

The Hawthorne's School Newsletter

DECEMBER 2014

ARRANGEMENTS FOR END OF TERM

Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm on
Friday 19th December

A message from Mr Taylor

This has been a busy and exciting term for both students and staff. We have been working hard to make The Hawthorne's a great place to learn and to ensure that our students leave with excellent GCSE results. The children have made us proud - they look smart, participate actively in lessons and make every effort to succeed.

Ofsted came just after half-term and were pleased with our progress since the last inspection. We are still making improvements in all aspects of school life including the way we teach and how we get our pupils to perform at their best.

We will continue to have the highest standards with regard to behaviour and attitude to learning. Next term, we will expect students to arrive on time every day in perfect uniform, with the correct equipment and a positive outlook. In terms of uniform, please can you ensure that your child's shirts all have top buttons, earrings are restricted to one small stud in each earlobe, hair is not dyed and nails are natural (no varnish or false nails). Attendance is very important and I would value your support in getting your child to school every day. We will not authorise any holidays in term-time.

I would like to thank all the staff at The Hawthorne's School. Every day I see examples of how both teachers and support staff go the extra mile for our students, their families and the local community. The level of their commitment and the hard work they put in for the benefit of the school and its pupils is amazing.

All of us at the school would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and we look forward to working together in the new year.

ALADDIN



This week, packed audiences took a magic carpet ride to the Far East with our hilarious, fun-packed family pantomime, Aladdin.

The show - featuring an all-star cast of pupils from each year - was choreographed and directed by Mrs Mullany, Miss Hill and Miss Coles - the same team behind last year's box office smash-hit, Oliver!

The audiences enjoyed a feast of visual effects, dazzling dancing and even some Karate over the three performances.

ALTON TOWERS

In October, over 120 pupils were rewarded for their outstanding attendance by a completely free trip to Alton Towers.

The pupils - most of whom achieved 100% attendance - enjoyed the thrills of world-famous and scary rides like the Smiler, Oblivion, Nemesis and Air!

CHARITY SUCCESS

Mr Phillips, our popular caretaker, took part in the Movember Charity 10k run at the end of November. Mr Phillips, who had committed himself to a gruelling training schedule and diet regime, ran the course in well under an hour. He also managed to raise a staggering £400 for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. Well done, Mr Phillips!



ATTENDANCE: 'TEN DAYS OF CHRISTMAS'

The Hawthorne's '10 Days of Christmas'

100% Attendance

On the 10 th day of Christmas, The Hawthorne's gave to me...	10 x Break-time canteen vouchers
On the 9 th day of Christmas, The Hawthorne's gave to me	9 x Selection boxes
On the 8 th day of Christmas, The Hawthorne's gave to me	8 x Box of 3 Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
On the 7 th day of Christmas, The Hawthorne's gave to me	7 x £5 notes
On the 6 th day of Christmas, The Hawthorne's gave to me	6 x Pairs of Odeon cinema tickets
On the 5 th day of Christmas, The Hawthorne's gave to me	5 x £10 notes
On the 4 th day of Christmas, The Hawthorne's gave to me	4 x £20 Liverpool One shopping cards
On the 3 rd day of Christmas, The Hawthorne's gave to me	3 x £20 JD Vouchers
On the 2 nd day of Christmas, The Hawthorne's gave to me.....	2 x £25 Nando's voucher
On the 1 st day of Christmas, The Hawthorne's gave to me...	1 x Kindle Fire HD7 Tablet 16GB

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This week will see the culmination of The Hawthorne's School 'Ten Days of Christmas'. Every pupil who had achieved 100% attendance over the last two weeks of term is entered into a daily draw. As you can see, some very exciting prizes are on offer ranging from £10 notes to Cadbury Selection boxes to Odeon Tickets to a Kindle Fire Tablet! Like they say - you've got to be in it to win it!

YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL

In October, all of Year 7 took part in a Residential trip to Brathay in the Lake District.

The residential centre which nestles under Todd Cragg on the wild edges of Lake Windermere has got to be one of the most stunning pockets in the British Isles.

Year 7 pupils made the most of the opportunities that the location had to offer - from climbing up Todd Cragg to sailing on Lake Windermere to going on a torch-lit orienteering mission at night.

An exhausting, healthy, fun-packed and truly memorable time was had by all.



SCIENCE FAIR



Rockets? Mini-beasts? Brush-bots? Is this something to do with the new Star Wars film?

No. The Star-Chaser Rocket, Mini-beasts, Brush-bots – along with Birds of Prey and Horticulture – were the names of some of the exciting events lined up for The Hawthorne's School Science Fair.

People passing the school would not have failed to notice the huge Star-Chaser rocket in the car park. What they might not have realised was that 139 Year 6 pupils from five of our local Primary

Schools, in addition to our own Year 7 pupils, were enjoying meeting owls and hawks, making their own robots from toothbrushes and a whole range of other exciting activities inside the school too. Congratulations to the Science department and the Year 10 Scientists for such an inspiring day.

KARATE NEWS

In December we celebrated six – yes, six! – people grading successfully and being awarded new colour belts. What an achievement!



Jack Bretherton, Scott Garner and Jack Smith (from Year 7) and Toni Franklin (from Year 9) have spent months perfecting 'Kihon Kata' and the five-step sparring necessary for success at this level. Their hard work, perseverance and strength of character paid off and they were awarded their Orange belts (9th Kyu).

Jade Franklin (Year 8) made history by becoming the highest-ranking female Karateka in the history of the club. Jade, who has only been training with us for 15 months demonstrated her knowledge of 'Heian Shodan' and those tricky Shuto-ukes. We are very, very, very proud to say that Jade was awarded her Red belt (8th kyu).

Mr Cain is known for his commitment and stamina in the exquisite art of the empty fist. He refused to be put off by the challenges and tribulations of the notorious Uchi Uke/Gyaku Tsuki combination. Mr Cain was awarded his Yellow belt (7th Kyu).

All of these successful Karateka will now be looking forward to the next challenges that they will face as part of this magical art. Well done to every one of them.

TEXTILES

What have pupils been up to in Textiles this term?

Year 7 have learned to design and make their own plush toy and had the opportunity to use the sewing machines. Year 8 have been fantastic at designing and making their own cushion covers - developing skills in dyeing, applique and also using a sewing machine. Many of them have also made a pocket storage roll. Year 9 have designed and transformed T-Shirts and started to develop garment construction skills.



SPORTS NEWS

Badminton has been a really popular activity this term with high numbers attending extra-curricular clubs. In early December, The Hawthorne's School hosted the South Sefton Championships. It was great to see so many talented players taking part and showing a high level of skill. GCSE students also used this occasion to practice their umpiring skills to improve their grades. The KS4 Girls and Boys achieved second place as did the KS3 Boys. The KS3 Girls won and will be representing Sefton at the Merseyside county finals in January.

The Hawthorne's School girls' basketball teams have been almost unstoppable in the South Sefton Competitions. Year 9 won their final against Hillside with a convincing score line of 16-34, whilst Year 8 had victories over Hillside and St Ambrose Barlow in the round robin competition to clinch gold. Year 7 played their first ever competitive matches and finished in an excellent second place.



WORLD WAR ONE

Pupils in Year 9 have been studying life in the trenches during World War One. Here is an impressive poem based on their findings:

Private Eye

They will never witness the pain,
See the wounds cast upon the unworthy,
Curiosity lies between the town,
And rumours through the family.
Am I safe? Dead or alive?
They may never know.
For we are the brave, and lives we save,
Where the cowards will never go.
Victory! Victory! We won the war at last,
Celebrating on the grounds where millions of lives were passed...

Amy Doherty (Year 9)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2014, 12.30pm - END OF AUTUMN TERM
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2015, 8.30pm - PUPILS RETURN
THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY - BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM