



## Welcome

As you will read, it's a busy run up to the end of term and we have had lots of activity already! A particular congratulations to all involved in our production of Annie which was a great success! Thanks also to all who came, and a reminder that all are welcome to our annual Carol Concert at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone on 16th December which is always a very special event.

As usual at this time of year we will be ending our term with different year groups leaving at different times throughout the morning. Please check these details in our next newsletter.

I hope you enjoy all of the news in this latest edition and best wishes to you all in the run up to Christmas.

### DIARY DATES

**C Holmwood**  
*Headteacher*

DATE	EVENT
6 Dec	Y11 Maximise Your Potential Y13 PE Trip to DW Sports
9 - 10 Dec	Y7 - Y13 Equalities Anti-Bullying Conference Y8 WRL Worktree Speed Interviewing Days
11 Dec	Y10 PE Leadership Diploma Festival Y8 & Y9 Language Leaders Workshop
12 Dec	Y10 PE Leadership Diploma Festival Y13 Parents' Evening Y7 - Y13 Music Primary Christmas Concert
13 Dec	Y13 PE Trip to DW Sports Y7 - Y13 Equalities Anti-Bullying Conference
16 - 20 Dec	Yr 11 Mock Exams
16 Dec	Y7 - Y13 Music Christmas Carol Concert
17 Dec	Y12 Careers & WRL Law Networking Event
18 Dec	Y12 Enrichment Charity Hospital Visit
19 Dec	Student Voice Merry Quizmas Event
20 Dec	Term Ends for Staff and Students

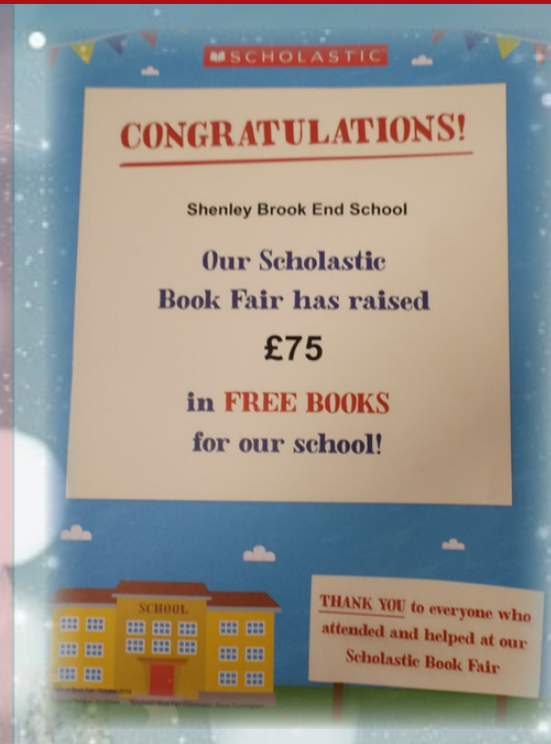






## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all students and parents who supported the Scholastic Book Fair that ran for a week during October. The fair was very popular, well attended, and generated £75.00 in commission. The money has been spent on new books for the Library.



## Season's Greetings



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The Library Team would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, parents and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please remember, you are welcome to take out books to read over the holiday period.


Miss Mason  
Library Manager

## LIBRARY EVENTS DIARY


DATE/TIME	EVENT
Tuesday 17 Dec	Christmas Craft Event - Lunchtime
Wednesday 18 Dec	Books 'R' Us Meeting - Break Time



## Exam Results



Matthew Mitchell	Clarinet grade 7	Passed with distinction	
James Mitchell	Saxophone grade 3	Passed with distinction	7
Megan Harrison	Flute grade 7	Passed with distinction	
Olivia West	Oboe Grade 6	Passed with distinction	



Desniella Osai	Keyboard grade 2	Passed with distinction	
Lucy Myers	Keyboard grade 2	Passed with distinction	
Jamila Clare	Keyboard grade 3	Passed with distinction	

## Events

### MUSIC EVENTS DIARY

DATE/TIME	EVENT
Thur 12 Dec	Primary schools musical celebration concert
Monday 16 Dec	Carol Concert at Christ the Cornerstone, 7pm, all welcome!
Thurs 20 Dec	Jazz band entertain quizzers as they prepare to be tested





MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS



# Annie









# MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS Cont.

## Annie



The annual school musical is a well-loved pastime here at Shenley. It's a notable feature that every student who auditions is cast is what makes it so wonderful, allowing all students their time to shine. We've done everything from High School Musical to Grease, each musical being better than the last thanks to the efforts of our hard working drama and music department. This year's production was Annie. The musical gives students the chance to interact with people from across different year groups and make memories that they will cherish for life. It is a real testament to all staff involved and the hard work they put in, making it a great experience for every student. During my 7 years at SBE I have participated in every single school musical but this year was very different. For the first time I was given the chance to play major principle role, Miss Hannigan – with a solo song. It was such a fun very daunting at first, having to remember lines and perform a song on my own. It was such a fun experience and I will never forget it. For many students, this was to be the last musical at Shenley. Unsurprisingly, it was on Thursday (the last night of Annie) that all the emotions began to come out. Reminiscing about the past musicals – the beards that students had to paint on themselves to be farmers in our production of Oklahoma or the shaving cream that engulfed the stage after students pied each other during the last scene of Bugsy Malone - the nostalgic feeling evoked tears from many. From me and every other student who did the musical this year, I would like to say a big thank you to all the members of staff who allowed us to have this great experience. Thank you to Mr Smith the director, and a former student at Shenley, who did a brilliant job of putting the show together. Thank you to Mrs Chandler and Miss Mowatt for transforming every student into a brilliant actor. Thank you to the brilliant art department who created the beautifully designed set. Thank you to Mr Page and his student team who controlled all things technical, as well as the stage managers who helped with all the behind the scenes activity. Thank you to the creative duo Miss Hurrell and Miss Ho who made sure every dance was perfectly suited to each song, and lastly thank you to the talented orchestra lead by Mrs Smith and to Mr Bennett who made every song sound absolutely breath-taking. Thank you for making my last show at Shenley so special and I'll certainly be returning to watch future productions.

Samantha Jasi - Year 13





## Exciting Writing Winners

Last half term we launched the Year 7 Exciting Writing project with some very impressive results. Every few weeks, Year 7 students are given the opportunity to get creative; throughout the year they will produce writing in a range of genres and forms, for a range of different audiences. All for the love of writing! Most recently, they have been writing descriptions of characters inspired by their reading of Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. Students were challenged to describe a character who is the complete opposite of Ebenezer Scrooge! The latest winners of the SBE Exciting Writing pen are Tilly Murrell and Jasmine Holt - congratulations!

*Ash*

*Ugly, she was not. Nor selfish, nor mean. But kind. Yes, Ash, Scrooge's sister, was good-natured. She had deep blue eyes so warming you could overheat. Dirty, oversized clothes she wore, however soft and shimmery they were too. Warm hearted, she was so. She wore a Christmas hat all year round. Always having a smile on her face you would never have thought how poor she was.*

*She takes care of everyone but expects nothing back. Although she had no money her Christmas presents were the best. They were handmade and definitely worth the time for her gifts were made of love, especially for the Children.*

By Tilly Murrell

*Lilli*

*One freezing Wednesday morning, a young girl called Lilli woke up with a broad smile. Her ocean blue eyes looked over at the 7ft Christmas tree, completely covered in baubles and tinsel. She stood up from her warm, cosy bed with a shiver from the snow outside. She lit the fireplace and brushed her soft brown hair in the mirror. She stuffed on her pale pink, cotton hat and her long, brown, laced boots and stepped out of the door.*

*The girl was paler than the snow that crunched beneath her feet.*

*"Good morning Mr Tonek. A shilling for the pastry?" She would say cheerfully. She still had the same smile but wider, showing off her fabulous teeth. She knocked on the doors of strangers and spread the Christmas cheer. She invited the children of the neighbourhood to build snowmen and have snowball fights in the streets every day that snow fell.*

By Jasmine Holt.





## EFL Cup - MK Dons



Congratulations to the U13s 5-a-side football team who saw off competition from 7 other schools to come runners up in the EFL cup held by the MK Dons. The girls sealed victory in the semi-finals against Leighton Middle during penalties at the end of a game, which took them to extra time. They battled hard in the final but lost out to Walton High who will go onto represent the MK Dons at the area cup.

## EFL Cup - MK Dons





## Lost Property

### LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property which will be displayed in the Phase 1 street from Thursday 5 December until Friday 13 December. Please encourage your child to look for any items they may have lost.



*Seasons  
Greetings!*

