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'Tis the season!

It feels like only yesterday we were writing the last Christmas newsletter to celebrate the end of 2021. Yet here we are again, at the end of another year, celebrating some lovely stories from the Six Villages community.

Over in Art, Mrs Gavin has been rooting through some beautiful Christmas card designs from across the year groups. The talent showcased in these designs has been incredible and all students who were shortlisted have received a printed set of their cards in their celebratory end of term assembly.

Mr Slaughter chose this year's winning designs by Elle J (year 8) and Esme C-E (year 10).



The Power of Politics.

Between 14th—20th November we celebrated UK Parliament Week, and completed a number of activities focusing on democracy, parliament, and bringing about change. Our ambitious student leadership team from across the year groups had the opportunity to meet our Local MP,

Andrew Griffith. Our leadership team had the opportunity to ask him questions about the role of MPs, democracy, how parliament works and how they can bring about change in the school and local community. Students also asked their own questions about local issues, including the Arundel Bypass, protecting wildlife in the local area, building developments locally, more GP appointments and traffic around us. The students did us incredibly proud showing passion for their local community and showing a keen interest in parliament and how it works.



Over in Science club... We did an egg drop experiment. Some eggs survived.



We also built boats out of tin foil to see how many pennies we could carry.



The best boat had 32 pennies on it before sinking!

Nice 2022—Student View!



14th Oct

We arrived at Barnham station and took the train up to Gatwick. We caught our plane with time to spare. When we arrived in France, we took the tram and went straight to our hotel and organised our belongings. After that, we went on a small tour around Nice, and we saw the amazing scenery. We had some time left so we were able to buy some souvenirs.

15th Oct

After a good night's sleep (and pizza), we hopped on a train to Monaco. We saw the amazing views and ate the best French food ever! Later on, we climbed a gigantic hill and saw a luxurious waterfall. It was so calming. We also walked over to a cafe and ordered our drinks in French. We also learnt about the Old Town.



16th Oct

After all our education and excitement, we returned to England and met our parents at the station. We showed them all our photos and told them about the magnificent time we had.

Jessica and Heidi Year 9



The year 7s have taken part in an OAT Spelling Bee in Spanish. There are 37 schools participating. The students had to learn and spell 50 words in Spanish. At the end of the school competition Bradley R and Sophie G won and will be travelling to Norwich in January for the OAT semi-finals. We wish them well.

Let it grow club!

Where: Space 180 by the MUGA.

When: Wednesdays 2.40-3.40.

Who: Speak to Miss Hull to sign up.



What: Come and help take responsibility for our lovely Space 180. The site needs weeding and prepping so it is ready for planting in the spring.



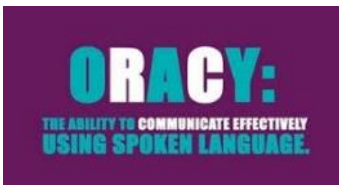
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Speaking out!

Across the school we are keen to develop students' oracy skills. At the end of last half term we were lucky to host a Speakers Trust "Speak Out" Challenge! Workshop for a lucky group of year 10 students.

So, just what is oracy and why is it so important?



...is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language.

There are so many reasons why developing oracy is vital but first and foremost the ability to communicate successfully is a life skill!



The Speaker's Trust work to unlock the potential of young people by building their confidence and improving their ability to express themselves verbally. The workshop focused on supporting the students to develop these essential communication

skills that are so vital for their future. Their vision is that every young person is able to speak confidently and be heard. The training day was great fun and very interactive, the workshop included speaking games and challenges. All students received a "Speak Out" Challenge! workbook and certificate.



Christmas dinner for all!

This year was our first Christmas dinner for all. Over the past 2 weeks we have hosted students in their individual year groups with their tutors to have a community lunch together to celebrate the season. With Christmas crackers, festive music and even a quiz, the lunches have been a great success.



Owen R in year 7 recommended the potatoes, whilst Kitty W loved the choice of puddings.

OAT FUTURES

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On Wednesday 7th December, Year 9 students came off of timetable to watch a Drama production by NHS Enact. In this production, they were told the story of non-identical twins who were due to visit their sister after she had given birth. As we followed them on their journey, we found out about over 20 different careers and roles within the NHS, from receptionist to radiographer, and how students can work towards them.

Throughout the (rather noisy and energetic) show, students were told about the different qualifications they can gain once they leave school at 16, including college and university course, and apprenticeships. This information will prove to be useful when Year 9 students have their mock job interviews next term.

Geography in action!

On December 7th, geography students visited Portsmouth to investigate the success of the regeneration project at Gunwharf Quays. As part of their GCSE they

must use their geographical skills to investigate a real world issue. They have been learning how to use Census data and Geographical Information Systems to look at historic maps and population information for Portsmouth.

On our visit, we walked the perimeter of Gunwharf to the old fish market. Here, there is a good example of the traditional industries in Portsmouth which contrast with the modern retail industries at Gunwharf, as well as the Ben Ainslie racing headquarters.



It was a fantastic day of fieldwork and great to see students applying what they have learnt in lessons to a real world regeneration project. Overall our conclusions are that Gunwharf Quays has provided much needed employment and it has improved environmental quality in the immediate area. However, positive effects have not spread to the rest of the city and significant challenges still remain for Portsmouth.



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Winter Concert

On Thursday 8th December, we were delighted to host our Winter Concert in The Gate Theatre.

This was our first full scale live Winter event for three years, as we were only able to show some of our students' talent online due to disruption from the pandemic for the winters 2019-2021. It was great to be back. It was compered by one of our Head students Charlie, who guided the audience through the evening.



Our event kicked off with the opening number 'Six Wives' from the musical Six, featuring our Year 7 singing group. This upbeat, fast, number which opens this musical literally welcomed the audience to the show, together with 'Counting Stars' featured small solo sections, and harmonies from this group. A huge well done to Ava, Eva, Huxley, Jessica, Jasmin, and Nina for taking this responsibility of opening the event so well.

Year 8s were our second act, where sisters Sophia and Lauren were joined by Chloe and Caitlin with a version of 'History' by One Direction. This totally acoustic version, with a live piano accompaniment from Sophia, was met with rapturous applause.

It was then onto our first KS4 group. A duet from Esmee on piano, and Miriam playing the drum kit in an instrumental arrangement of Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody', which the audience clearly appreciated.

Another duet followed from George and Josh with 'Land of Confusion' by Genesis.

It was then back to our Year 10s with Nicole on vocals and Daisy accompanying on piano with a moving version of 'Rise Up' by Andrea Day.

Our Year 11 compere then showcased his skills on the drum kit with a drum solo performing 'Figure It Out', by Worthing band Royal Blood.



Before the interval, it was time for our Year 7 music students to give a premiere of a few pieces they have been working on, on the cornet and violin. We know a number were feeling nervous about their first live performance, but they did such a fantastic job.

Our second half started with year 8 and 9 students combined. This group performed the first festive piece of the evening, with 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'.

Martha in year 9, who plays the piano, then performed two pieces from her grade examinations. I am sure playing to such a large audience was just as nerve racking as playing to a single examiner. So, well done!

Mrs. Gavin's tutor group, who have been preparing to enter the upcoming Ormiston's Got Talent competition, performed a group number of 'This is Me' from the Greatest Showman. What a lot of work had gone into this, with solos, duets, and whole group singing, harmonising, and improvising over the track.

Our compere Charlie then introduced Chloe in Year 10 with a performance of Taylor Swift's 'Crazier' before a further sibling performance from Isaac on piano and Joshua on saxophone with a jazz performance, followed by Eva and Jessica in year 7 who undertook a duet version of 'Little Miss Perfect' from the musical of the same name. Our second festive piece was from Amy in Year 10 who performed the classic Wham hit 'Last Christmas,' to really get the audience into the Christmas mood.

It was then time for the grand finale, where all performers from all years joined together either singing, or performing on instruments, led by our Year 10 band in a rendition of 'Pompeii' by Bastille.

A huge well done to all our performers and to all family members who could come along and watch, and to the staff who were available to help with refreshments and supporting our students on the evening.

Mr. D. Munt.

Head of Arts





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Staff review by Ms. Lloyd.

Fortified by chocolate and teas served by smiling year 11s, I made my way into the packed hall. Y7s blinked in the stage lighting, clutching instruments and sneaking waves at friends and relatives.

Before long, the hubbub died away and we were treated to a rousing song from Six the musical to set the tone for a wonderful evening.

Charlie, one of the Head Students, made a great MC, introducing each act from novice to accomplished with encouragement and good humour.

Everything from drums to violin, electric guitar to piano was represented.

Year 10 students sang wonderfully, and I discovered some hidden talents of students I teach.

I was particularly proud of the year 7s, showing how far they have progressed on their cornets and violins since the start of September.

Mr Munt and Mr Smith kept them smiling and in good spirits to the end, even encouraging dance moves.

As Mr Slaughter said at the end of the evening: 'what a great display of Six Villages Values – community and togetherness in the spotlights and a memorable winter concert.'



News from the library!

It's been a very busy term in the Six Villages library. 11 new student librarians have been appointed after extremely strong competition from over 30 applicants. Well done to Kali B, Jess C, Olivia C, Sophie G, Lucy H, Emily, Alice M, Ruby M, Rose-Marie M, Ceitidh M, Elijah P and Jaydon W, as well as Jess J and Nizar S, who take on the role of senior librarians.



Before half term we held the annual Six Villages book quiz to find our teams for the Chichester

Literacy quiz, held at Chichester college, in March. More than 40 students took part, and we now have a very strong team for the competition against other local secondary schools. Watch this space for more news.



An exciting new arrival!

We are excited to announce that in January we have a new member of staff starting with us. We would like to welcome Woody to our team. Woody is considerably younger than our usual members of staff as he is only 4 years old. Woody will be fulfilling the role of therapy dog. He will work with our Inclusion and pastoral teams to support the emotional wellbeing of students and staff alike.

Woody is fully trained and insured and follows in the footsteps of his sister who has been a therapy dog at St Richards Hospital and at The Bourne Community College. If your child has allergies to, or are

nervous of dogs, please do make contact with Ms Barber to discuss.

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Biteback club

We now have 13 school food champions here at OSVA but there is always room for more. If your child is ambitious and interested in social action, specifically in changing the food culture at OSVA and developing their teamwork and leadership skills, then they must pop along to ENG1 on Thursdays at lunchtime to join the club.



This rounds up our winter 2022 newsletter. All that remains to be said is have a happy and healthy winter break! See you in...

