



11 January 2019

Dear Parents, Colleagues, Governors and Students of the school.

Welcome to the first Read School Newsletter of the new year. I hope you are all refreshed and full of positivity, ready to take on the challenges of the New Year. A new gym regime, a dryer January (than December at least) and an eye wateringly boring diet. All of these resolutions and more we can look forward to breaking with great gusto over the course of the next few weeks!

We start the school year with a quick glance over our shoulder at the previous term, where Year 11 pupils participated in a very festive viewing of...

A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens

On Tuesday 11 December, Miss Cross and I took the Year 11 English Literature GCSE students to Leeds to see a production of *A Christmas Carol*. As the students are studying the text for their exam, seeing it performed was valuable revision. After some free time in Leeds for shopping and eating, we rendezvoused at the theatre, which is currently being redeveloped and renamed from the West Yorkshire Playhouse to Leeds Playhouse. The current auditorium is a temporary one, but as may be seen from the photo it is both spacious and comfortable. The set was atmospheric and very well-designed so that action could take place on two levels.



A very festive looking stage set!

It was a lively production incorporating singing and dancing, plus some elements **not** found in Dickens' story such as Father Christmas and two reindeer. (The pupils were greatly amused by my horror at these additions.) However, the panto-styled Ghost of Christmas Present brought *A Christmas Carol* effectively into the twenty-first century and added a freshness to the story. All in all, it was certainly worth going to see, and Miss Cross and I would like to thank Dr Staves and Mr Voisey for doing the driving.

Helen Hewson

Oxford University Visit for Year 11 and 6th Form Pupils:
Thursday 10 January

Yesterday, Mrs Ainley presided over a joint trip with Carlton Holy Familyg v n n School to Oxford University to allow interested pupils the opportunity of seeing some excellent lectures. The pupils had a full day of meetings, seminars and lectures which they found very enjoyable and a source of considerable inspiration! Watch this space for a more forensic view of the day's proceedings from Francesca Turton, in Year 11.



Read Y11 and 6th Form pupils with the headmistress, wowed by the sights and sounds of Oxford University.

Sheffield Young Voices Competition: Tuesday, 8 January

Mrs Wake and Mrs Newman **Young Voices 2019**

A group of the Junior School pupils were straight into the thick of the action at Young Voices on the very first day of term! Full of excitement, we left school just after lunch and made the journey down to Sheffield Fly DSA Arena.



In our seats, looking for which other schools we could spot!



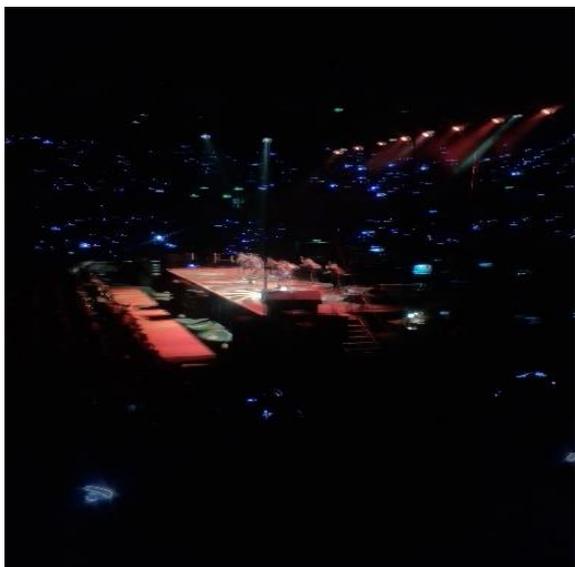
Future boy band?

We queued, along with hundreds of other children, to find our seats which, luckily, gave us a great view of the stage. The children rehearsed along with the other 4800+ children throughout the afternoon and learned a little about the guest stars – Beau Dermott (who was a Britain's Got Talent finalist) Charlene Hector (who was the lead singer of Basement Jaxx) and Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet. His appearance had many of the female teachers (from other schools!) in quite a fluster, however the children were pretty clueless as to who he was for obvious reasons. All three were superb live singers and had the children and audience completely gripped. Another highlight of the trip for the children soon came round – teatime.

Then followed the eager search for their parents in the audience as they arrived. Mrs Addinall had the foresight to wear a bright pink coat, so we located our group of parents quite easily. Lots of mad waving followed.

The concert itself was magnificent, as always, and the children were extremely enthusiastic with their singing and dance moves, as were the parents, who all had to get involved at one stage, thanks to the Urban Strides dance group. A late night for the first day of term, but it was certainly worth it and we're already looking forward to YV 2020!

Mrs Wake



Urban Strides getting the parents to “move it,



Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet performing ‘Gold’

Food Technology Trip to Arla Dairy: Thursday 10 January

We went to the Arla Dairy production company earlier today. We started in a classroom and talked about the different dairy products they make such as milk, cheese and butter. Then we had a talk about the stages of “milk in a cycle” diagram.

Then we went round on a tour of the factory with our tour guide, Alison. We walked for half an hour down a hallway whilst looking down through the windows at the workers below, all the workers wore high visibility jackets and hair nets if needed.



Year 8 and a dairy cow; posing for a photo. The former were told to say “cheese”, the latter to make it.

As we walked past the various windows she talked about what was happening in the machines below. I found out that full fat milk (blue) only contains about 4% fat and skimmed milk (red) only contains about 0.02% fat! I found that very interesting. The factory also made their own plastic milk cartons where they heated plastic until it was almost in a liquid then put in a mould where they would then blow air into it which would inflate into the size of carton they wanted: this called a blow-moulding process.

When they were loading the milk on to the trucks they were in racks: some of which would weigh ½ a ton! They tested the milk at different stage as not all the milk was good enough, some had antibiotics in as if a cow is ill and they give them antibiotics it can get passed to the milk and should not be used. Some had a strawberry or garlic flavour, this got in by the cows wondering into another field and eating what it was not supposed to. They test for water to make sure the farmers weren’t watering down the milk, this would make it look like there was more milk therefore they would get more money.



When they were storing the milk the fridge (which is about 200m long) it would be 3 degrees centigrade so all the workers had their woolly hats and jumpers on. The scale of the factory was enormous it was so much bigger than I actually thought it would be.

In conclusion I had a really good time and I learned lots during this visit and the visit linked in well with all our food lessons.

By Joe Scholefield, 8JB

Read Music Successes



Two pupils from Junior School took ABRSM examinations at the end of last term and were successful in their Grade 2 examinations: Evelyn Crompton took Grade 2 piano and Oliver Worthington Grade 2 cornet. Congratulations to both on their fantastic achievement! The school is now a centre for ABRSM practical and theory examinations, and is happy to continue to accept both internal and external candidates for examination.

Oliver and Evelyn: proudly clutching their certificates

Fixture Arrangements for Saturday 12 January

The U14 and U16 girls Netball teams will be leaving at 8.30am prompt (meet just before) on Saturday in order to play away at Hipperholme School. We should return back to school for around 1.00pm (N.B. Slightly earlier than the original schedule). The same arrangements apply for the boys' football team.

Mrs S Prosser and Mr B Garrard

Happy New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Mark Voisey'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a long horizontal line.

Mark Voisey.