

### Dates for your Diary

School will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 22nd December  
Return to school at 8:40am on Monday 8th January  
Parent Consultation Day - Thursday 25th January  
Teacher Training Day - Friday 26th January - Students not in school



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The end of the first term is always an excellent opportunity to pause and reflect on what has happened over the last half term. As you can see from this edition of the newsletter, the school has been non stop with lots of joy and celebration.

We've had the Year 7 Christmas lunch, the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch hot chocolate and cookies (with entertainment from the staff school band), Celebration assemblies, a Performing Arts Showcase with exceptional performances from our very own talented students - Thank you Miss Kelly and Miss Danni, two Keresley Academy Christmas concerts, two school discos (in Year 7 & 8), an excellent Christmas jumper and Cultural dress day, a huge amount of charity work, as well as an Ofsted inspection (Which I shall write to you all about in January when the report is published).

The students continue to show PRIDE in all they do and I could not be more proud of what they do and achieve. I must also take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our amazing staff who work extremely hard for our students. We really are a community and one that cares for each other.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for all your unwavering support as always and hope you have a Happy Christmas! Nadolig Llawen!  
(Happy Christmas in Welsh)  
**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

### Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 13th December, President Kennedy School hosted a festive Christmas lunch for Senior Citizens in our community. Our guests enjoyed a very tasty Christmas lunch and also participated in a few games of bingo.

During the lunch guests were entertained by our fabulous President Kennedy School choir who performed a number of

festive favourites. The event was organised by Year 13 students Codie Cannell and Jordan Isaac who were assisted by the Year 7 College Council who served the meals in a very professional manner and enjoyed having a chat with our guests. It really was a lovely afternoon.

**Mr Finlayson, Leader of Enrichment**



## Keresley Christmas!

The Year 3 & 4 children from Keresley Grange and Keresley Newland primary schools were thrilled to be able to use President Kennedy School's hall on Tuesday 12th December for their annual Christmas Concert! They performed a lovely programme of music, interspersed with imaginative whole-class acrostic poems, in an afternoon of festive merriment led by their music teacher, Mrs Larkin and the Year 3 & 4 staff.

Every class did their own performance, so there were ukelele pieces, boom whackers, African drums and a class who led the

audience in a lively rendition of 'Music Be Santa', complete with actions and sound effects!

There were also some instrumental pieces - a recorder solo, keyboard performances, a guitar solo and a violin ensemble which was led by the Headteacher Mrs Penlington.

Keresley Academies would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the staff at President Kennedy school for their amazing support, which was very much appreciated!

*Mrs Larkin, Music Teacher, Keresley Academies*



## Year 7 Christmas Dinner

The whole of Year 7 were treated to a Christmas lunch last week. This was facilitated by our fantastic staff and catered for by our wonderful kitchen staff who have worked incredibly hard this term. Well done to all who made this a success and to Year 7 who deserved this festive treat!



## Christmas Jumper & Cultural Dress Day

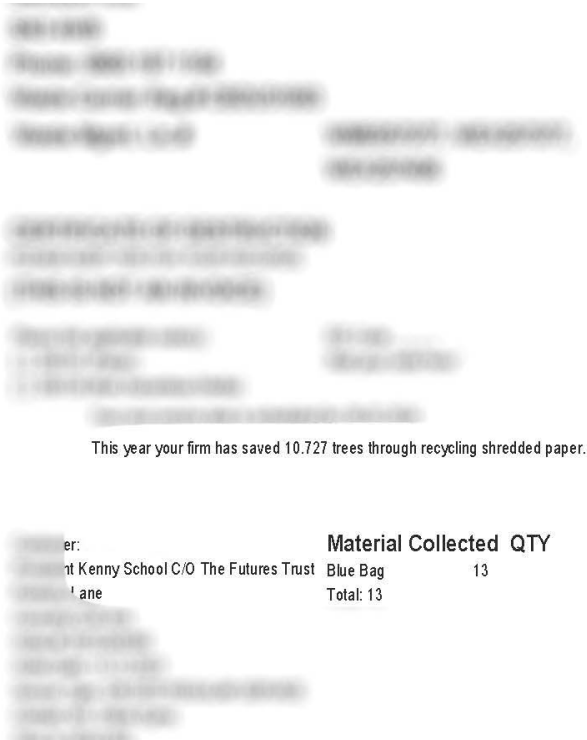


It was lovely to see our students come to school this week dress in their cultural dress and a variety of Christmas jumpers!

All contributions given will go to this year's chosen charity '[Charity Meals](#)'. This is a wonderful charity that aims to support families without food, not just in the UK, but across the world.

**Charity  
meals**

## Committed to Saving Trees



This year your firm has saved 10.727 trees through recycling shredded paper.

Material	Material Collected	QTY
at Kenny School C/O The Futures Trust	Blue Bag	13
ane	Total:	13

In the last two confidential waste shredding visits, we have saved the equivalent of 10.7 trees!

## Year 7 Charity Ambassadors Give Back to Community



Mrs Arnett had the pleasure of spreading lots of Christmas cheer this week when she delivered all the biscuits that Year 7 and The Bridge Community had been collecting throughout December.

The Bridge Council and Charity Ambassadors had wanted to collect items that would be welcomed near our School Community so they chose Holbrooks Community Centre who give out hampers annually and offers a warm space to meet in over the Christmas period. The biscuits will be used to top up these hampers!

**Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character - The Bridge**

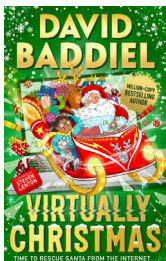


## The Library

At President Kennedy School

## FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

This week the Library's recommended reads are...

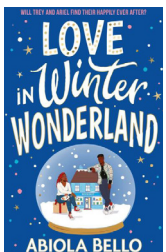


### *Virtually Christmas by David Baddiel*

It used to be the most WONDERFUL time of the year, but for years Christmas has been taken over by Winterzone. All the things that made Christmas special are gone: the human connection, the baubles passed down through generations, even the rubbish cracker jokes. Instead, Christmas is run by robots, while 3D holograms of Santa Claus called Santavatars check if you've been naughty or nice - and on Christmas Eve, all of the presents are delivered by ZoneDrones instead of Santa's reindeer!

But when they stumble on a curious clue, eleven-year-old Etta and her friend Monty find themselves thrown into a fight to bring back Christmas.

Racing against time and against the might of Winterzone, they must find the real Santa - before the true meaning of the festive season is lost forever...



### *Love in Winter Wonderland by Abiola Bello*

Trey Anderson is popular and handsome, and he works at his family's beloved bookshop, Wonderland.

Ariel Spencer is quirky, creative, and in need of a holiday temp job to cover her tuition for The Artists' Studio. An opening at Wonderland is the answer . . . and the start of a hate-to-love journey for Trey and Ariel.

When Trey and Ariel learn that Wonderland is on the brink of shutting down, can they get over their differences and team up to stop the doors from closing before the deadline?

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

**Library Staff**