



Bright Spark News!

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Youth Speaks Competition

We would like to hugely congratulate all 12 of our students who represented our school in the 'Youth Speaks Competition', ran by 'The Rotary Club of Biddulph' for students aged 11 - 13 years, on Monday night.

Lewis Carter, Edward Gurling and Adam

Wilson make up the team 'The Kinaesthetic Learners' who argued that homework should

be banned. Maisie Barber, Ellie Kelly and Almira Wallace make up 'The Future Rulers'

who argued that make-up should be allowed to be worn in schools. Lola-Belle Buckley-Robins, Emily Wain and Ashleigh Wood make up the 'Democratic Debaters' who argued that sexism affects females more than males.

However, after much deliberation, Molly Ambrose, Maddison Corbett and Reme

Yates, who make up the TAN's (Teenagers

Against Negativity), were awarded first place, after delivering a phenomenal speech on why social media is too commonly used as a negative platform, with Molly Ambrose also winning best individual 'Vote of Thanks'.

Bring on the next stage of the competition - we wish you all of the luck in the world!

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Important Dates for Your Diary



DECEMBER

6th - Enterprise Day

7th - Year 6 Height & Weight

7th - Disco all years 6.30-8pm

4th-19th - 12 Days of Christmas (Catering)

13th - School Production 7pm

14th - School Production 7pm

14th - Community Christmas Lunch

15th - Christmas Breakfast (Catering) 8-8.40am

15th-Christmas Jumper Day £2

18th - Church services

18th - School Christmas Lunch for pupils

19th - Christmas trips-Last Day

20th Dec - 2nd Jan 2018 - Christmas Holiday



School opens Wednesday 3rd January

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YOUTH SPEAKS COMPETITION



Give a dog a Christmas Dinner

My name is Rachael and I am a catering assistant at James Bateman. Over the past few years I have collected dog food, dog biscuits and clean blankets to take to the City Dogs Home in Bucknall. I always do this in time for Christmas, if anyone could donate any of the above I would be most grateful. A collection box is in reception. Thank you.

Prince's Teaching Institute

In order to be recognised for the PTI mark, the science department had to demonstrate achievement across key development areas that are at the heart of teaching. This was achieved by submitting an evidence based report demonstrating progress towards increasing challenge within the curriculum, enthusing pupils through subject based activities beyond the curriculum (STEM) and forging subject based links outside the school.

Starting back in October 2016, I attended a three day residential course to set the yearly objectives. Objectives were based on the continual development of a new assessment model, developing schemes of work to enthuse pupils, introduce STEM activities to raise the profile of science across the school and the community, and to continue to build links with primary feeder schools.

Both as a department and a school, we are very proud of the PTI mark, and aim to build on the successes already achieved. Watch out this year for our continued STEM activities.



On the 1st day of Christmas.....



Break Time
Large Hot Chocolate,
Whipped Cream,
Marshmallows, Dusting
of Cocoa and a Mini
Christmas Biscuit
£1:00

On the 2nd Day of Christmas.....

**Snowman
Muffin
£1:00**



On the 3rd day of Christmas.....

Christmas
Tree
Shortbread
£1:00



On the 4th day of Christmas.....



**Rudolph
Chocolate
Muffins
80p**

On the 5th day of Christmas.....

**North Pole
Muffins £1:00**



On the 6th day of Christmas.....

**Christmas
Pudding
Rice Crispy Cake
80p**



On the 7th Day of Christmas.....

**Candy Cane
Muffins
£1:00**



On the 8th day of Christmas....

**Christmas Pudding
Biscuit
£1:00**



On the 9th day of Christmas.....

**Santa's Sleigh
Muffin
£1:00**



On the 10th day of Christmas.....

**Christmas
Jumper
Day**

Join us for
Christmas
Breakfast from
7:30am in your
Christmas Jumper



On the 11th day of Christmas.....

Christmas Lunch

- Roast Turkey with Mint Sauce, Sage & Onion Stuffing and gravy
- or
- Roast Vegetables with
Baked and Baked Potatoes
Dumplings, Peas and Sprouts
- or
- Christmas Spiced Meat Sponges
or
Chocolate Orange Dookie
both served with a
Vanilla Custard

On the 12th Day of Christmas....

**Snowman
Biscuits
£1:00**



The Catering Staff at James Bateman would like to wish all the staff, pupils and visitors a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.





Christmas Lunch 18th December 2017

Roast Turkey with Mini Sausage,
Sage & Onion Stuffing,
and Roast Gravy

or

Festive Vegetable Bake

both served with

Roast & Mashed Potatoes

Carrots, Peas & Sprouts

Christmas Sparkle Iced Sponges

or

Chocolate Orange Cookie

served with a Vanilla Custard



On Wednesday 22nd November, we went to Biddulph Town Hall to discuss what we want to do in Biddulph. We were also discussing the neighbourhood plan, which is everything to do with what people would like to see happen to Biddulph and how they would want it to look in 2035. It was eye-opening and we **got to listen to everybody's thoughts, other schools, as well as** build our confidence. As a team, we talked about many problems in Biddulph as well as solutions.

We can't wait to go again.

By Almira Wallace and Reuben Whitehurst-Dodds.

