



# Hope High School

## **Newsletter - Autumn/Winter 2021**

### **A message from Mrs Dunbavin**

**Hello and a very warm welcome to our Autumn newsletter. What a busy term it has been! Our new year 7's have coped brilliantly this term and settled in well. It has been a challenging term dealing with the pandemic, but all staff have worked together and supported pupils.**

**I would like to recognise the school staff for their hard work throughout this challenging term. We have a team who work hard to support the school and are all dedicated to support each learner to achieve. I could not do this without them. I would like to thank each of our fantastic children who attend Hope High School. They are all progressing very well due to the effort that they put in every day at school.**

**Your continued support is greatly appreciated. It has been a challenge, but we have got through it. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Macmillan coffee morning where we raised £488.00 (the highest amount we have ever raised!). I hope we can get back to some normality again soon and have more community events during the academic year. Hopefully I will get to see you at future events being held at Hope High.**

**As a school we strive to improve and really value your feedback. Please take some time to complete the questionnaires being sent out next week so we can use it to move forward and become an even better school.**

**Wishing you a merry and safe Christmas holiday.**

**Mrs Dunbavin**



## **Macmillan Coffee Morning - 15/10/2021**

"Our Macmillan Coffee morning took place on Friday 15th October. School welcomed parents and carers to our first community event since the COVID outbreak. It was great to see some new and familiar faces supporting the charity. Thank you to all those who donated cakes and money for this occasion. We managed to raise a staggering £488, which is the most we have ever raised since starting the coffee mornings".

**Miss Thompson**

**Thank you to Miss Thompson for organising this event for a fantastic cause!!**



# Halloween

**Staff and pupils dressed up and enjoyed an afternoon of fun activities. We had a Halloween Disco, danced and played games and the pupils had fun taking part in the toilet roll mummy competition. Prizes were awarded for the best mummy and the best costume and pupils and staff were lucky enough to have their faces painted by pupils in Group 9!**

**We had a “spooktacular” day all round!**

# **In other news....**

**At the end of October half term, our students celebrated the first reward trip in over 18 months. The trip is awarded to pupils who earn the most dispatches over the half term. Dispatches are handed out for outstanding work in lessons. The pupils who attended the trip were excellently behaved and represented the school amazingly. Congratulations to all pupils involved.**



**In the New Year, Mrs Baguley our Safeguarding and Prevent Lead will be offering a weekly Parent's DSL drop-in session. These drop-in sessions will run on a Friday morning 9-9:30am.**



## **National Christmas Jumper Day - 10/12/2021**

**Staff and pupils were full of Christmas spirit wearing their Christmas jumpers. Everyone enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner made by our fantastic kitchen staff and spent lunchtime watching Christmas films and playing Christmas songs.**



**During the last week of term, in our biggest out of school trip to date, we enjoyed a trip to the cinema to watch 'Ghostbusters: Afterlife'.**

**Pupils behaved impeccably and a great day was had by all.**

**A huge thank you to Miss Thompson for organising yet another successful trip!**

**Thanks to Mrs Baguley and the generosity and kind donations of staff we were able to spread that little extra Christmas cheer during our final week of term.**

**Each day our students had the opportunity to win a hamper full of goodies in a raffle.**

**Here are some of our lucky winners!**

# **Christmas Hampers**



# Mindful Morning

## The Willow Room

Every Friday morning, in the Willow Room, students have the opportunity to take part in our Mindfulness activities. Students are rewarded with these activities when they have had an outstanding week. Organised by Miss Cunliffe, Miss Askew and Miss Kershaw, these activities include crafts, cooking, food tasting and challenges. Each week represents a different theme, national awareness day or cultural celebration. This term these have included:

**Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day**

**Maths Challenge Week**

**Mental Health Awareness Week**

**Ramadan**

**Superhero Week**

Mindful Mornings allow children to build on their social skills and team bonding as well as positive thinking and cultural learning.



# Teaching Assistant Appreciation

During this term we celebrated our fantastic Teaching Assistants, Pastoral Team and Intervention Staff. Students wanted to show their appreciation for all the support they receive both in and out of class. Students decorated gingerbread biscuits and presented staff with a certificate to say thank you and to let them know why they are appreciated.



Here are some of the reasons why our students appreciate the staff around them:

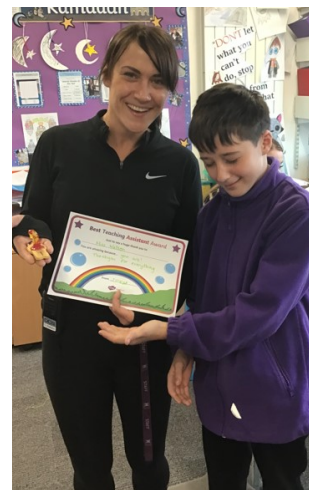
“You help me calm down when I am upset”

“You helped me when I was struggling”

‘You are helpful, kind and funny”

“You make me smile”

Thank you to our wonderful staff for all of their hard work!





# Maths Challenge Week



**Students enjoyed taking part in Maths Challenge Week, where they were set 3 different practical tasks.**

**The first challenge was to build the tallest, freestanding marshmallow tower. Students only had 12 marshmallows each**

**and had to accurately use a ruler to measure the height. The challenge champion of the marshmallow tower was an amazing height of 14.5cm!**

**The second task was to make a paper plane out of a single tissue and see who could make it fly the furthest. This was a tricky challenge, but we saw some inventive designs. Students really thought about the shape and style of their plane. The winning plane flew across the whole of the Willow Room!**

**Finally, students were tasked to build the strongest bridge out of spaghetti, using different objects as weights. Students had to plan carefully to ensure that the spaghetti didn't snap and that it was able to balance the objects on top. The strongest bridge was able to support the weight of a radio!**

**Well done to all students who took part!**



# The Shining Stars

Towards the end of term, a small group of students formed a Sign Language Choir with the help of Miss Thompson and Miss Askew. The students learnt how to use Sign Language to perform the Christmas carol, 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'.

All of the choir worked really hard to learn the song, especially as some of the students had never signed before. Students had clearly spent a lot of time practicing and were keen to show off their new skills around school and even filmed a performance on Christmas Jumper Day! Well done to our Signing Stars!



# Group 9

**Group 9 is a smaller intervention group with high staff to pupil ratio. We focus on wellbeing, creating relationships and supporting the development of students. A more nurturing approach is used to support our children through their studies and is a key approach on supporting behaviour, wellbeing, attainment and achievement. Through this group we believe we can create better relationships, better learning and better behaviour. Here are some pictures of what our pupils have been up to this term!**





**Follow us on social media!**

**Keep in the know how with all of Hope High School's important upcoming information posted on our social media accounts.  
Give us a follow to keep up to date!**



**We use Facebook and Twitter to post all of our fun curriculums in school for parents and carers to see along with all important updates.**

**We use the Weduc app to keep in contact with parents and carers. This can also be used to pay for children's dinners which is super handy!**



**A beautiful Christmas Card  
made by one of our Year 7  
pupils and the very talented  
Miss Ashcroft.**

**This will be hand delivered  
to our local care homes.**



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**A message from all of us at Hope  
High School**

**HAVE A LOVELY CHRISTMAS  
AND WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU ALL IN THE  
NEW YEAR!!**

### **Holiday schedule for next term - Spring 2022**

#### **School re-opens**

Wednesday 5 January 2022

#### **School closes**

Friday 11 February 2022

**Half term:** Monday 14 February -  
Friday 18 February 2022

#### **School re-opens**

Monday 21 February  
2022

#### **School closes**

Friday 1 April 2022