



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message

With the Christmas holidays fast approaching, I have to say I really am feeling very festive. The Tea Dance this week was an absolute triumph (though my dancing skills were somewhat outdone by our guests). Each time we host an event for the community at school, I am reminded of just how important it is that a school serves its local community.

Last week, we launched our Christmas Hamper Competition and once again I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community. The food items that are donated will be taken to

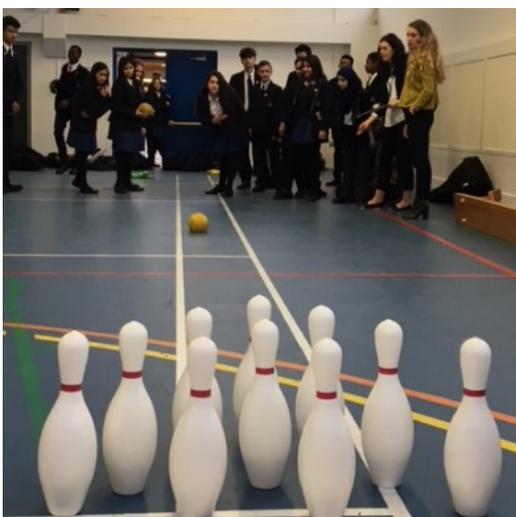
a local food bank to help those in need over the Christmas period and it has been lovely to see the hampers filling up so quickly. Currently, Aequitas are leading but with a week to go I think I might have to go out and buy 4 more hampers. I'm so proud to say we have a community who is so thankful of what they have, and so committed to giving to those less fortunate.



We are always happy to have visits from the local primary schools and our local residents. At this time of year especially, we should be grateful for the opportunity to give back to others and to share what we have.

As ever, next week's lessons will be full of challenge right up to the holidays. Make sure you are completing your homework and working hard to memorise your learn lists.

House Bowling Competition with Mr Cheetham



On Wednesday, the gym was transformed into a bowling alley to host the house bowling competition. Both pupils and teachers gave it their best shot, and there were an impressive number of strikes. Unfortunately, there were also a number of total misses; Ms Venegas and Ms Mackay to name a few. As always the competitive spirit was high from all houses, but it was Unitas who took the win for the week. Caritas were second, leaving Aequitas and Veritas in 3rd and 4th places respectively. Next week we will be having a pie eating competition. I would say get practising but I'm not sure exactly how!



Tea Dance

On Thursday, we opened our doors for the highlight of Mr Wilson's year, our annual Tea Dance. Almost 40 members of the local community joined us for an afternoon of festive cheer, with mince pies and Baileys for all (not the staff and students, I hasten to add). The afternoon was filled with music, bingo, and dancing. It was wonderful for our year 7 pupils to have the opportunity to spend some time getting to know the older members of your community and I'm not sure who was more competitive when it came to the bingo, guests or pupils. A few of the guests actually attended the school as pupils themselves and it was great to hear their stories of how the school had evolved throughout the years. Our choir gave a beautiful performance, for which we must thank Mr Clarke. It was a great afternoon and we are already looking forward to next year's.



Getting to know you— Mr Horley

Name: Mr Horley

Job: Teacher of Mathematics

Favourite Book: 1984 by George Orwell. It was so good I read it twice (and it made a lot more sense second time round).

Interesting fact about me: I once cycled a stage of the 'Tour de France'

1st impressions of THA: The atmosphere in the corridors really struck me. I love that every pupil says good morning to you, whether you teach them or not.



Key dates for week beginning December 11th —week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday, 11th December	8.30—9.00
Christmas Dinner	Tuesday, 12th December	1pm
PTA Cake Sale	Friday, 15th December	11.15-11.45am
PTA Hamper Raffle	Friday, 15th December	End of Term Assembly
Last day of term	Friday, 15th December	Finish—1pm



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