



# THE WORKS

*Merry Christmas*



**Reverend  
Cathy Porter  
School  
Chaplain**

Well, this has certainly been anything but an ordinary year. So many unexpected challenges and turns of events have been faced and met by our extraordinary school community this year. I cannot put into words just how hard everyone, staff, students and teachers alike have worked. It is a privilege to be part of this community as it has come together, helping and supporting each other. I have seen amazing creative resilience. I know we are all tired and ready for the break, but it is bitter sweet this year, with so many of us knowing we will not perhaps be able to celebrate Christmas in the ways we always have, or with the people we love. So many of the usual comforts and joys feel taken away. Within the Christmas story itself is a reminder of the things that run deeper than the familiar traditions we will miss; love and hope shown to us in the birth of a baby who many of us believe was Emmanuel – God come close to live as one of us, among us, present with us. A love and a hope many of us believe we can still experience and hold onto through life now, and a love and hope I pray you will find in the midst of all that is different and perhaps difficult this Christmas.

*Lord Jesus,  
Encircle us with your love,  
Calm our fears,  
Cheer our hearts,  
Renew our hope.  
Come, live among us!*

## NEWS

### A JUNIOR CHRISTMAS

#### Junior Christmas Card Competition

All of the children in Juniors were invited to take part in a competition to design a Christmas card. We were looking for the most innovative designs which could easily be photocopied. The prizes included some art equipment, twenty printed copies of the winning design and a chocolate treat! The runner up for lower juniors was Issi, with her cuddly Christmas hug design and the winner was Elliot with a beautiful Nativity scene in silhouette.



The runner up for upper juniors was Kitty, with her Christmas tree made from the music of The First Noel and the winner was Scarlett, with her glowing Christmas lights design. Thank you to all who took part.



#### Christmas Tree Decorating

As is now tradition, Junior children were invited to help decorate the school Christmas tree. Harry and Jesi pictured on the left did a great job, I'm sure you'll agree!



### SANTA DASH

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Junior School ran an incredible 10.64km in just over 15 minutes. Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part!



## COMMUNITY STARS PLAY FOR THE HOMELESS



On Saturday 6th December in Southwell, Kitty, Amelia, Scarlett and Elliott played Christmas carols to raise money for the homeless at Christmas. They hoped to raise £28, enough money for one homeless person to have a Christmas day through the Crisis charity but they ended up raising enough money for 6 people! The children, all students at The Minster School, set out in their own free time, out of kindness to help others less fortunate at Christmas. They have set a wonderful example to the school and local community and should be so very proud of themselves. Well done.

## UGIVE UGANDA QUIZ NIGHT



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual quiz night. This year it was on Zoom but it was just as fun as always and very competitive. With some great teams including parents, staff, and students it went down to the wire.

Eventually it was won by a team of ex-students who showed the sort of expert knowledge we would expect from our former students. Well done to the Year 12 Uganda students who organised and ran the evening. We raised £150 which will go towards continuing our sponsorship of Joan through the charity Compassion.

## CHRISTMAS END OF TERM SERVICE

To prepare for our Christmas Service this year small groups of students from each year group thought about our theme, 'comfort & joy', and found a way to express what it means to them. With the wonder of technology Year 12 students interviewed our speaker, Reverend Chris Lee who has become known through social media, TV and Radio. It is a real whole school community celebration of Christmas. Follow the link below to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W64HtKfbq4w>



## THANK YOU TO MINSTER STAFF

As a chaplaincy team we want to say a huge thank you to all the school staff who have worked so hard, been so resilient and creative and have been a source of encouragement and inspiration to the students here. We hope our bunting, put together by students and parents, has made you smile. You are so appreciated!





## HOUSE WEEK NEWS



At the end of a busy half-term, we have lots to celebrate. Congratulations to 7CR1 and 7TW3 who jointly won the key stage 3 top tutor group award for the most WORKS points collected this half term, accumulating an impressive 955 each! At key stage 4 the tutor group with the most points is 10CR3, all winners will be receiving a token which they can exchange for a home bake at Aspens our school caterers.

There have been a number of house competition results to announce this half term and the quality and number of entries from all houses have been fantastic. Special mentions for the House quiz to 9CR3 who achieved the highest total across the school. Special mentions also in the resilience competition to Emily, Naomi and Kiara for their reflective pieces of poetry, art and music. The entries to the house Christmas song were beautiful, once again showcasing the talent of our students. It took a judging panel of 11 to decide on the winning songs which are available for download with a donation towards the Teenage Cancer Trust charity via parentmail. Congratulations to Esme and Anabella who are the winners.





Final mentions to the Autumn bake off winners who were Toby, Amelia, Trinity, Lillia and Molly, fabulous cakes and once again it was really hard to judge from the 90 entries of amazingly creative cakes.

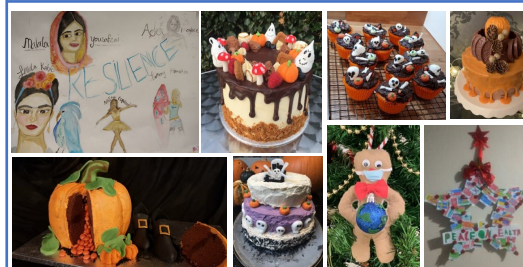
As we end this half-term the house competition is really close! Clumber and Rufford hold joint first place! Welbeck in third place, only 10 points behind followed by Thoresby.

A huge well done to all of our students for their continued hard work, wisdom, optimism, resilience, kindness and service at the end of a half-term that has been a little different, but we couldn't be prouder of our students and all they have achieved.

### Resilience by Emily

What is resilience to me?  
well, it's about how mending you can be  
not power or strength  
but courage and confidence  
to not always be incredible  
but to aspire to have competence  
It's important for life  
to be resilient all the time  
to care and bounce back  
however, much popularity you lack  
and hope you can find  
In short, it's this  
all of the above  
for example, how many poems I wrote  
before I chose the one, I was most proud  
of.

			
Minster School <b>CLUMBER</b>	Minster School <b>RUFFORD</b>	Minster School <b>WELBECK</b>	Minster School <b>THORESBY</b>
250	250	240	180



## VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



We are delighted to invite you to our online Christmas Concert 2020. This is a festive musical celebration including recorded, virtual and home performances from Minster School students. Whilst we have not been able to rehearse ensembles this term due to the COVID restrictions we are pleased to share the performances students have been working on individually at school or at home. The event will be held online through our school **YouTube channel at 7pm on Thursday 17th December**. We hope you will invite family and friends to join in by watching the event from their

own homes. Whilst we cannot all be together in the Minster this year, we still want to bring a sense of celebration and enjoyment from the occasion. We hope you will be able to join us. May we also take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas.

# LEARNING GALLERY

## GEOGRAPHY FESTIVE COMPETITION WINNERS

KS3 geographers have been channelling their understanding of geography into designing a festive Christmas decoration to 'deck the halls' and year group Christmas trees with. The level of creativity, effort and geographical flair has been incredible. Mrs Summers would like to pass on a huge thank you to all those who participated. Prizes were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and two runners up.

Ben, Year 7 – A snow globe: The potential impact of climate change on the future Christmas weather

Alexa, Year 8 – 3D geographical extravaganza

Sophia, Year 9 – Geographical creativity.

Annabelle, Year 7 – Incorporating the current Year 7 map skills unit

Natasha, Year 7 – Embracing the current World Pandemic Context

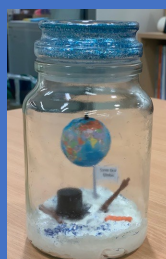
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Runner Up 2



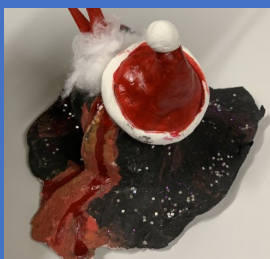
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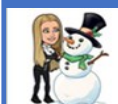
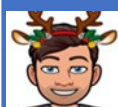
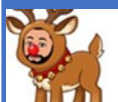
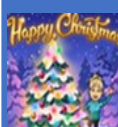
## PERFECT SANTA ART COMPETITION



Here are our winners with some of the entries for the 'Perfect Santa' Competition. It was almost impossible to choose!

Thank you for all your amazing efforts. Winners will be notified by email.

## PE CHRISTMAS SUPERSTARS



Mrs Gratton: Year 7: Sophia & Alex; Year 8: Meera & Joshua; Year 10: Arabella & Henry; Year 11: Jacob & Alice

Mr Greaves: Year 7: Jack & Indira; Year 8: Archie & Alicia; Year 9: Ethan & Ella; Year 10: Rhys & Poppy; Year 11: Matty & Ava

Mr Brookes: Year 8: Ethan; Meg; Adam & Lily; Year 10: George & Annabelle; Year 11: Lucy & Teddy; Year 12: Logan & Mathilda

Mr Brady: Year 7: Jack & Natasha; Year 8: Lydia & Seb; Year 9: Lois & Jude

Mrs Burles: Year 8: Osian & Eyde; Year 9: Josh; Joshua; Charlie & Aiden; Year 13: Hannah & Anna

Miss Brailsford: Year 7: Evie; Oliver & Betty; Year 8: Jasper & Zac; Year 12: Evelyn; Year 13: Anna

Miss Geoghegan: Year 7: Emily & Jacob; Year 8: Chloe & Harry; Year 9: Drew

## MFL LANGUAGE LEGENDS

**Y9** Amelia - Angus - Carly - Caspar - Cat - Charley  
Daniel - George - Gianluca - Grace - Henrietta - Jacob  
James - Joseph - Kai - Kelsey - Kiara Lucas - Mariam  
Pola - Reuben - Rosie - Ruari - Samuel - Scarlett  
Sophia - Tyler - Will

**Y12** Asher - Bethel - Megan - Morgan - Roshni



## WRITE A SONG FOR SOUTHWELL COMPETITION

Tina Hall, owner of Southwell Gallery musical instrument shop, has launched a very exciting competition, inviting people, of any age, to write a Song for Southwell!

It is hoped the winning song will raise spirits and inspire hope and goodwill as the town and residents begin to recover from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

To enter, please record your song in mp3 format and send it along with your lyrics to:  
[southwellgallery@gmail.com](mailto:southwellgallery@gmail.com)

The winner will win a chance to record their song in a professional recording studio, gifted by Southwell Gallery (lockdown regulations permitting so this may be in the spring).

The closing date for the competition is Christmas Eve and the winner will be announced in the January edition of The Bramley.

Good Luck and happy song writing!

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The school will close at 1pm on  
**Friday 18th December 2020**

Contract school buses will leave shortly after the end of the school day following their usual routes. Students using service buses (such as 26 and 28) should check timetables in advance to arrange their transport home on this day.

Students will return to school on  
**Tuesday 5th January 2021**

## SCHOOL RECEPTION

School reception will close at 2pm on  
**Tuesday 22nd December 2020**  
and re-open again on  
**Monday 4th January 2021**

## KEY EVENTS and UPDATES



### THE MINSTER JUNIOR SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2021



**Minster Trust**  
for education

The Minster Junior School located in Southwell, is one of Nottinghamshire's best kept secrets. The Junior School offers a musically-focused education within an outstanding state school for up to forty students in Years 3 to 6. Students are admitted to the school through an audition process based upon their musical aptitude and follow a music rich curriculum.

Once admitted, students have choral and orchestral sessions each week and time is given to aural training and music theory. Instrumental and vocal training is offered to enrich and extend the students musical experience. The school has close links with Southwell Minster Cathedral to support the education of the boy and girl choristers.



Each year students excel in their Key Stage 2 exams through the specialist teaching they receive. A normal school day consists of learning in the core areas of English and Maths in the morning followed by other curriculum areas in the afternoon; music takes the lead on two of these afternoons.

The school is currently welcoming applications to join Year 3 in September 2021. Further details regarding the admissions process, and the Junior School itself is on the school's website:  
[www.minster.notts.sch.uk/joiningourjuniorschool](http://www.minster.notts.sch.uk/joiningourjuniorschool)

## KEY DATES:

**Monday 4th January 2021:**  
INSET day school closed to students

**Tuesday 5th January 2021:**  
Students return to school

**Wednesday 11th January to 22nd January 2021:**  
Year 13 mock exams

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# THE MINSTER SCHOOL

**A musically-focused education for boys and girls from  
Years 3-13 within an outstanding state school and home to  
the Southwell Minster Choristers**



**School places available for students who demonstrate musical  
aptitude entering Years 3,4,5 and 6 in September 2021.**

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