



SMSC Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

November was a busy month at the Academy, with a number of fundraising events and some other exciting activities taking place. Interest in the school house system has really increased and all houses are currently voting on their mottos, which are inspired by their namesake. Every week, the house with the best attendance is announced and currently in the lead is Turing! We have also been considering the intent of the school and have come up with three words which encapsulate what we aim to do: Aspire, Explore and Engage.

Over the following month, we will be learning about Hanukkah and Christmas, as our Themes of the Week, and we encourage you to discuss these at home.

Yours faithfully,

Samantha Graper - Senior Leader SMSC



Chamber Choir perform at the Royal Albert Hall

The Academy was invited by Lincolnshire Music Service to take part in a really exciting performance in November. Chamber Choir joined over 400 young musicians from across the county to perform a 9-minute Beyoncé medley at the Music For Youth Prom, which took place at the Royal Albert Hall. They had to attend rehearsals in Grantham before the actual performance and the day itself was very long, setting off at 8:30am and returning at 1am! All the pupils were brilliant representatives of the school and performed with confidence and spirit. At the performance, the performers watched a message recorded by Beyoncé's father, which very exciting, and this experience will undoubtedly remain with them all for a very long time.



Photography Competition

We had lots of fantastic entries to our Harvest Photography Competition and here are the winners. Amber Moss, Eva Stroud and Owen Wheeler were all Highly Commended and Lottie-Rose Branch was the winner, with her beautiful picture of a tractor ploughing the fields. Well done to everyone!

Photographers
(clockwise): Amber Moss,
Owen Wheeler, Lottie-
Rose Branch, Eva Stroud



Thank you very much for all
the donations for Christmas
Shoeboxes, which were
collected ready to send off.

UAH Remembers

The Academy held a series of events to mark Remembrance, which included special assemblies and the Army, Air and Sea Cadets being invited to attend school in their uniform on 11th November. Year 7 attended a special assembly, at which Chamber Choir performed music and Y10 pupil Daniel Almey read a poem he had written himself.



UAH Eco Team raised £213.53 in a cake stall and have purchased a Terra-Cycle Crisp Packet recycling bin for the canteen.



The whole Academy observed two minutes silence and representatives of the School Council also attended the service at the War Memorial in town. In the two weeks leading up to Remembrance, School Council members also sold poppies during lunchtime. We are also extremely grateful to the Art Department, who created another poignant display on the main window.

More Fundraising

On Monday 14th November, pupils were invited to wear odd socks to school, to support Anti-Bullying. We also held a poster competition, with results to be published soon. On Friday 18th November, UAH had a Non-Uniform Day in aid of Children in Need. There was also a Dance-athon at lunchtime and it was super seeing pupils putting lots of effort into supporting these excellent causes.



Forthcoming Dates

- ◇ Awards Assemblies and Rewards Afternoons Last week of term
- ◇ School Council Christmas Competitions Last week of term
- ◇ Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 14th December.
- ◇ House Christmas Tree Decorating Competition Wednesday 14th December



We were pleased to welcome the Oddballs Foundation, who came to speak to Year 10 and 11 boys about Testicular Cancer. It was a very important and informative assembly. For further details, please see their website: www.theoddballsfoundation.com