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SCROOGE PERFORMANCE

The Scrooge musical performance on the 10th December was a runaway success despite some last minute role changes leading to the cast having to learn new lines, songs and dances at a very late stage.

The production was run by Mrs Ashcroft and Miss Prior who managed to secure the help of choreographer Amy Harris to organise us for one of the major dance routines, 'The Fezziwig Rock n Roll'.

Sam Edwards took the starring role of Scrooge. With his top hat pushed down, his steely eyes gave away nothing. He looked and felt like he meant every scroogy word he uttered and sang.

Sophie Davis was a terrifying Jacob Marley with her rattling chains. She had Scrooge on his knees pleading for mercy and her singing was amazing. Some of the songs got the audience involved with clapping and the Fezziwig dance was a major hit.

The whole cast enjoyed themselves tremendously and this was apparent to the audience who enjoyed every minute of the performance. The cast overcame their bad nerves and were very proud of their performance and rightly so!

If you missed it, then too bad, you missed a heck of a show!!

Special thanks to Alex Scott for the music and Doug Williams for making the clock, grave and throne and to the entire cast.

By Metin Smith (Year 10)

CALLING ALL BUDDING REPORTERS!

If you would like to contribute to the next edition of Bright Times please see or email Miss Ganner to join the team!



The cast of Scrooge

ENCOUNTERS SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

On Friday 20th November, five lucky students from Oasis Academy Brightstowe had their animated films screened as part of the Encounters Short Film Festival. The experience was made possible by youth development agency Sharp Shotz who partnered up with @Bristol for the event.

The Year 10 students, Molly Nelson-Case, Luke Stephens, Elliot White, Charley Turner and Shaun Harper were selected as a reward for their hard work in GCSE Art classes. They made their own animations at the 'Animate It' exhibition at @Bristol, before attending a lecture at Bristol Old Vic where staff from Aardman animations and the University of the West of England helped them add sound to their films. The films were screened on Saturday 21st November at the main festival awards ceremony at the Watershed.

Mrs Iredale commented: "It was brilliant for our students to be involved in a project like this, which gave them hands-on animation experience and the chance to work alongside some of the industry's most respected professionals.

"The experience really opened their eyes to the kind of career paths that the study of Art and Design can lead to and they will get to include their animations in their GCSE coursework."

Year 7 Competency curriculum

The new year 7 at Oasis Academy Brightstowe are taking part in an all new curricular project called competency curriculum. The project engages students in an all new secondary experience creating a happy and cheerful atmosphere just as you are working! It include parts from science, mathematics, English, geography, history and even a bit of Spanish and R.E.

Competency curriculum teaches pupils different skills such as how to stand up in front of an audience and speak freely and how to be organised. Aside from teaching students basic and more advanced knowledge, the subject teaches us vital life skills such as respect, courtesy and how to be successful in the future.

By Haydn Avis and Jack Harvey (Year 7).

Some of the year 7 on camp at Goblin Coombe this term.



Goblin Coombe Visit

This year lucky year 7 students got the chance to go to Goblin Coombe. We had a lot of fun and got very drenched. We stayed overnight in a lodge and had a hut that we met up in on the odd occasion. We did loads of activities and had a lot of fun with our friends.

At night we had nice rooms that we stayed in and had fun playing hide and seek. I think that next year 7 should go there and have as much fun as we did!

By Will Smith and Aaron Amos (Year 7)

Visit from Drama Queen Theatre

Our Drama class had a visit from Drama Queen Theatre yesterday. They performed a production for us. It was a play about teenage pregnancy. There was only one actress and she played all the parts herself. It was very effective that she wore black trousers and a white top because she could become any character. She added a school tie to become a schoolgirl and a pair of glasses to become the Nan. My favourite bit was when she was just about to give birth. She used good facial expressions to show she was in pain and it made the audience laugh.

The message in the play was to be careful and think about what you're doing but it was a balanced view because she was saying that it's hard to have a baby and look after it but it doesn't have to ruin your life.

After the show, our class asked the actress some questions and then we did a workshop. We had to make up our own monologue like the characters in the play. Sadie and Natasha were brave enough to perform theirs to the class and their work was really good.

By Julie Ann Gallagher (Year 11).



Netball success on national stage

A team of year 7 and 8 netball girls recently competed in the national Inter Academy cup held at Haberdasher's Aske's Knights Academy in London. 21 Academies had entered, making up three leagues of 7 teams. Our team finished joint second in their league and would have progressed to finals but narrowly lost out on points scored.

Mr Rowbottom commented: "The team were a credit to our Academy. They worked hard in all 6 games and dealt with victory and defeat with a great deal of maturity."

Students involved were;

Beth Nichols, Kelly Jukes Longford, Lek Chaiwas, Chloe Wright, Bianca James, Lauren Davies, Laura Brimson, Ellie Pennell, Michaela Ballard, Sophie Franklin, Carleah Hooper.



100% ATTENDANCE TEA AND CAKES

On Thursday 26th November we celebrated with those students who had 100% attendance in term 1. Mrs Winterman and many of the staff enjoyed an afternoon of tea and cakes. It seemed as though most of the academy was there, certainly far too many to mention by name here! It was fantastic to see so many committed students, well done and thanks to Miss Simons and the rest of the team for organising the afternoon.



BULLY COUNSELLORS

We are the team bully counsellors from many different houses. Every Friday of week 2 we will be coming into year seven tutors groups as follows:

Stephenson House -Macauley Moseley, Dayna Harrison and Megan Sheppard.

Moore House -Daniel Kelly, Nicole Harrop and Sky Michael.

Park House-Charlie Thompson, Scott Healy, Shanice Doncaster and Beth Nicholls.

Cousins House -Sian Warner, Liam Jenkins and Sam Edwards.

Blackwell House -Kelly Jukes Longford, Chloe Wright, Ella Frazer and Kyan Brown.

Don't be afraid to approach any of the bully counsellors, they are there to help.

Macauley Moseley (Year 8).

PUZZLE TIME:

Thank you to Miss Ladd for this puzzle, the first correct answer submitted to her wins a gift voucher for the Mall!

What number should replace the question mark in the grid below?

4	3	6	1	7
2	7	5	4	9
1	3	2	2	4
6	2	3	5	8
1	4	2	3	?

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