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THE VOICE

WINTER NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to our winter newsletter... It has been a very busy term for us here at Easington Academy and we are excited to share with you some of the things that have been going on...

I would like to start by saying congratulations to our first ever cohort of students who achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this term. Many of the students are now working towards their silver award - keep it up.

As usual, we have taken part in multiple fundraising events; *Macmillan Coffee Morning*, *Children in Need*, *Save the Children* and a donation to our local foodbank. I was, as always, so proud of the tremendous support from staff and students in each event.

We have introduced an exciting new whole school reward system this term in a bid to celebrate success more frequently in school. We look

forward to properly rolling this out next term - watch this space.

We have also launched a new innovative approach to revision for Year 11 students. The new method will help students prepare for their mock exams and also their GCSEs next summer. We really hope you find it useful. Find out more about that on the back page.

All that is left to say now is, merry Christmas and happy new year - enjoy yourselves!

Yours sincerely,

Toni Sporns

Executive Headteacher
Easington Academy



DofE Awards!

Congratulations to all 22 students who received their bronze *Duke of Edinburgh* award in October, after a year of hard work.

To earn the award, students completed a range of activities such as walking 25 miles with full backpacks followed by cooking their own food and camping.

Eleven students who are now in Year 10 have decided to continue their *DofE* journey and embark on the next level which is the silver award. In addition, we also have 29 Year 9 students that have signed up for this year's bronze award.

We wish all students the best of luck and we look forward to following their progress next term.



Are you trained in CPR?

Our school nurse, Tracey Humphries, has been training students on how to perform CPR as part of the British Heart Foundation's *Nation of Lifesavers* campaign.

The British Heart Foundation launched their *Nation of Lifesavers* campaign to try and get as many people as possible trained in CPR.

Across the UK, there are over 30,000 cardiac arrests that happen outside of hospital every year with a survival rate of less than 1 in 10. The British Heart Foundation aims to reduce this number dramatically - thousands of people could be saved every year if more people had lifesaving CPR skills.

Well done to all students who were involved in the training, hopefully you will never have to, but one day it may help you save a life!

Debate Club Coming January 2019!

Open to all year groups and abilities – whether you have taken part in debating before or not – everyone is welcome!

To sign up, or for more information, speak to Miss Doyle (English) or Miss Wilson (RE).

THE JOKE CORNER

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

Can you smell carrots?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21 DEC - Break up for Christmas

07 JAN - Back to school

15 JAN - Year 11 parents' evening

15 FEB - Break up for half term

25 FEB - Back to School

21 MAR - Year 8 parents' evening

27 MAR - Year 8 career carousel

5 APR - Break up for Easter

To keep up to date with all news and events please visit:

www.easingtonacademy.co.uk



Donations for Murton Foodbank

We have had an impressive amount of food donations collected by our very generous students and staff this year for our local foodbank.

It is important that during the festive season we think about the people that are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Not everyone is looking forward to the holidays, but we can show that we care by donating any food that we can spare.

Murton foodbank relies on donations from the local community so that they can help those in crisis. All non-perishable food donations are appreciated whether it be one tin or a full bag.

Thank you to all who donated!



A message from our head boy and girl!

Over the past three weeks, all of our Year 11 students have worked exceptionally hard whilst sitting their mock exams.

They are now beginning to receive some of their fantastic results, just in time to be rewarded for their hard work at Christmas.

We wish you all a merry Christmas from the whole of Easington Academy.

Jessica Marr and Jack Halliday.

We're on Twitter and Facebook!



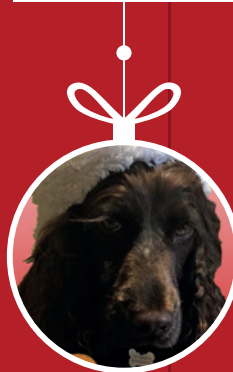
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Can you match the correct owners to their cute pets?

They belong to Mrs Beckett, Mrs Carter, Mrs Tuck, Mrs Weston, Miss Garside and Mrs Collins... but which furry friend belongs to which teacher?



Artist of the term!

Huge congratulations to the very talented Ethan Spencer who is producing some outstanding pieces of artwork from his self-directed Year 10 GCSE project. Well done Ethan!



Launch of online revision resources

This term we have launched our bespoke online revision materials to support our Year 11s and their families with revision for the GCSE exams.

Staff have developed high quality, digital resources which our students can access from their phones through their new Office 365 logins.

Fantastic attendance at our recent revision event means that our Year 11 students and their parents now know where to access the materials and how to use them to learn effectively.

More exciting online learning developments for the rest of the school are coming soon... watch this space!



Are you a young carer?

Through our *Young Carers Charter* we can offer support to students who provide care to a family member or have extra responsibilities at home.

We can also help students and family members to access external agencies that can relieve some of the worries associated with being a young carer. During specific lunchtimes there are clubs where young carers can get together and enjoy various activities such as board games and crafts, or just chat to their peers in a safe comfortable environment.

Mr O'Carroll and Mrs Collins are designated members of staff who students can contact to discuss extra support.



Are you on the nice list this Christmas?

It's very easy to get *wrapped up* in presents, parties and pantos at Christmas time. But, for some people, Christmas is tough and it may help if they receive a little dose of unexpected kindness.

Here are some ways you can be kind this Christmas. We guarantee you will be on the nice list after this...

1. Donate clothes and food to foodbanks
2. Smile and thank everyone who serves you
3. Hide a happy note for someone to find
4. Offer to help someone
5. Lend a friend your favourite book/movie
6. Pick up litter and put it in the bin
7. Talk to someone who is sitting alone
8. Let someone in front of you in a line
9. Send a nice text to five different people
10. Practice self-kindness and spend 30 minutes doing something you love.



Christmas workshops

Over the festive period our art team delivered a number of fantastic, specialist art and craft workshops for the local community, family and friends of the Academy.

In each workshop, the group created their own personalised Christmas tree decorations using a range of ceramic and textile techniques whilst enjoying some festive mince pies. Yum!