

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



Our U6 choir recorded in St Mark's Church Broomhill on Thursday, in preparation for our virtual end of term carol service. This year the carol service will be viewed by students on the final day of term, Friday 11 December at 11.30am, just before breaking up for the holiday. As well as the choir, our school chaplain Mr Jones has been busy recoding bible readings and his Christmas message to make sure the service contains all the usual festivities. We will provide information soon for parents to join us for this special event.

MedSoc Inspiration

This Thursday lunchtime Medsoc were delighted to welcome Dr Firth, a Veterinarian with a specific interest in antimicrobial resistance, to speak to the society. He started his talk exploring the topic of antibiotic resistance which was of particular relevance for U6 medical applicants before talking about his varied career as a Vet. Next week the society will welcome a Senior Lecturer from Sheffield University to talk about Biomedical Science. Both speakers are parents of Birkdale students who are giving up their time to talk because they are passionate about their careers and want to share their interest and support our students in their future career decisions.

Bake-off Goes Global



It was an international theme in this week's S3 Birkdale Bake-off. The sixteen contestants arrived in the tent with their mouth-watering goodies, which ranged from a Swiss roll to Indian syrup doughnuts, and took in countries including Mexico, Spain, The USA and Bangladesh. Despite stiff competition, George Wayman's astoundingly professional Black Forest Roulade was victorious – well done George! Next week is the final round for S3 bakers – bring on the Christmas fare!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30 November
OGR Interviews sent to Parents

Tuesday 1 December
L6 Parents Evening (Parent Cloud) – 5.00 pm

Wednesday 2 December
U15A, U14A, U14B House
Rugby "Bubble" Competition – 4.30 pm

Thursday 3 December
U13A, U13B, U12A, U12B
House Rugby "Bubble"
Competition – 4.30 pm

Friday 4 December
Photo Day 2 (Sixth Form plus those pupils who were unable to have their photos taken on Photo Day 1).

Deadline for Entries for all Senior School Scholarships and Bursaries

Politics Forum – 12.45 – 1.15 pm

House Sport



House rugby reached its climax this week with final rounds being played in all competitions S1 – S4. Well done to everyone who took part, results have been published on the school website. Following the culmination of the rugby competition pupils will have the opportunity to represent their house in table tennis, football and orienteering before the end of term.

We are also delighted to announce that Saturday sport will return on 5 December. Sessions will be run at Castle Dyke in year group bubbles and pupils will be able to compete in a year group football competition – please see your Birkdale Post for more information.

Sartorial Fundraising



To help raise funds for this year's school charity – Golddigger Trust, we have designed our very own Birkdale face mask. These have been very popular and the first batch has already sold out – but don't worry we have more coming soon. So far we have raised over £1,000! As we approach the end of term we will also have a Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 10 December to raise funds for Paces charity. We will also serve a Christmas themed meal at lunch on that day to celebrate the end of term.

School Photo Day – Take Two!

Next Friday, 4 December, the school photographer will again be in school to take individual photographs. All Sixth Form pupils will have their photograph taken as well as anyone who missed out last time. Each pupil will be given an order form which they should bring home with them after school. This features a QR code which you can scan with your phone for instant access to the photos; alternatively, you can just order online in the usual way at www.schoolphotographs.co.uk using the photo ID and key quoted on the order form.

It is always a very great pleasure and privilege to tell you about the achievements of our pupils both in and outside of their involvement at Birkdale. Please do not hesitate to contact me at prking@birksdaleschool.org.uk if you ever have any news about your child that you would like to have included in the bulletin.