



# SIX VILLAGES

*We provide Excellence for All because there is Excellence in All*



## CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

Thank you so much to our students, staff and their families for the astonishing response to our charity fundraising for the Trussell Trust. A mountain of donations of food, toiletries and Christmas gifts flooded in during the penultimate week of term, all of which will be taken to the foodbank in Bognor Regis, with the gifts being distributed to families in need through The Salvation Army and West Sussex Family Support.

Thank you to #iWill Year 9 students Immy, Hazel, Molly and Farrin for helping to sort donations.

"It's amazing how many people have pulled together to donate so many items."

**Hazel**

*"We are very grateful and can't wait to pass the donations on to the Trussell Trust to distribute."* **Molly**

The last day of term was also a fundraising day for Save the Children through donations for a non-uniform/Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you once again for your generous donations.



## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

For a number of weeks, Mrs Janet Jones (mum of our Head of Science, Ms Jones) has been raising money for Six Villages through sales of her knitted Christmas novelties. She also donated the wonderful prizes in our Christmas Raffle to raise money for specialised Science and Mathematics equipment for the students.

The raffle was drawn on Tuesday afternoon by Mr Slaughter and the winners are as follows:

### 1st prize Christmas hamper:

Mrs Lawrence

### Runner up prizes:

**Wine basket** - parent of year 11 student

**Soap and glory bath set** - Mrs Martin, parent of year 7 student

**Tassimo coffee machine** – Mrs Eggins, parent of year 8 student

**Christmas treats and games bag** – Mrs Hart, parent of year 10 student

**Crockpot Slow cooker** – Mrs Hamblin, parent of year 7 and year 11 students

**Christmas throw** – Mrs Sonntag, parent of year 7 student

**Lindt chocolates** – parent of year 7 student

**Musical biscuit tin and biscuits** – Mrs Daines, parent of year 7 student

**Male and female Lynx sets** – parent of year 8 student

**Christmas sock game** – parent of year 7 student

**2 bottles of Shloer and a Chocolate Orange** – Mrs Jefferies, parent of year 7 and year 8 students

As a school we were overwhelmed with the support from the community to help raise money. Combining the money raised by the Christmas knitting from Mrs Janet Jones, the raffle of prizes she donated and the fantastic support from the staff and parents means we have raised £833.

We will update you as to what this will be spent on in the future.



## YEAR 7 MUSIC—'TERM TO LEARN'

Here at Six Villages, we run a unique music programme for our students. All Year 7 students are provided with, and learn how to play the violin during one term of Year 7. This program enables students to focus on the basics of one instrument, learn how to look after this, understand and follow some basic notation, and learn pieces and perform regularly as part of a class group. Students who wish to continue after the initial term are able to continue, as part of a smaller group through enrichment free of charge.

The group of Year 7 students participating in 'term to learn' on the violin in the autumn began by learning how to hold the violin; firstly in rest position and in "banjo" position (where the violin is held like a guitar) and finally full standing position. The group have progressed through several pieces, which has introduced them to the violin's open note names. Initially these pieces were played "pizzicato" (with fingers), before moving on to playing with the violin bow (or "arco").

Students have learned to hold the bow correctly (if you see a Year 7 practising picking up a pencil - that's most likely bow hold practice!) and are building their bow hand strength with window wiper exercises!

Beyond their weekly group lessons, students are able to take their instruments home to access Charanga; an online learning resource, where they are able to practise set homework pieces, play violin-related games and create avatars of themselves with points earned while practising.



Watch clips of this group's sessions over on our **Facebook page**, including a very special bonus clip: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"!



## YOUNG CARERS RECEIVE LAPTOPS

Thanks to a fabulous scheme - #YoungCarersConnect - from Chichester Festival Theatre, six young carers from Six Villages have received complimentary laptops, delivered by CFT staff Poppy and Ben.

The laptops come with everything the students need to stay connected to digital learning and connect with other young carers to build friendships in a safe environment, as well as a package of online arts activities to educate, entertain and inspire.

Our students and their families are so grateful to CFT and their generous donors who have made this possible.

[Click here](#)  
to read more about the  
scheme on the  
Chichester Festival  
Theatre website



## “A CHRISTMAS CAROL”—LIVESTREAMED FROM LONDON’S OLD VIC THEATRE

On 16 December, our Year 11 drama students took their (socially-distanced) seats in the academy to watch the livestream of ‘A Christmas Carol’ starring Andrew Lincoln from London’s The Old Vic Theatre. Part of the OLD VIC: IN CAMERA productions, this performance was rehearsed, performed and livestreamed within strict Covid-secure guidelines, and is a brilliant example of the way the theatre industry has had to adapt to the challenges that 2020 has brought.

The course requirement to see live theatre certainly was an impossible challenge this year, but we are sure this innovation production was able to give them additional and new perspectives on theatre-making.



Watch a ‘behind-the-scenes’ video and an interview with Andrew Lincoln who plays Scrooge [here](#)

## 100% ATTENDANCE—DECEMBER ‘LUCKY DIP’


During December, Mrs Gavin ran ‘lucky dips’ to reward 100% attendance amongst our Year 7 students.

Congratulations to winning ‘lucky dip’ students Eva, Lexi, Alexis, April, Esme, Hayden, Will, Erin, Daisy, Evie, Kristian, Chloe and Lily who each win a bag of chocolate coins!



## A MERRY LITTLE ‘OATMAS’

Congratulations to Six Villages students Amber, Amy, Chloe, Ella, Finn, Hania, Josh, Lilly, Marie and Taylor who feature in a festive song from our OAT family! Students and staff across the trust have been singing their hearts out to deliver this Christmas message, to remind us about the beautiful message of this festive period, in what has been a challenging year for all. Watch the video “A Merry Little OATmas” on our **Facebook page**, as well as the complete version of the song as recorded by our wonderful **Six Villages Singers**—Josh, Amber, Taylor, Chloe, Amy, Ella Marie and Finn in Year 8 and Hania and Lilly in Year 7.



Watch the Six Villages Singers on our **Facebook page**



## OAT SUMMER ARTS COMPETITION

Certificates have now been awarded to all the winners and entrants—well done again to winners Amy, Jack and Daisy, all in Year 8, and the other students who took part—Year 8 students Taylor, Amelia, and Tess, Jake, Bradley, Molly and Maddison from Year 9.



## VIRTUAL 5K CHALLENGE

Well done from Miss Hull to all students who competed in the 5K Challenge this term to run/cycle 5k or more. The aim was to help Six Villages travel the 523km from Westergate to Paris, and you'll be delighted to know that collectively we actually ran/cycled 620km as a team! A particular well done to Jake in Year 10, Bradley and Teegan in Year 9 and Archie in Year 8 who ran/cycled 25k each!

## OAT MATHOLYMPICS

OAT launched a Christmas Maths challenge as the first phase, of a longer term OAT wide maths competition. Calling students to be ready for some Christmas Pi and to sort their tangents from their Tinsel, students across the trust started to compete to win a range of prizes from badges, certificates, medals and vouchers, to the ultimate prize of the *OAT Matholympics* Championship Shield.

We're delighted to announce that Mason in Year 9 is the Six Villages winner of the Christmas round! His prize of a digital Amazon voucher will be winging its way to him before Christmas.

It's not too late to enter the next round of the competition as a team—we are looking to put together a small group of students from Year 9 to work together to solve a host of mathematical puzzles and challenges. The next challenge will be issued on 12 January—speak to the Maths department if you require more information and to sign up. Good luck!

## OUTDOOR MACBETH

*"Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and caldron bubble."*

Earlier in the term, Mrs Emmerson's Year 11 English class took their Macbeth scripts and witches' hats outdoors to act out scenes from Shakespeare's tragedy and bring his words alive.



## 'THE QUEST'—DRAMA CHALLENGE

As drama have not been able to act, Year 7 have been working with Ms Molineaux-Ingils on 'The Legend of King Arthur' using various multimedia tools.

The students have risen to the creative challenge, and Ms Mol has received all manner of projects, including these 'legendary' cakes by Rosie, Ella Mae and Hania, a Lego model by Rufus, stories and scripts and this 20 minute film created by Isabel in Minecraft ([click here to watch](#)). We will share more of their fantastic work on 'The Quest' in the new year.

Congratulations to the overall winners: Joseph, Oliver, William, Ellie, Rosie, Reuben, Isabel, Ella Mae, Hania, Toby, Clara, Juliette, Rufus, Mya and Rose-Marie Morris.

Honourable mentions go to Evie, Martha, Lilly, Lily, Ava, Lily, Ethan and Rhianna—well done. All students received a prize of chocolate and certificates at the end of term.



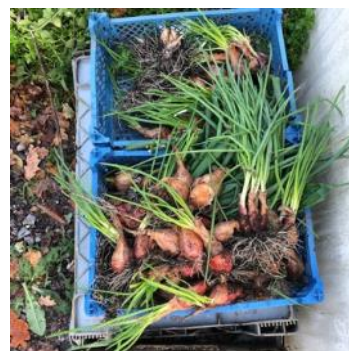
## SPACE 180° OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Earlier in the term, we managed to get one last session on our outdoor space in before the November lockdown. Our #iWill students tidied up, harvested the last of the potatoes, onions and garlic and installed a hedgehog house!

Hopefully enrichment sessions will still be able to continue for our #iWill volunteers in the Spring term and we will give you more news on our plans in the new year.

Of course, any individual support would still be greatly appreciated, so please do get in touch with Mrs Bridges, #iWill project lead at [pbs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:pbs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk) if you can help with planning, groundwork or materials in any way next term.

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## A PLEA FOR UNWANTED UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you are having a clear out over the coming weeks, we would appreciate donations of any uniform or PE kit you no longer have use for. We would also appreciate receiving any unwanted pairs of plain black shoes (boys or girls, ladies or mens).

As we're unable to have visitors to the site at the moment, please send any donations in with your child. Thank you in advance for your support.



## THANK YOU FOR THANKING US

We take this opportunity to thank all of our families for supporting all the procedures we have put in place, to thank our students who are being so resilient and finally our staff who are working tirelessly to provide the best education they can for all students in these continuing challenging circumstances. We have received so many positive comments and thank yous this term and would like to share a few of these with you (reproduced with permission):

*"I wanted to take this opportunity to thank yourself and all your amazing staff for making my son's first term at the academy a very happy and successful one. He joined Mr Collin's tutor group feeling unsure about what lay ahead for him at secondary school feeling nervous and anxious. However, these feelings were soon overcome and he settled easily into the new routines and faced new challenges with resilience.*

*I have seen him grow in such confidence, particularly with his writing, which can be a challenge for him having dyspraxia. However, his self-belief and attitude to learning has been transformed and he is amazing me with his use of language and willingness to write.*

*He has particularly enjoyed lessons with his Drama teacher and has a new found passion for History, Geography and Art.*

*I wanted to express my thanks to all your staff for their continued hard work and making [my son's] start a positive and happy one."*

### Year 7 parent

*"Thank you very much for the informative YouTube video.*

*I particularly found reassurance in knowing the children will not be crossing bubbles to use the changing room facilities, and that they will be thoroughly cleaned. It was also good to know that there are hand sanitisation stations around the building for children to use and that they are all being encouraged with social distancing, wearing masks and hand hygiene. I have also received a notification that the children will be re-issued lockers which is great to know they have somewhere to store their kits and coats.*

*Being in such a precarious climate its concerning for all of us, we are all wanting to keep those that are vulnerable as safe as possible. Your information has completely reassured me.*

*Thank you again for [ the ] innovative message via YouTube. Yourself and your team do wonders dealing with the occasional grumpy parent like me as well as educating and looking after our children!"*

### Year 8 parent

*"My son is now in Year 8. We have nothing but high praise for this school and the amazing dedicated teaching staff!*

*Feel blessed that he got into six Villages as [it] was hands down our first choice of schools.*

*[after lockdown]...the online home support was by far one of the best compared to other schools and teachers were always online to assist.*

*Yes, you get out of a school what you are willing to put in... but this is a school with some of the traditional old fashioned values, discipline and structure."*

### Year 8 parent

*"I would like to take this opportunity to put in writing how much we appreciate your prompt and helpful responses to anything we have asked in what must be [a] challenging time for you.*

*[These responses make] an incredible difference to [my child] and I believe is in part reflected in not only her attendance record thus far but her confidence and she has thrived since returning from lockdown.*

*Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to support [my child], us and all the children in your care."*

### Year 8 parent

*We just wanted to say a 'huge Thank You' to all the teachers and staff on behalf of us and [our daughter] during what has been a very difficult year for you.*

*Thank you so much for keeping the school running so well and keeping the teaching standards so high, and for the extra lessons after school.*

*We are sure she has benefitted from all your hard work and commitment.*

*Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year 2021."*

### Year 10 parents

*We wish all our students, families and our staff a peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year.*

## SIX VILLAGES SPORTS CENTRE

The Six Villages Sports Centre is now open again - we are so pleased for them and our local community.

If your New Year's resolutions involve sport and fitness then why not take a look at this fantastic joining offer in December! Their **Facebook** page and **website** has full details of all the classes and activities available.



**JOIN FOR**

**£10**

**nothing more to  
pay until 2021!**

[www.freedom-leisure.co.uk](http://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk)



## KEY DATES

<b>Autumn term 2020</b>	Last day of term	Friday 18 December
<b>Winter break 2020-21</b>		Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January
<b>Spring term 2021</b>	First day of term (INSET day) <b>First day of term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On campus (Y11/vulnerable children/children of critical workers)</li> <li>• Remote learning (Y7-10)</li> </ul> <b>On campus (All years)</b> Year 9 Options Evening <b>Half term</b> Last day of term	Monday 4 January 2021 (INSET day) <b>Tuesday 5 January 2021</b>  <b>Monday 11 January 2021</b> Thursday 11 February <b>Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February</b> Thursday 1 April
<b>Easter break 2021</b>		Monday 5 April to Friday 16 April Bank Holidays 2 & 5 April
<b>Summer term 2021</b>	<b>First day of term</b> Bank Holiday <b>Half term</b> <b>Last day of term</b> <b>INSET day</b>	<b>Monday 19 April</b> Monday 3 May <b>Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June</b> <b>Thursday 22 July</b> Friday 23 July



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