



# Newsletter Autumn 2



## Message from the Headteacher

As we complete our first full term it is lovely to give you some highlights and a snapshot of the wonderful things your children have been able to do, even with the pandemic restrictions!

We didn't want our Bents Green Christmas traditions like the Concert and Fair to be sacrificed and so we did them virtually for the first time. The school has been a hive of activity as the students planned, made and worked on their enterprise skills for the Virtual Christmas Fair. I would like to say thank you for supporting this venture and purchasing the wonderful items on offer.

I am sure you will agree that the Christmas concert has been a true delight. Watching the talent across all classes has been truly humbling and I know you will agree that we have some real stars in the making!

Another highlight was when we received an email from Olivia Blake MP to say that one of our Y7 students was a winner in her Christmas card competition. Congratulations Rose, we are very proud of you.

Our virtual Parents Evening reached significantly more Parents/Carers than we would normally see at school, ensuring all were a huge success. I would like to thank you all for your time and your continued support of the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff on your behalf. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that we have kept the school as "normal" as possible given the current restrictions. Their flexibility, ingenuity and creativity has been boundless and they have ensured that your children have received the support they need to enjoy this term and the festive season.

Finally, With Covid-19 being a continued threat and the school having a responsibility to inform PHE of any new school cases, please can you inform us of any students who test positive over the Christmas Break by emailing

[headteacher@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk) giving the date of the positive test. Many thanks again and I wish you and your families very safe and restful Christmas Break.

**Sacha Schofield**

## Frank Hunter is retiring!

After 34 years of dedicated service, we are so sad to say goodbye to Frank Hunter, Assistant Headteacher.

Frank joined Bents Green School in 1987 as a PE teacher. In his many years, Frank has held a number of senior positions in school, but more recently he has led our Post 16 provision at Sheaf College. Frank has been an inspirational teacher and leader. He has worked with so many students and their families over the years, teaching a range of subjects and leading many residential trips and enrichment activities. Frank is a well-respected team leader who has supported the professional development of many teachers and TAs during his service. We simply cannot imagine the place without him, but want to wish him so much luck in his retirement.



## Children in Need – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Many students followed the theme of 'Come as yourself' or as 'What I want to be when I grow up' and made a donation to BBC Children in Need for this. Students at the Ringinglow site had an extended Magic breakfast and completed a golden mile within the school grounds. Students were able to purchase wristbands at our Ringinglow, Sheaf and Gleadless sites – we were inundated with demand and had to purchase more stock! Some of our Post 16 students and staff at our Sheaf site completed a 9 mile sponsored walk around Wentworth Woodhouse, raising an incredible £185! Staff across our sites joined in a Children in Need sweepstake, and our grand total across all sites is £560! Many thanks for your support.

## Christmas Fair

This year we held our annual Christmas Fair online showcasing the items that students have created within their Preparation for Adulthood sessions. Their work has helped them achieve ASDAN Lifeskills Challenges and they've enjoyed joining in with the creative enterprise projects. Items included pot pourri, rag wreaths, lavender bags, Christmas cards and bird seed gifts. Following the online sale, students then got to practice shop assistant skills, including money, social communication and turn taking, within their bubbles selling items to their friends and staff members. We are delighted with the quality and creativeness of the items this year and thrilled to announce we raised over £250!



## Save the Children – Fri 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Lots of students and staff embraced Christmas t-shirts and jumpers in aid of raising money for Save the Children. Staff also took part in a sweepstake, and our grand total raised is £175. Thank you for supporting us with fundraising.







## Healthy Holidays Christmas Challenge

Why not try this at home in the run up to Christmas and beyond. You can download a copy from our website at <https://tinyurl.com/y54b6ggu>



## Bents Green babies

We are really excited to let you know that Amy McCormack and Sara Hamblin have both had baby girls. Mums and babies are all doing fine. More baby news in the next newsletter.....



Sign up to the school lottery at [bentsgreenschool.co.uk/parents/fobg](http://bentsgreenschool.co.uk/parents/fobg)



## Upcoming dates

**Mon 21 Dec-Fri 1 Jan, CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**Mon 4 Jan, Westfield students back to school**

**Mon 4 Jan, INSET DAY, Ringinglow and Gleadless**  
—school closed for students

**Tues 5 Jan, All students return except P16 students who are not in school, exceptional day**

**Mon 8 Feb, Exams Information Evening, Parents/Carers will receive a letter in January**

**Mon 15—Fri 19 Feb, HALF TERM**

## Donation

Asda at Handsworth were very kind in donating lots of crafting materials, paints, chalk, glue, games and beads. A big thank you from our Gleadless students and staff.



## Bents Green School Careers education logo winner

At the end of our World of Work week all students across all sites were invited to take part in a school logo competition for our Careers education. We will use this logo with all events, learning and displays linked to careers across our School community. There were many entries and the quality of designs made it a tough decision for our Governors. After lengthy discussions we are delighted to announce that the winner is Logan (7NA)



## Congratulations to Rose in 7ED

7ED entered a competition to design a Christmas card for Olivia Blake MP. We were so excited to hear that Rose had won with this design.

Well done Rose



## Christmas Concert

Whilst Bents Green Christmas Concert was slightly different this year, it didn't stop our students getting into the Christmas spirit with their performances! We had singing, dancing, jokes, poems and rap performances all filmed by Adrian 'Steven Spielberg' Symonds. You can view the Concert for a limited time only on our school website at <https://tinyurl.com/yahanxm6> Bents Green hopes to be back with 'live' performances very soon.

Happy Christmas!

Jan Copley - Music Department



## PE at Bents Green School

Bents Green have subscribed to the LINKS Schools Sport Partnership in Sheffield, which enables us to have access to a range of sporting activities and events with qualified coaches and instructors.



Through LINKS, I have arranged to have a Dance Teacher come into BG for 6 weeks socially distanced, she will be working with Sycamore Viv's class. Also through LINKS, I have contacted the Bikeability Learn to Ride Project, run by Cycle North, this has initially been offered to students in our Nurture bubble classes.

**The Squash Coaching** is being offered from a community link that I previously made but they are now working at the John Mullins Squash Academy at Fulwood Tennis and Squash Club. They are running Schools Squash Programmes with local Primary Schools and communities around Sheffield and have obtained some funding from the Yorkshire Sport Foundation to run squash activity in 2020/21 and they are very keen to support our Schools Programme. They are very keen to work with Bents Green students' again next term.

Sonia Thomas-Coleman PE Specialist Teaching Assistant

## News from Westfield Hub

A huge well done to our Y11 students in the Hub who have displayed an excellent attitude to their recent MOCK exams. At an already stressful time, we have been so impressed with our students approach to these and we hope that all their hard work pays off and they get the results they deserve.

Another big congratulations to Y9 Hub student Haadee who has won the Westfield Headteachers award not once, but twice! This award is given out to a small number of students who show an outstanding attitude to learning.



As in previous years, all Hub students have again been generously donating to the reverse advent calendar. Students have been bringing in food and essential item donations for the S20 food bank. Thank you to all of our students and their families for their generosity and kindness during these difficult times.



Merry Christmas from  
Westfield Hub