photos and the ideas this generates. To begin with, I found it quite challenging working in store with shoppers stopping to watch what I was doing. But after a while I was able to relax and explore different themes. My final photograph is a naturalistic scene showing a selection of John Lewis homeware products in use.

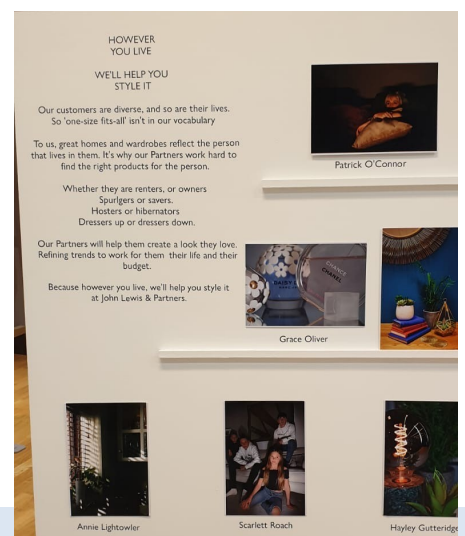
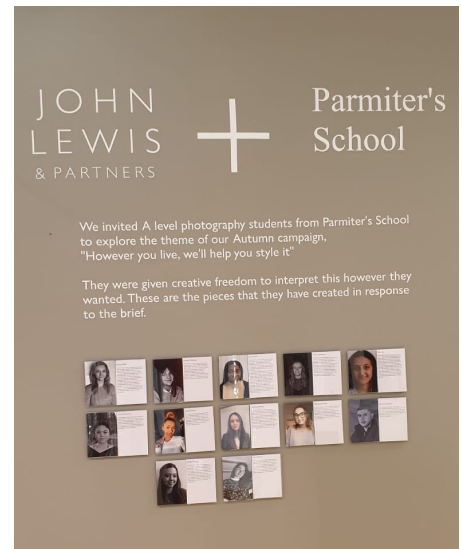
As well as our photographs, we were also asked to provide a short biography and a self-portrait and these were included in the final display in the Watford store.

Working to a commercial brief was really interesting experience and it was a great opportunity to demonstrate our skills to a wide audience.

Pippa Lawrence

For my shoot, I planned to take my photographs in-store to experiment with fashion and styling it with different backgrounds. I chose one of my friends to model for my shoot, which she was very pleased to do. I did encounter some difficulties with trying to choose a quiet area in which to shoot, as there were many customers watching what I was doing but I managed to enjoy the environment and the opportunity John Lewis gave me. This opportunity gave me a lot of confidence with photography and has allowed my work to be seen not only by my teachers but by other individuals too.

Divine Dike



Parmiter's Parents' Association

It has been another busy term for the **Parents' Association**, culminating in our fabulous Christmas Gift Fair in November. We hope that all of you who attended found some interesting gifts and had a fun day. We are extremely pleased to confirm that your generous contributions and personal involvement have paid off. **This year we will raise well in excess of £17,000** and it will all go directly to benefit the school and enrichment of the education of your children. We are still seeking parents who helped with the event to check if their companies offer Matched/Charity Funding. If you need further details then please email us at pa@parmiters.herts.sch.uk

At the last PA committee meeting, approval was given to grant £600 for the purchase of 2 new table tennis tables which we are confident will get good use by members of all year groups. This year's fundraising will continue to focus on our '**Sponsor a Classroom**' campaign for the new Science block which we hope will achieve our target of £30,000. Please watch out for more PA events in the New Year, including our next **2nd Hand Uniform and Study Book sale on Saturday 29th February** and our **Family Quiz Night on Saturday 21st March**. Also back by popular demand this year will be the **3 Peaks Challenge in June 2020** !

Wishing you all seasonal greetings and a Happy New Year for 2020 !



The wonderful Wizard of Oz!



This sensational, feel-good production rocked the hall at the beginning of December! It was impossible to leave without a beaming smile and humming one or other of the well-known tunes. The familiar story was brilliantly directed by Mr Froy and the Drama team and supported by superb music under the leadership of Mr Bates. The show was as fine as we've ever seen at Parmiter's. A special mention must go to Ella Byrt as Dorothy, but **all** the cast deserve huge congratulations for their outstanding performances.



Sports Round Up

Hockey

Parmiter's Hockey First XI have qualified for the National finals, where they will represent the East of England. The East of England finals took place on 19th November. Here, the best four teams in the East of England would battle it out in a round robin style tournament, with the top two teams qualifying. In our first game, against Cranbrook School, we found ourselves 2-0 down at half time. With five minutes to go, Parmiter's won a penalty corner which Gaby Holland converted. Then at the final whistle, Parmiter's won another short corner, which Abi Holland placed, skilfully, past the keeper resulting in a well deserved draw. In the next game, we played Bancroft School when, despite some excellent play, we lost 1-0. We went into the final game knowing that a win would be enough for us to qualify. We again found ourselves 2-0 down at half time. However, the second half saw some excellent grit and determination (and a fabulous penalty save by Mia Brown) and we converted three short corners, thanks to Gaby and Abi Holland. The whole team played superbly throughout the day and will represent the East of England in the National finals on 3rd March and the tournament will take place in Reading. This is an outstanding achievement by the team who have made Parmiter's (and indeed Watford) history by getting this far in the competition!



House News



Congratulations to Thalia Mann for her winning entry in the Year 7 Christmas Card competition and for adding an important 100 points to Carters' score.

All Year 7 students were very busy donating items for the Chocolate Tombola at the recent Gift Fair and the boxes in the reception area were soon overflowing! Mrs Taylor was finding it very difficult to control her chocolate urges with such a large quantity near her desk. In fact, a total of 54kg of which 12.5kg was deposited by Beven who secured the highest number of House points.



Once again, some of our staff participated in the Bake-Off competition which was won by Mayhew. Following the theme of teapots, Mrs Dewar (Carter) won the showstopper challenge with her incredible and very tasty penguin creation. Biscuits in the style of cups and saucers placed further demands on staff but no more so than those desperately trying to make crumpets in the blind challenge with just a list of ingredients. The end products were mostly unrecognisable and the judges tasted each with considerable trepidation!

The annual cross-country tournament for Years 7, 8 and 9 saw many students successfully participating in several competitions and the

combined scores of Beven House placed them as overall winners.

Our Sixth Formers were once again out in force and organised their own Dodgeball event which was hugely enjoyable with Beven once again scoring the highest points. This current dominance of the championship maybe short lived with many more opportunities coming up for our students to make a significant difference.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES		
DECEMBER 2019		
House	Points	Position
Beven	1126	1st
Carter	908	6th
Lee	965	3rd
Mayhew	954	4th
Renvoize	946	5th
Woolley	985	2nd