



STEM Saturday

Local Primary schools were invited into The Heath School to delve into some exciting STEM activities. Including a scientific experiment, investigating into how polar animals keep warm in arctic conditions, an exploration into sequences and creating Christmas paper chains. The year 4 and 5 students also solved a Christmas mystery based around cryptology. The students needed to use their problem-solving skills to decode secret messages, including using a Caesar Cipher Wheel. Students explored strong shapes and their uses in construction and used this knowledge to create photo-frames.



Xmas Hampers

The pupils have been busy collecting food over the past month to create care packages for the elderly and vulnerable families in our surrounding area. Mrs Green and Mrs Hayes went delivering these hampers last night to the local community and the faces of some of these people were magical. They were surprised and so grateful to be thought of during this festive period, some even cried. Mr Milne has been a big advocate this year in gathering the pupils to collect food for our local food bank which will benefit so many within the Runcorn community. Mrs Green would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, pupils and their families for their generosity in spreading some festive cheer and would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.



Singing Group Get Festive



On Tuesday 5th December the singing group which consists of 18 singers from all year groups had the pleasure of singing at the Halton Chamber of Commerce festive Tuesday meeting. Special guest for the event was Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham. Great fun was had by all including the pupils judging the best Christmas jumper worn by delegates. The singing group have also sung on Tuesday 19th and 20th December to all our pupils and staff as they arrive in the morning.



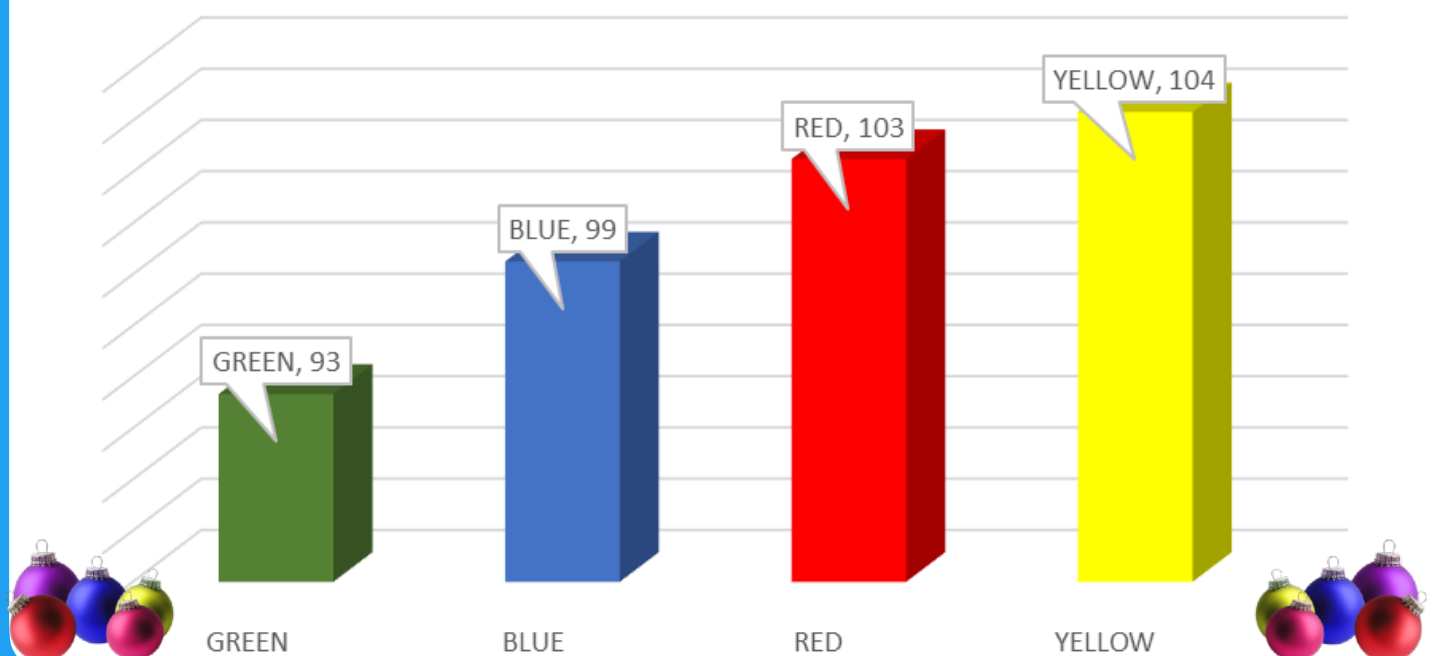
Merry Christmas from the Music department

House Competition

There have been many house events this half term leading up to Christmas including the Children in Need cake sale (houses competed to raise the most money for the charity trying to sell the most cakes), odd socks day, wear a Christmas jumper, donate items for Christmas food hampers, donate a chocolate orange, design the Heath Christmas card and finally this last 2 weeks have been house assemblies (houses have been competing in the family fortunes Christmas special). Points added so far means the current positions are...



Overall House Points



New Termly Music Performances

The first lunchtime concert took place on Monday 18th December with performances from the year 10 & 11 band 'The Boiled Monkeys' (Lily Aston, Owen MacDonald, Miles MacDonald, Aaron Baillie and Jack White) Playing Sultans of Swing by Dire Straits and Brazil by Declan McKenna Ft. Eva Taylor-Williams on vocals. Dominic Moore played Rachmaninoff's 'Prelude in G minor' whilst Alessio Solinas who is also to be thanked for getting the whole idea off the ground, performed 'Piano Man' by Billy Joel and then 'Imagine' by John Lennon as a duet with Eva Sowler. The Music department intends to have a performance each term to increase the opportunity to perform in front of an audience.



VPA Christmas Concert

On Monday 11th December we had our Christmas show, which was a sell out! This was a night showcasing the work of our very talented students. The night included a variety of talents from an artists, photographers, musicians, singers, actors, dancers and even a poet!

Thank you to all who came to watch, they really appreciate having such a supportive audience.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year from the VPA faculty!



School Closure Dates 2023-2024

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS TO STUDENTS
WEDNESDAY, 20th December 2023	THURSDAY 4th January 2024
FRIDAY 9th February 2024	MONDAY 19th February 2024
THURSDAY 28th March 2024	MONDAY 15th April 2024
FRIDAY 3rd May 2024	TUESDAY 7th May 2024
FRIDAY 24th May 2024	MONDAY 3rd June 2024
FRIDAY 19th July 2024	

Inset days - Wednesday 3rd January 2024 and Monday 24th June 2024

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