



YARROW HEIGHTS NEWS BITES

Christmas Show

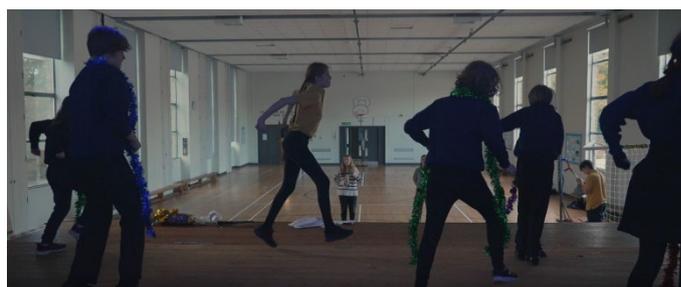
Step into Christmas.

It has been an exciting couple of weeks here at Yarrow Heights, as we have taken not just a step, but a huge leap into Christmas, in preparation for our show.

Thank you to all who joined us for the production! I hope you will agree, those pupils who were involved put on a great show. It is not easy to get up on a stage in front of an audience.

The performers have shown commitment and courage to put on this show. They have demonstrated our School Values of communication, resilience, initiative, responsibility and kindness towards each other; we are very proud of them all.

I hope you will join us as a School in congratulating their efforts, not only for the pupils actually on the stage, but also the other pupils who have been helping out behind the scenes.





Christmas Card Competition

Some of our pupils have been taking part in a Christmas card competition. They were all asked to design and create this year's school Christmas card. We have had some excellent submissions, and some really creative ideas; it was a difficult choice to select our winners.

The cards have been judged, and congratulations Atlas on designing the winning card. Of course, congratulations must also go to our two runners up Amber and Lydia, as well as all the other pupils who entered.



Poetry Writing Competition

The pupils at Yarrow Heights took part in a poetry writing competition that linked with the focus in their English lessons. We are incredibly proud of all their hard work demonstrating progress in poetry writing, scripts and stories. A big thank you to all 17 pupils who submitted their entries.

We would like to congratulate Jacob Childs for his winning poetry writing. Such a powerful poem, we are sure you will agree.

War Poem by Jacob Childs

Heartbroken am I.
Riding a bike with no wheels.
A missing link of a chain.
A lion you cannot tame.
Hoping for a return.
But hopeless am I alone.
A fly trapped in a web.
A spirit that haunts me forever.
I wish you were not dead.
You were a key part of my life.
I'm now just a blunt knife.
Seeing red every day.
I wish you didn't go away.
Every day I hear your cry.
God, I wish you didn't die.
I can feel all your pain.
I wish you were alive all again

James Ketchell

Visiting 10th January

On the 10th January we will be welcoming James Ketchell to our school.

James is the first and only person to have rowed across the Atlantic Ocean,



successfully summited Mount Everest and cycled 18,000 miles around the world, in what the media dubbed 'The Ultimate Triathlon'.

In 2019 he flew his open-cockpit gyroplane over 24,000 nautical miles around the world, in 175 days to set the first Fédération Aéronautique Internationale ratified circumnavigation for an aircraft of its type.

James' mission was to inspire a million young people in classrooms throughout the world to pursue their own dreams and goals. We hope he can bring some of this inspiration to Yarrow Heights School



and successes that lay ahead!

as we embark on a new year and focus on the challenges

Second hand Uniform



We do have a growing stock of second hand, clean school uniform across a range of sizes. If your child requires any additional items, please do let their Tutor know the required item and size, and we will arrange for these to be sent home.

There is no charge for additional uniform, but if you would like to



make a small donation to this term's school charity Age UK, that would be very much appreciated.



Even though we have all had an extremely busy year, we believe that we have made huge strides in embedding and building upon another successful term.

As a team we are especially proud of our OUTSTANDING Ofsted rating, following our inspection in early November.

Thank you all for your kind words and your support, not only during the Ofsted inspection, but throughout the year.

To achieve such an accolade from Ofsted, for a school so young, is indeed quite astonishing, and we could not have accomplished this outcome without the support of you, our parents.

We wish you a peaceful and relaxing Christmas, and we are looking forward to seeing all of the pupils back, safe and rested in the new year.

School closes at 12:30 tomorrow Friday 16th December and reopens at **08:15** on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

Karen Gaster

Headteacher



We wish you a 
**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**
**from all of the staff and
Directors at**
Yarrow Heights School