

Brightside

DECEMBER 2022



Dear all,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope that you have a great holiday. We have had a fantastic first part to the academic year and I am very proud of how our school community has done; I can't believe that we have achieved so much in such a short amount of time. Students and staff have settled well, the new uniform is looking great (please ensure that all students continue to have full uniform in January), the behaviour system has allowed us to reduce disruption in classes and students are celebrating success both in the classroom and beyond. It has been great to be able to put on more live events and trips which have been well received; these will continue throughout 2023.

As we enter the Christmas break, for the vast majority of us, it is a time to celebrate and have fun with our loved ones. However, it is a very sobering realisation to know that for some of our students and families, this time is a very difficult period. So for those, I would like to say please take care and ask for help and support when you need it. I would also like to publicly thank various members of our school community (governors, businesses and parents) for their amazing generosity in supporting certain students this week by giving gifts to them; I hope you realise the enormity of what this has meant to them.

So, please take care and enjoy the holiday. I look forward to catching up with everyone when the students return on Thursday 5th of January.

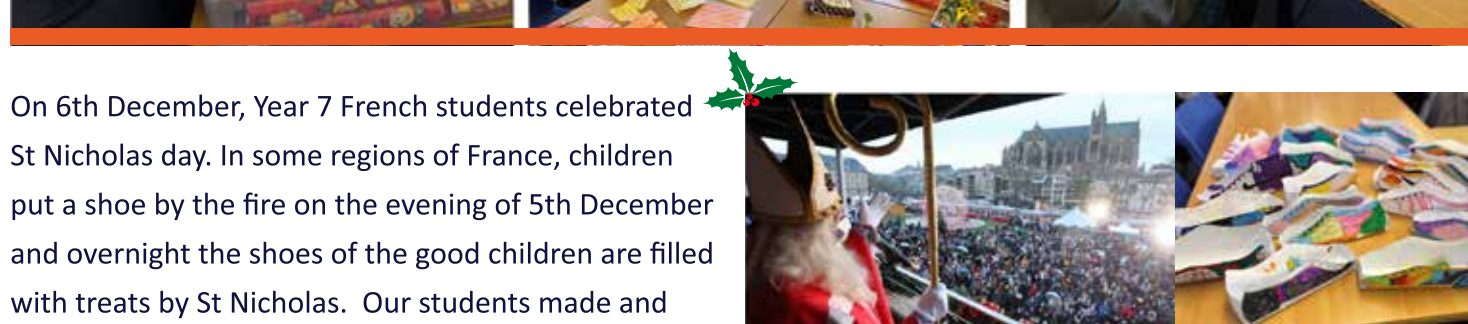
Merry Christmas all.

Neil Pritchard

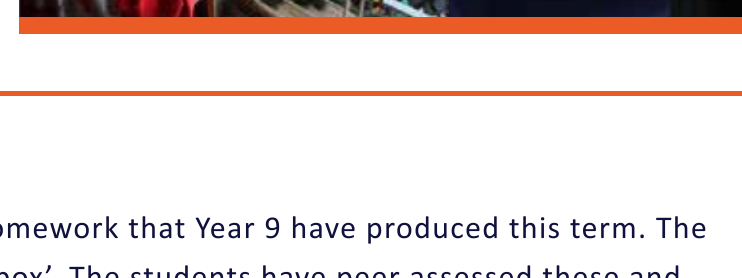
HEAD TEACHER

MFL - MISS ROBERTS

Our year 7 students have been busy making Christmas crackers to send to our partner school in France. Each cracker was filled with a joke, a paper crown, a British Christmas recipe and some typically British sweets. We are looking forward to receiving our French crackers in return!

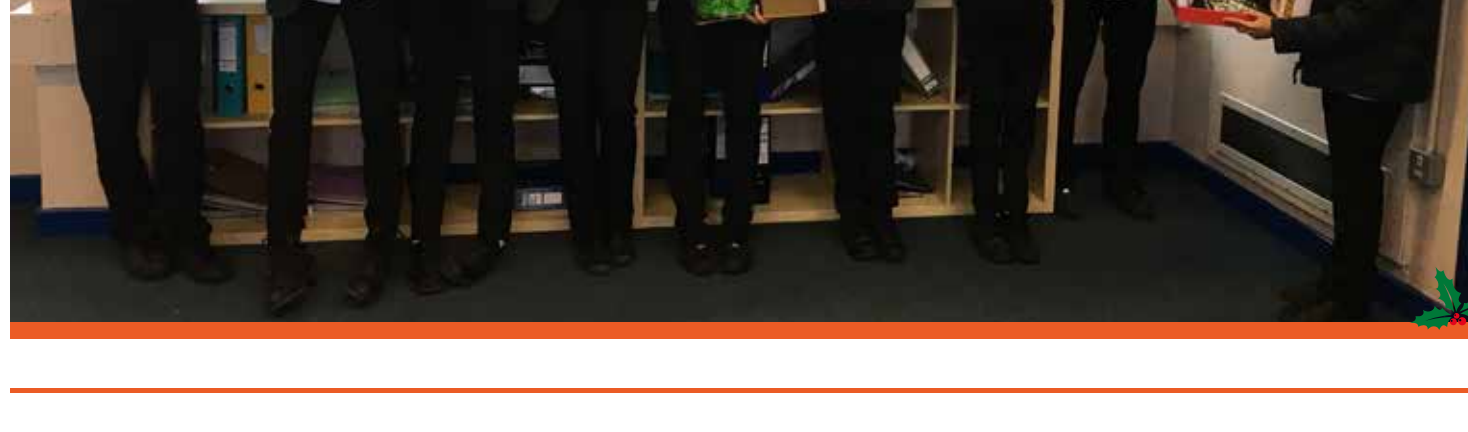


On 6th December, Year 7 French students celebrated St Nicholas day. In some regions of France, children put a shoe by the fire on the evening of 5th December and overnight the shoes of the good children are filled with treats by St Nicholas. Our students made and decorated a paper shoe to copy this tradition. Each shoe was then filled with some sweets.



GEOGRAPHY - MISS LYTHER

I have been really impressed with the quality of homework that Year 9 have produced this term. The image shows a fantastic range of 'mega-cities in a box'. The students have peer assessed these and there was some really positive feedback. We also practised a 1 minute script which was presented to the class for positive learning points and chocolate. We have well done to all students for working so hard on this. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2023.

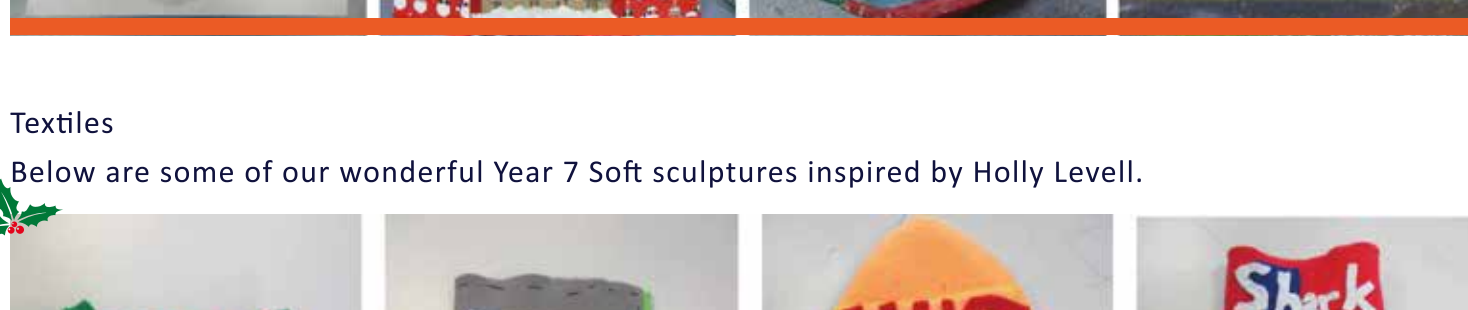


PE - MR CLAPTON

Congratulations to the year 10 and 11 footballers who have successfully reached the quarter finals of the school's cup after beating Sarum Academy and the Ridgeway School, who are both significantly bigger than us so it is a great achievement for them, we are all looking forward to the next round!

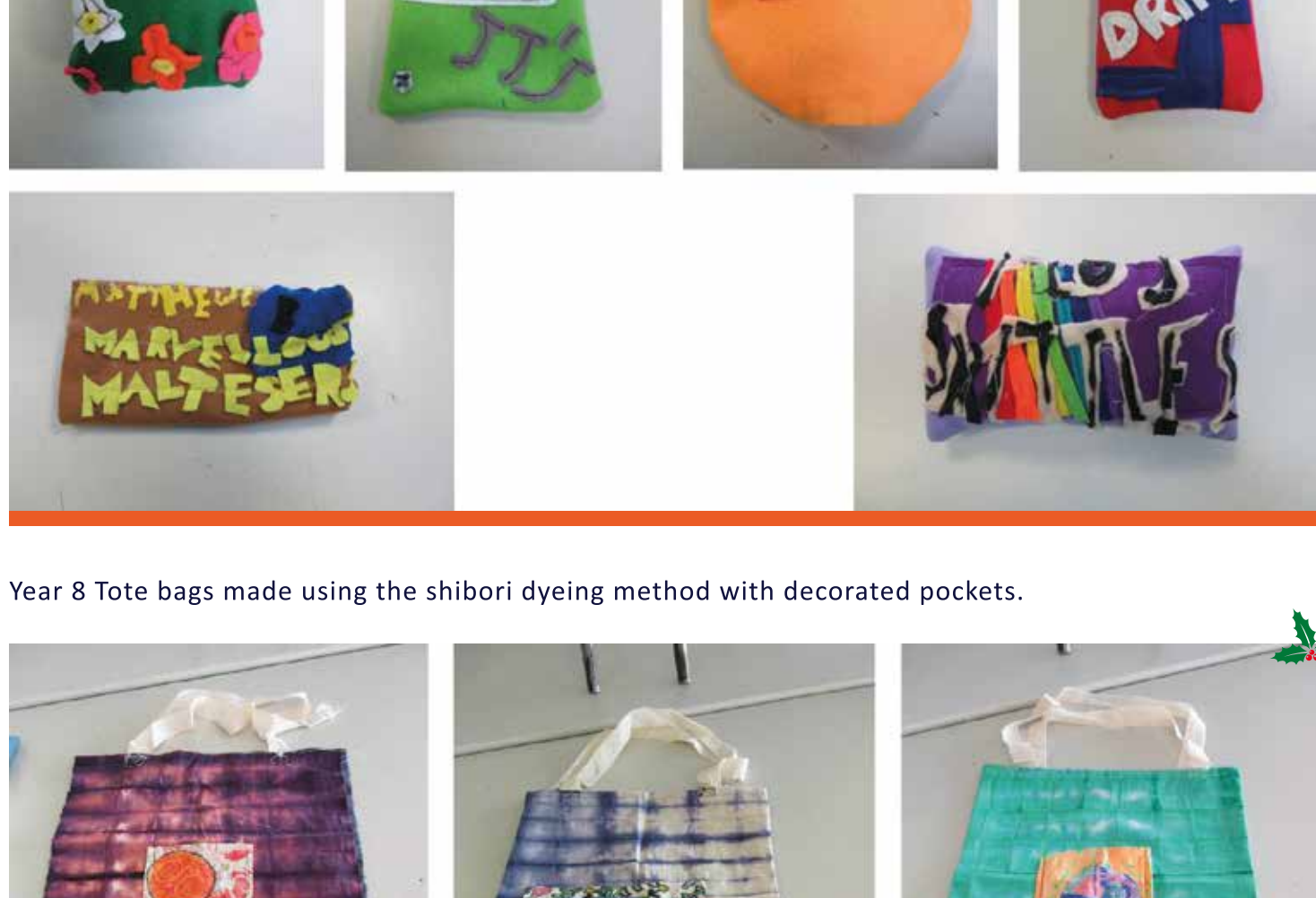
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES - MRS SLATER

Art
We had a mega art attack linked to our Abstract Advent event last week. E Cooper Year 7, decorated the lawns at PVS, and Mrs Simons kindly sent up her camera drone to capture this large transient artwork. Thanks to all involved and for E Coopers grand ambitions. We have had some great entries from Year 7 this year. Well done to all those who entered and created some great work.



Textiles

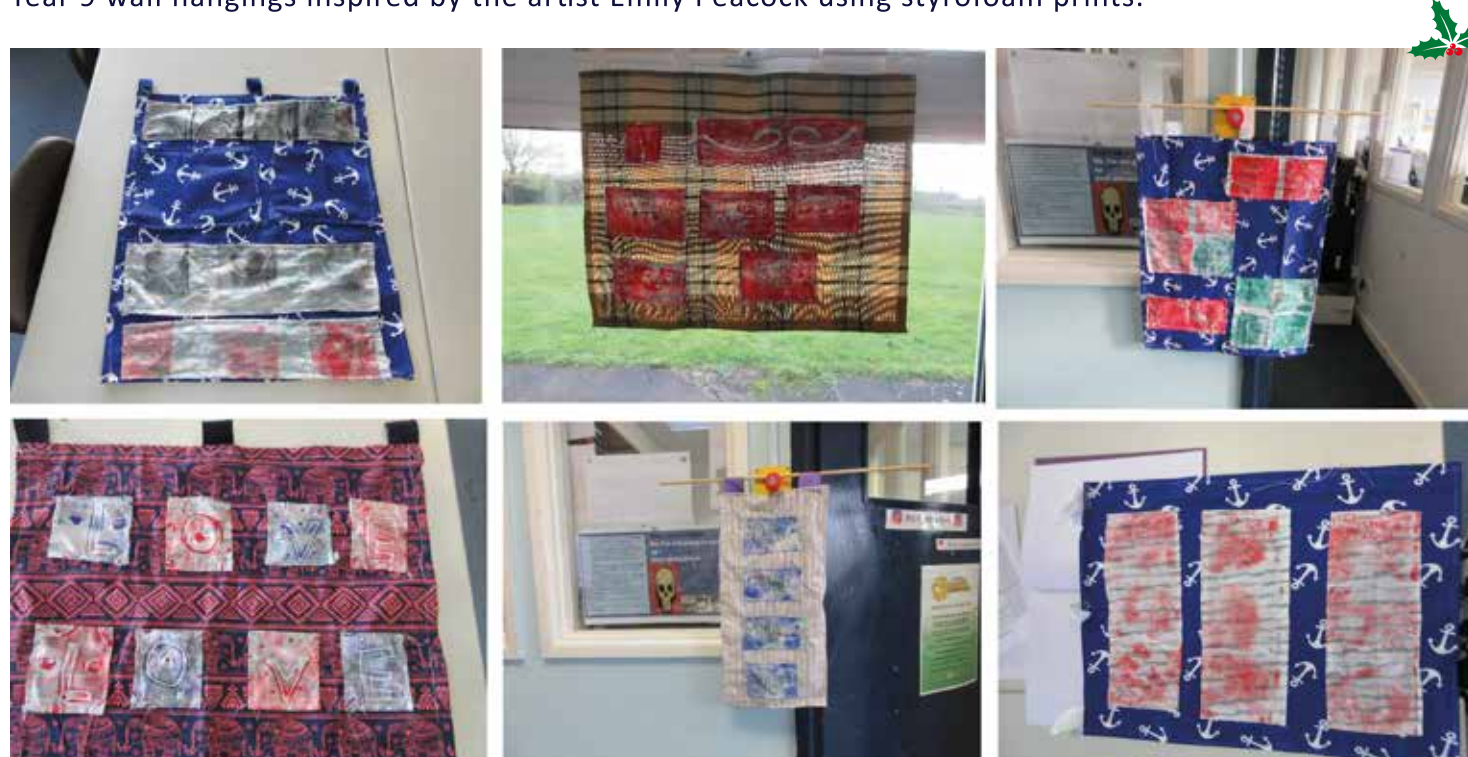
Below are some of our wonderful Year 7 Soft sculptures inspired by Holly Levell.



Year 8 Tote bags made using the shibori dyeing method with decorated pockets.

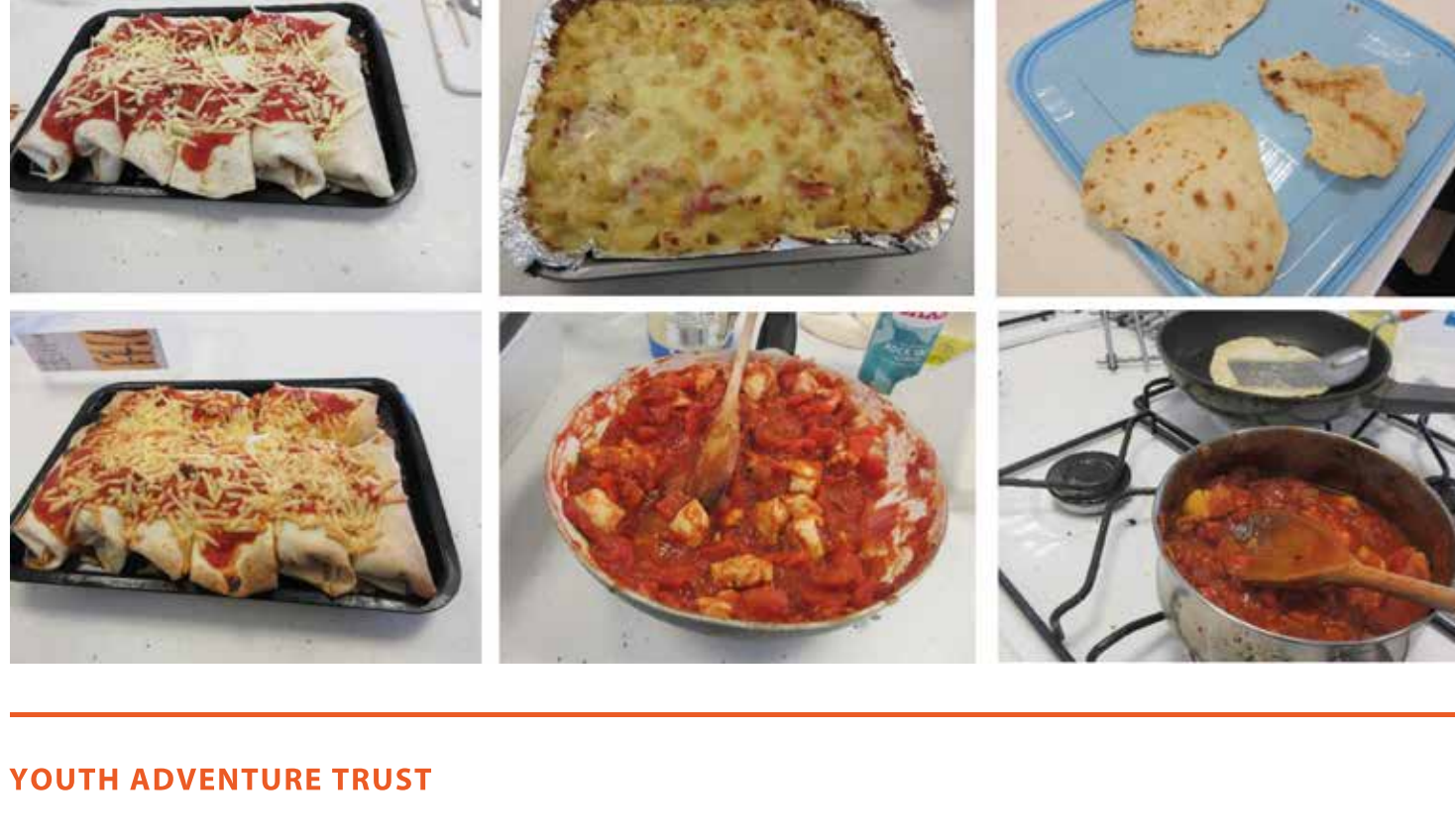


Year 9 wall hangings inspired by the artist Emily Peacock using styrofoam prints.



FOOD TECH - MRS KEY

The last cooking module of the year for Year 9 featured enchiladas, curry with flat breads and macaroni cheese. These all looked and smelled brilliant, well done everyone.



YOUTH ADVENTURE TRUST

It was lovely to see students getting involved in the Thriving Through Venture on 30th November. It was a really good session where students used photography and music to investigate different elements of themselves. We are looking forward to two more sessions next year.

DEVIZES EISTEDDFOD

A number of students created entries to send in to the Creative Arts section of the Devizes Eisteddfod. Below is the run-down for the awards received at the Eisteddfod. Congratulations to all of our students who entered.

Trophies for Outstanding work

N Perkins, A Clune

Medals for Outstanding work

Z Awoodun x2, E Balding

Certificates

Commended

O Merritt, M Sherwood, R Roberts, LM Angel,

R Mackinder, L Thacker, J Gardener

Merit

E Baker, T Oakey, E Malley, S Young,

R Mackinder, E Wheatley

On Tuesday the 29th of November a representative of the Devizes Eisteddfod came to our school to adjudicate twelve musical entries. We would just like to congratulate the following students for participating and achieving such good results! You really made us very proud.

F Batty (vocals) – Commended

S Nicholson (cornet) – Distinction

S Bernard-Sherburn (piano) – Commended

S Bernard-Sherburn (flute) – Distinction

J Nicholson (clarinet) – Commended

H Stinton (drumkit) – Commended

A Merritt (piano) – Commended

J Price (drumkit) – Distinction

F Ward (electric guitar) – Distinction

J Ward (drumkit) – Distinction

Z Awoodun (piano) – Commended

A Caldwell (electric guitar) - Distinction

ABRSM EXAMINATIONS - MRS DU TOIT

We would just like to congratulate the following three students who took the external ABRSM Music examination on the 2nd of December.

Z Awoodun (Piano Grade 3) – High Pass

S Bernard-Sherburn (Flute Grade 3) – High Pass

S Nicholson (Cornet in Bb Grade 3) – Merit

Your perseverance and hard work certainly paid off. Well done!



LIBRARY - MRS SHEPPY

Congratulations to the following students who have scored the most points in their quizzes for Accelerated Reader.

Yr7

Olyvia

Scarlett

Bea

Y8

Jasmine

Kupa

Bethany/Tyler

Y9

Xander

Cody

William

Well done all of you.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We supported Christmas Jumper Day in school on Thursday 8th December. We have now counted the donations received and have raised £175.43 for Save the Children. This will be increased to £350.86 as the UK Government have announced it will double all donations to Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day campaign in response to a worsening food crisis across drought-hit East Africa.



PVS FOODBANK TEAM - MR LEWIS

Firstly, we would like to say an enormous thank you for the overwhelming display of support shown by yourselves for our first foodbank non-school uniform day. As a result of your incredible generosity and kindness, we now have a store of almost 1000 food items, toiletries and other items with which we hope to help those in need in our community.

The level of support shown for our foodbank has been inspiring; to see the sheer quantity of items donated; seeing individuals carrying bag-loads has really exemplified the goodness in our community, so again, from all of us on the foodbank team, thank you!

With winter now upon us we would like to get as many of the goods that we have in to the hands of the people who really need it. Within school, our team are on hand to help should students wish to collect food to take home. They are available before school, during break and lunch times and after school and are identifiable by their green badges. If they are unsure of who to see, their tutors can point them in the right direction.

Alternatively, if you yourself, your family or someone you know need some support, please do get in contact via the school office in January and we will supply you and fill your needs to the best of our ability. If you are still able to make donations, these are very much welcome, to allow us to continue to help as much as we can.

Once more, Thank-you, we hope you have a Merry Christmas!

