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As we draw to the end of the first term, it has been nice to reflect on how well Year 7 have settled in and to see evidence of their academic progress.

One of the privileges of being a Progress Leader is the ability to see the year group across all subjects. I enjoy visiting lessons, observing what is taught and seeing how the students are learning and interacting with each other. I have seen a huge amount of excellent work, with students excelling in a range of subjects and tasks.

This term in assemblies we have focused on “Working Hard”, “Being Organised”, and “Being Kind”. Next term the focus will be Resilience, however, we will also talk about maintaining our excellent level of attendance. Currently Year 7 have an excellent level of attendance but as winter takes hold I will be reminding them about personal hygiene to help prevent the spread of illness. Please can you also encourage this at home so that simple things such as carrying handkerchiefs and regular hand washing are the norm.

All that is left for me to say is well done to the year group; they have been an absolute delight to work with this term. I hope you and they enjoy a well-deserved rest over the Christmas break and return energised and enthused ready for the new term’s challenges.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Williams
Year 7 Progress Leader



Key Dates

Friday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day
Interim Reports released

Tuesday 18th December –

Thursday 20th December
School Show

Wednesday 19th December –

Thursday 20th December
Christmas Market

Friday 21st December

Non-Uniform Day

Monday 7th January

Staff Learning Day

Tuesday 8th January

Spring Term begins 8.45am

Friday 1st February

Staff Learning Day

Monday 18th February –

Friday 22nd February
Half Term

In Lessons...

Performing Arts

In Music lessons, students have been studying elements of music and are starting to perform in lessons. In Drama, I saw excellent examples of students representing different genres through freeze frame, using positioning and expression to convey emotions. In addition, they have shown fantastic communication and teamwork whilst choreographing short dances.

Humanities

During Humanities, they have developed map-reading skills and studied early modern History, learning about the local area.

Science

Science have regularly used a range of equipment and developed the student's safe practical skills.

Technology

In Technology, I have seen some scary "Day of the Dead" dolls and wooden sweet dispensers being created, developing the students' practical skills with a new set of tools.

English

In English I have been transported to different times on a magical time machine and seen some beautiful pieces of descriptive writing.

Maths

In their Maths lessons I have seen groups manipulating and displaying data and they are currently exploring a world of algebra and unknowns being represented as letters.

Around School...

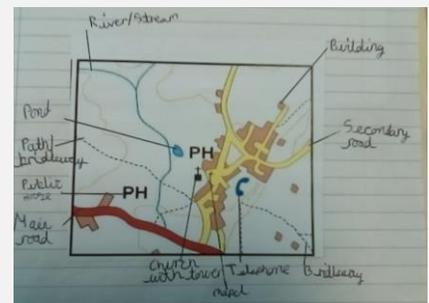
The whole of Year 7 took part in a presentation competition to decide which charity they would like to support; well done to all of the students who presented in lessons. The final four groups presented to the whole year in an assembly and through a vote we chose the joint winners of: The Stratford Food Bank and the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.



"Day of the Dead" dolls



Mr Wright demonstrating lung inflation to his class



Geographers developing their map-reading skills



Charity presentations in assembly

Upcoming Events...

Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 14th December)



In aid of Save the Children. Those who wish to wear a Christmas jumper in addition to their normal uniform please bring a 50p donation.

Non-uniform Day (Friday 21st December)



We will be raising money for the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust through a non-uniform day; we request that where possible students make a donation of £1 for the charity.

Christmas Market (Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th December)

During lunch there will be a number of stalls along the main corridor on the bottom floor. If any students would like to run a stall, please send them to me and I can arrange a space and tables. There are normally a number of stalls, sales and games. All proceeds from the event go to a range of local and national charities so remind your child they will need to bring money to school those days.

School Show – “Schools Will Rock You” (Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th December)

Show starts at 7.00pm. Prices are £5 for adults / £4 for concessions. Tickets available now to purchase on ParentPay.

Christmas Hampers

I have challenged Year 7 to take ownership and lead their forms in the current shoebox appeal; I would love them to be able to hand the Stratford Food Bank 50 boxes to help families in Stratford over the festive period.

Help by Collecting...

Please help local people in need by buying items listed below.

Tinned or packaged food only * No Fresh or chilled items * Small Sizes Preferred * Everything still in date

Must have items include:

- Extra Large Christmas Pud
- Large Tin Ham (or 3 small)
- Large + Small Biscuits
- Large Box Chocs/Selection Box
- Christmas Cake/Yule Log
 - 12 Mince Pies
- Large Packets Savouries (or 3 small)
 - Crackers – 6
- A Christmas card with a Christmas message
 - Long Life UHT Milk

Other Items

- Coffee, UHT Milk, Meat Pies, Tinned Meat Casseroles, Tinned Mac Cheese,
- Angel Delight, Microwave Puds
- Pasta Sauce, Jam, Peanut Butter, Hot Chocolate, Tinned Veg, Tinned Meat, Instant Mash, Pasta, Rice, Pot Noodles, Pet Food, Toiletries eg Shaving Foam, Razors, Toilet rolls, Washing Powder, Washing up Liquid, Hats / gloves / scarves, Warm socks



Year 7 Inter-College Dodgeball Match



Remembrance Day displays



Year 7 Netball Team vs Shipston – 8-4 win!