Issue 2

Welcome to the second edition of 'The Tutor Times', where each half term we will keep you updated with what we will be covering in our tutor curriculum in and outside the classroom! We endeavour to ensure that these experiences are helping students to develop, grow and be informed as we develop the whole person. We hope that by sharing this information with you, it will give you the opportunity to build upon these topics at home and engage in conversations about whatstudents have learnt.

Last half term has been very busy at President Kennedy School. The Tutor Curriculum has focused on antibullying, positive mental health and strategies for this, as well as positive relationships. This has all been underpinned by our '3 strands'.

Students have also been involved in a number informative as well as celebratory experiences this past half term.

KNIFE CRIME ASSEMBLY

Year 7 and Year 8 students were involved in an hour-long assembly about the impact and consequences of knife crime and how to make decisions to keep themselves safe and healthy. Students were highly engaged and understood much of the vocabulary around being vulnerable.

The session was run by an outside agency and drew upon a real-life example of victims of knife crime.







PAN AFRICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

As detailed in the school newsletter, students and staff came together on Wednesday 23rd November to celebrate Pan-African culture with singing, dancing, a fashion show which included traditional dress as well as the sharing of traditional African food. Staff and students were uplifted in celebration and raised awareness of diversity in the school. Well done to all students involved in organising this across the school as well as the staff members involved. Thank you also to parents and families for supporting such a lovely evening. We can't wait to see what will be organised next via this group of students.











ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN

Students across the school were also recently involved in an 'anti-bullying' campaign as part of the national campaign through the 'Anti Bullying Alliance'.

The 'Anti Bullying Alliance' aims to promote environments in which all children and young people can 'live, grow, play and learn'. During this campaign, students explored preventative strategies to further support the school's zero-tolerance approach to bullying. Suggestion boxes, which were requested by student voice, have been placed in each College areas as a tool for students to share their ideas.

As always President Kennedy School takes this matter very seriously and there is a key person in each year group for students to talk to, should they need to.











STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Throughout November students organised fundraising events to raise money for 'Children In Need'. Across years, 11 and Post 16, a fantastic £437.27 was raised!

Year 7 raised £272.66 through cake sales. Year 11 raised £104 through a range of events including virtual bingo, a football tournament, a treasure hunt for Year 8 students and a penalty shoot-out. Post 16 students raised £60.61 through cake sales.









GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AT CHRISTMAS

Post 16 students were united with The Rotary Club for the annual Santa's sleigh run around Holbrook's community on Thursday 15th December. This raised money for Myton Hospice, Air Ambulance and other local charities.

Post 16 collected items for the Coventry food bank to support those in the local community this Christmas.

On Thursday 15th December, the school came together to fundraise for Zoe's place through our 'Christmas Jumper and Cultural Dress day' to celebrate cultural diversity at President Kennedy School.

On Wednesday 14th December, we were delighted to welcome over 80 residents from local care homes for our senior citizens Christmas meal. Post 16 students have worked with the Year 9 college council to organise this festive event. For those residents that were unable to attend, Year 7 students visited Melbourne House on Thursday morning to deliver handmade Christmas cards to residents.

On Friday 9th December, Year 7 students attended Maymorn Day Centre (a local dementia care unit) and sang Christmas carols.

Year 7 collected cookies and biscuits for the elderly through Holbrooks community centre for the 'Put a Smile on Someone's Face this Christmas' campaign.

Year 7 and 8 students supported Langar Aid every 2 weeks by making sandwiches and packing parcels of basics for those in need this Christmas.

Duke of Edinburgh students in Year 9 and 10 supported 'Operation Christmas Child' shoe box appeal through the Samaritans to send Christmas gifts to children in Bosnia and Ukraine. A huge well done to all students involved in these charitable events.

