

# Futura Learning Partnership NEWSLETTER

FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



## WELCOME

Dear parent and carer,

Welcome to the final Futura parent and carer newsletter of 2021 and our Christmas special! At the end of another extraordinary year, I am very proud of how our schools have responded to the on-going challenges thrown up by the pandemic. Staff have worked extremely hard to keep school as normal as possible for our pupils and I know they have really appreciated the support they have received from parents and carers. Children and young people have been magnificent, adapting well to what has seemed at times to be constant change and approaching their learning with positivity and determination. Staff don't ask for, or expect, thanks but I also know they have been touched by the many messages of appreciation that have been sent to them throughout the year.

Christmas has been curtailed somewhat in many schools but, despite the return of stricter control measures, it has still been celebrated in style, with Christmas jumpers, Christmas lunches, Nativity plays and concerts, to name just a few. Well done to all the staff across our

family of schools who have worked hard to give the children a Christmas to remember, with a special mention to our fantastic catering team – ZEST – who served a delicious Christmas lunch in each of schools, complete with the ever popular Brussels sprouts!

I was very pleased to attend the Christingle service at Saltford School, performed by the children in years 3, 4 and 5. It was a really uplifting performance, watched by a reduced audience of parents/carers and streamed live to those who couldn't attend in person. I understand it was even watched by one family in South Africa! I was particularly impressed by Year 4's rendition of a Christmas poem and would like to share it with you, with thanks to Mr Jenkins and the Year 4 classes.

## Twelve days of turkey



On the first day of Christmas,  
My true love said to me:  
"I've bought a big fresh turkey  
and a proper Christmas tree"

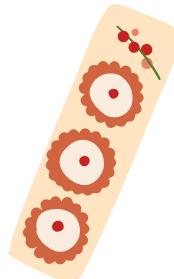


On the second day of Christmas,  
much laughter could be heard  
As we tucked into our turkey  
- a most delicious bird.



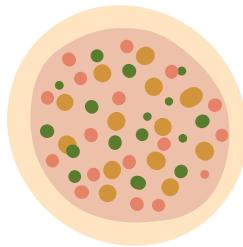
On the third day of Christmas  
came the people from next door,  
The turkey tasted just as good  
as it had done before.

On the seventh day of Christmas,  
my true love he did wince  
When we sat down at the table  
and was offered turkey mince.



On the eighth day of Christmas,  
the dog had run for shelter  
He'd seen our turkey pancakes  
and the glass of Alka Seltzer.

On the ninth day of Christmas,  
by lunchtime Dad was blotto  
He knew that bird was back again,  
this time as a risotto.



On the fourth day of Christmas  
came relations, young and old  
We finished up the Christmas pud  
and had the turkey cold.



On the tenth day of Christmas,  
we were drinking home-made brew  
And if that wasn't bad enough,  
We were eating turkey stew.

On the Eleventh day of Christmas,  
the Christmas tree was moulting  
With chilli, soy and oyster sauce,  
the turkey was revolting.



On the fifth day of Christmas,  
outside the snowflakes scurried  
But we were nice and warm inside  
- we had the turkey curried.

On the twelfth day of Christmas,  
We had smiles upon our lips  
The guests had gone, the turkey too -  
We dined on fish and chips.



I'm sure this will resonate with many of us and apologies to the non-meat eaters amongst us!

I hope you enjoy this festive edition of the newsletter that I hope will give you a flavour of the many fun activities taking place across our family of schools this Christmas.

Thank you very much for your continued support. I hope you and your family have a lovely holiday and I wish you all the best for 2022.

Best wishes,

**Andrea Arlidge**  
Chief Executive



# PUTTING ON THE CHRISTMAS CHEER!



## WHERE'S WOOLLY? ADVENT CALENDAR WITH A DIFFERENCE



### JUMPER DAY

Aspire Academy's Hedgehog Class in Christmas jumpers

Miss Kingscott, an Achievement Coach at SBL Academy, has set herself the challenge of wearing a different Christmas jumper every day until December 25. Students have enjoyed seeing her colourful knitwear, accompanied by seasonal headbands, tinsel and flashing lights to bring some festive sparkle to the end of term.

Miss Kingscott has also designed her own virtual advent calendar where she has been donating money to a different cause every day. She has been encouraging friends, family and the school community to contribute and showing students how the charities support people, animals and the environment.

Check out the virtual advent calendar by scanning the QR code above.



# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES



## WELLSWAY STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT SANTA DASH

A group of Wellsway School Year 8 and 9 Sports Ambassadors spent a Sunday morning helping at the Saltford Santa Dash. It is a fantastic community event that consists of a one-mile run for the children and a five-mile run for the adults. The Ambassadors undertook a variety of tasks, including shaking the charity buckets and taking on the responsibility of handing out medals at the end of the run. Some jogged alongside the younger children encouraging them as they ran the last few metres. Organisers said the Ambassadors 'were all so helpful, and a pleasure to work with'. Well done to all involved.



## HELPING THE HOMELESS

Helen Neal, who works in Wellsway School's resources department, organises an annual food box appeal with a donation box in the staff room. Once the items have all been collected, Helen, Rachel, Kelly and some students make up the presents to donate to [Helping Homeless Believe](#).

Students from Inclusion made cards to be placed in the gift boxes that will be given out to homeless people in Bristol on Saturday December 18.

Principal Rob Pearsall is pictured with students Mike and Stephanie plus Miss Razgui from the Inclusion team.

# CREATIVITY AT CHRISTMAS



## HI TECH DECORATIONS AT IKB

Year 12 student Joseph Dean has been persuading staff at IKB to model for their own 3D printed Christmas Bauble Head. After having scanned 360 degrees around the subject he has then used his product design skills to print a 3D model that has been painted by DT technician Shaun Dando. These Christmas decorations are currently on display in IKB reception before being taken home to adorn staff trees and impress family and friends. Can you spot who is who?



## OUR DIY ADVENT CALENDAR



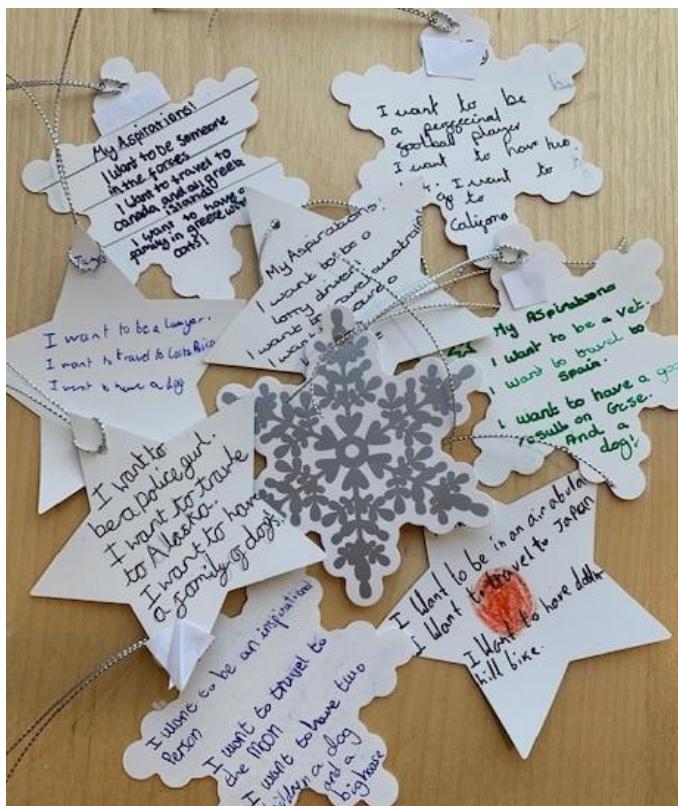
## PRINCIPAL'S CARD

Three designs by Year 11 students were chosen for the Principal's Christmas card at Wellsway School: a robin by Imogen; a digital snowman by Anna and a Christmas tree by Corinne.

Zest Childcare at Chandag Infants and Juniors and Two Rivers created a home-made Advent calendar and a foam fir forest on the classroom window.

Great work by The Pink Ladies: Terry, Jackie, Marion, Laura, Gill & Beth!

# SBL STUDENTS PIN THEIR HOPES AND DREAMS ON A TREE



SBL Academy students in Year 7 Titan 2 made tree decorations showing the aspirations they have for the future. The decorations included everything from their career hopes to the places in the world they want to visit and their dreams of a happy life.

## TUNES AT THE INN

The Key Stage 2 choir from The Meadows performed carols at the Upton Inn at a lovely community event.



## GOODWILL TO ALL AT WANS DYKE

Wansdyke School has been working hard to make sure all children can have a Christmas to remember this year.

Asda has donated 35 Christmas Eve boxes to be given to children who might not have had as much as others or might have been effected by Covid related issues this year. A massive thank you to Brenda and the Whitchurch store's community team.

Learning mentor Miss Kelly Crew secured 50 activity boxes for pupil premium children over the holidays and was also able to secure vouchers for a number of children from the Lord Mayor's Christmas scheme.

Miss Crew is pictured with headteacher Adam Smith and some of the boxes.

# NATIVITY ACTIVITY BRINGS JOY



## SALTFORD GOES LIVE!

Salford Primary School was delighted to welcome live audiences for its Christmas shows but also tried something new. Thanks to a loan of equipment from Salford Community Association, some performances were live streamed as well as recorded.

When the school is full of angels, sheep and villagers, you know it is time for the Nativity. EYFS/KS1 started the season with an amazing performance of *The Landlord's Cat*. Years 3-5 enjoyed their traditional Christingle service and Year 6 gave a stunning performance at the local Lighting of the Christmas Tree event, in conjunction with the village choir.

## CHEDDAR GROVE YEARS 1 AND 2 REALLY SPARKLE



Pupils in Years 1 and 2 at Cheddar Grove Primary School staged a beautiful Nativity .

# TWO RIVERS CHILDREN MAKE PARENTS PROUD



The children of Two Rivers Primary School were happy to see their parents attend their Nativity performances – socially distanced of course! Here are some of the cast in their costumes.



## MARVELS AT THE MEADOWS

There was some fabulous singing when the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity was staged for parents at The Meadows Primary School.



## MOVING INTO MOVIES

Cinderella Rockafella is the phase 2 production at Wansdyke Primary School. The show is being filmed and the children are looking forward to sharing their movie venture with parents and grandparents over Christmas.



# MUCH MERRIMENT ON THE MENU



## SERVING UP 1500KG OF SPROUTS!

Christmas lunches have been in full swing across the trust with Zest Catering staff enjoying the festivities and getting into the spirit by dressing up and providing some treats for the pupils.

Over 2000 Christmas lunches were being dished up during the two-week period - that's over 1500kg of Brussels sprouts being served!

Thanks to FareShare SouthWest for donating this year's Christmas trees.

Year 6 pupils from Chandag Junior School wrote to the kitchen thanking them for feeding them during the school year:

**"Thank you for all your amazing cooking" Aiden "Thank you so much for our delicious food" Florrie "Thank you for the food, yum!" Jacob**

Wansdyke Primary School were visited by Bristol City Council Environmental Health Officer and have been awarded

5 stars again for this year's inspection. Huge thanks to Claire, Dawn and Julie for assisting the inspection and for ensuring the kitchen is kept to the highest standard of cleanliness and that food safety is managed in accordance with Zest's policies and procedures.

We'd like to send best wishes to Natasha Arthur, cook-in-charge at The Meadows Primary who leaves us to pursue a new career. Thank you for the last five years working with Zest, we will all miss you very much. Hello to Jody Hill our new catering assistant at

Aspire Academy and Dawn Blackmore who joined the team at SBL Academy last month as a catering assistant and congratulations to Jade Harris who was the successful candidate for the cook-in-charge role at St John's Primary.



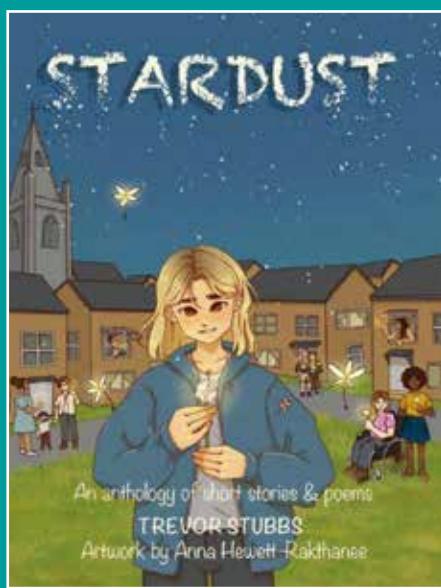
# IN OTHER (NON YULETIDE) NEWS ...



## NEVER GIVE UP AND ALWAYS HAVE FUN!

St John's Primary welcomed Paralympic and BBC Sport presenter Rachel Latham to the school.

Rachel gave an assembly and all pupils were challenged to complete a sponsored multi-fitness circuit. Rachel's inspiring message, which the pupils certainly responded to throughout the fitness session, was the importance of team work, never giving up and having fun! Sponsorship forms are still being returned, but the school is so proud of the effort and how much money pupils have already raised. Thanks to everyone for their support.



## TALENTED ILLUSTRATOR

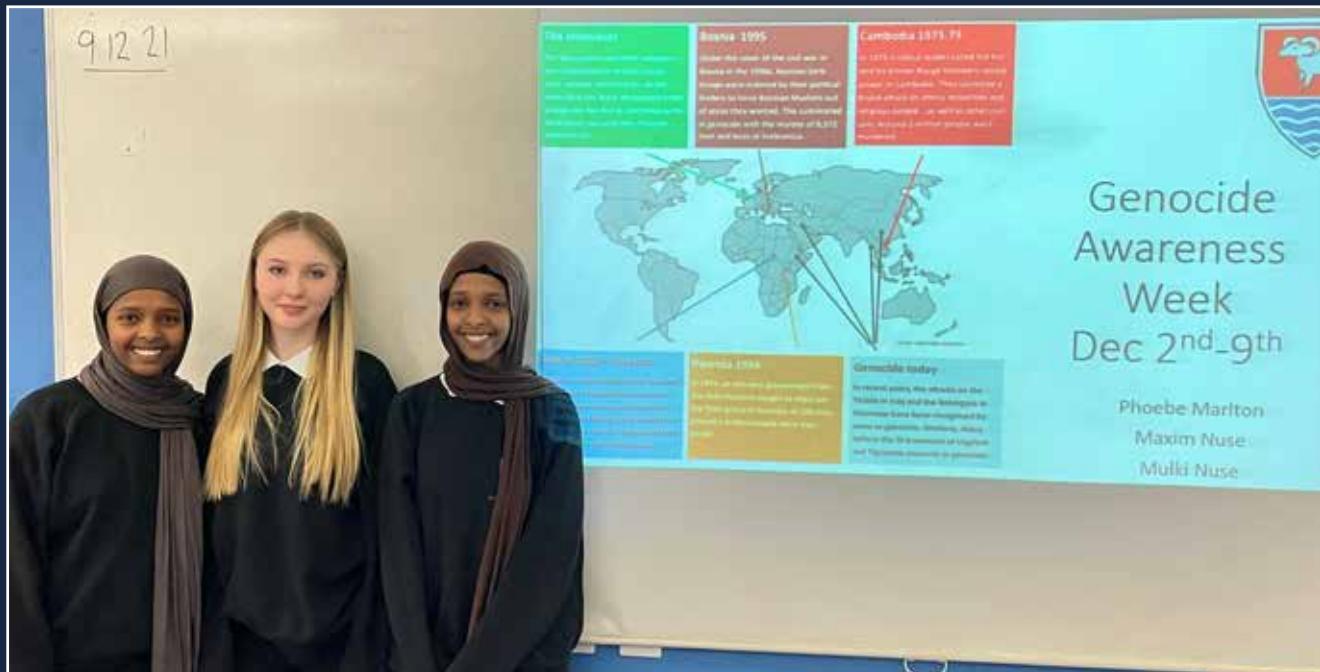
Anna Hewett-Rakthanee, a Year 11 student at Wellsway School, has produced the artwork for the book Stardust, an anthology of short stories and poems, by Trevor Stubbs, which has been launched this weekend.

## A GATECRASHER?



Naughty Nigel, the elf who's been making mischief at Cheddar Grove, appears to have sneaked on to our festive-free pages ...

# BDS STUDENTS DECLARE 'NEVER AGAIN' FOR GENOCIDE



Students at Bedminster Down School have started a new club to share stories and raise awareness of genocide.

To help mark the UN's International Day of Commemoration on Thursday 9 December the school's history department joined forces with eight other schools in the country to help produce a newspaper that tells powerful stories of genocide around the world. This is now being distributed to MPs and available for schools to use as a learning resource and includes articles from survivors, journalists, politicians and historians.

It is part of a the [Genocideknowmore campaign](#) to increase and improve understanding of genocide among young people in the face of reoccurring genocides since the second world war.

The Genocide Awareness project meets every Thursday lunchtime and is led by Head of History Caroline West. She said:

"It's shocking that most young people have very little knowledge or understanding of genocides after the Holocaust. Since then, genocides in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and then Darfur have shown that the world has not learned."

"Our students are very keen to share their learning and I'm delighted that we're one of few schools in the country who are making sure that more people understand the experiences of survivors and understand why genocides happen."

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## COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

The growth of our Trust means we need more inspirational and professional people to join our dedicated and passionate staff team.

If you are planning your next career move, and think you could help make a difference for our students, please [take a look at our vacancies](#).

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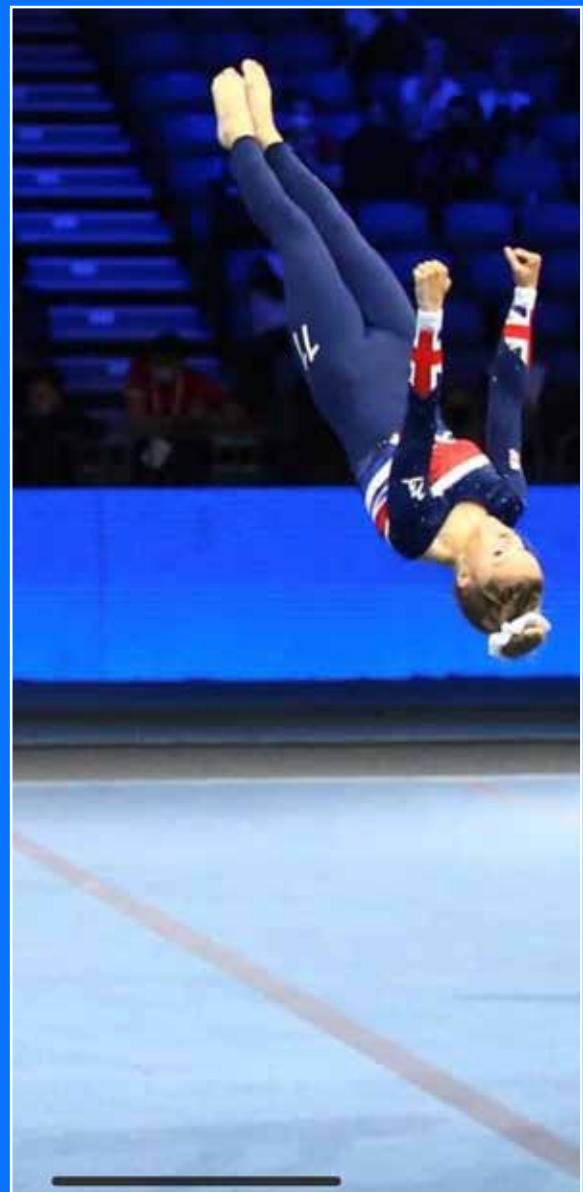
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# GYMNAST PAIGE MAKES HISTORY AS TEAM GB BECOME EURO CHAMPIONS

SBL Academy student Paige Phillips in Year 11 was part of the GB team that performed at the European Championship finals in Portugal this month and won the gold medal.

Paige was one of four gymnasts and a coach from Majestic Gymnastics in Longwell Green in the team.





## Calling all part time workers!

### Cleaning Opportunities across the Futura Learning Partnership schools

#### Role description

##### Key Responsibilities:

The main areas of accountability and personal specification for the position are detailed below:

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i.e. toilet rolls
- To clear and remove rubbish and other items from areas as detailed by the site specification and ensure the security of all areas at completion of duties.
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