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Newsletter Autumn 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

'Time flies'; this certainly seems to be true of this term. It only feels like a couple of weeks ago that we were greeting the new Year 7 students and starting life as an academy and now Christmas is almost here. Many of the students will be able to tell you how many more 'sleeps' to go!

I would like to thank you for your continued generous contributions you have made this term to the wide range of charities that the school supports. I think that it is important for our students to be involved in these events to see how they can help make a difference to individual people's lives.

I am hoping that we have said 'good bye' to the recent adverse weather conditions which caused treacherous driving conditions and impassable pathways and drives on the school site plus damage to several of our trees. My sincere apologies for the disruption caused to your child's education by the school's closure but hope that you can appreciate the need to ensure the safety of your child when travelling to and from school and whilst at school.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very relaxing and peaceful Christmas with a Happy New Year.

Mandy Morris

Headteacher

Wightwick Hall School



Fundraising Events

Children in Need

This year we raised £63.50 in school.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your donations of food items and toiletries for The Well Project.

We donated 83.5 kg in total.

Class 4 Activities

WWII topic

Class 4 pupils have been immersing themselves in the past by studying WWII.

We visited RAF Cosford Museum and were honoured to meet some war veterans that chatted to the pupils.

The pupils also had the opportunity to try on a selection of vintage uniforms and hats, courtesy of Mr Bill.



Dudley Zoo

Class 4 and 6EF spent a cold November day at Dudley Zoo. We managed to see a variety of creatures.

Class 4 have also sponsored a

penguin for the year, but we don't know which one it is!

Into Film 2017

This year Class 4 and 6EF chose to watch Cars 3 at the Showcase, Dudley.

Lest we forget

This year the school worked collaboratively to produce a remembrance display in reception.



A Signing Success

Wightwick Hall School Signing Choir went to ASDA to perform Christmas Carols for the Christmas shoppers. We raised an amazing £226 towards the choir fund and the WorktoWork Charity.



KS5 Activities

6HS students have been working hard to develop their cooking and life skills.



WorktoWork Charity Shop Launched!

This term Year 11- 14 pupils have been working hard to set up, launch and run our very own charity shop on behalf of the WorktoWork charity. The pupils have gained valuable work experience in differing roles from marketing, stock rotation, setting pricing strategies, managing the coffee shop to assisting and serving customers. The aim of the charity is to provide our students with the key skills and to increase their confidence in order to help prepare them for their future after Wightwick. It is great to see the impact that this initiative has had on the pupils to date. Through the students' hard work and your continued support we have raised over £600 so far.

To reward the pupil that has delivered a high level of service and shown personal development the staff and volunteers voted Joe, earning him the title of Employee of the Half Term. Joe has continuously put in 100% effort and has made a vast improvement in using his own initiative whilst working in the charity shop. As his reward he has received a cinema gift card and will take on the role of Charity Shop Manager for the following half term.

Thank you for your continued support, we will reopen Friday 5th January 2018 and will be open every Friday during term time 09:30 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 14:30.

Class 3 Activities

Class 3 have had a very enterprising term. This is to support our Moving On Curriculum.

The students have enjoyed creating luxury milkshakes to sell in school. These have been a great success with both students and staff alike. The firm favourite flavours were Oreo and Milkyway!

The students have worked very hard on their new maths and English targets and are showing some great results.

The Sensory Leadership group have been very creative this half term, making remembrance wreaths and sensory artwork.

Milkshake photos

Leadership

