



The VOICE

Newsletter for Malet Lambert pupils and parents



Pupils donate to Mission Christmas

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Welcome from our Head of School

I hope that this latest copy of 'The Voice' finds you all well and you're looking forward to the festive period.

This half term is always a nice one, despite the cold weather. Even though our pupils are becoming young adults now, they never lose their Christmas spirit and excitement as December progresses.

Everyone here at Malet Lambert is in good spirits. However, it's important for us to remember that not everyone in our community looks forward to this time of year, so I've been really proud to see some of the charity initiatives from our pupils and staff in recent weeks.

There are lots of events going on currently. The sporting calendar is jam-packed at this time of year, with many success stories as always.

'Malet's Got Talent' on a lunchtime has been hugely popular for all age groups and great to see how the pupils support each other.

It was great to see some of last year's Year 11 return to us for our recent awards evening. Tommy Coyle proved to be an inspiring guest speaker.

Year 11 are working really hard, which is pleasing to see, and Year 9 are starting to consider the choices for the start of Year 10.

I am very much enjoying working with this year's Pupil Leadership Team. We meet fortnightly and it has been really useful to have that extra pupil voice, to further enable us to move things forward.



There are lots of events coming up, so please check social media, the website and the school calendar.

Wishing you a pleasant Christmas,

Patrick Sprakes

Coming up...

Events at Malet Lambert

Back to School
Tuesday 9th January 2018

Year 9 Guided Choices Evening
Thursday 11th January 2018

Year 11 Progress Evening
Thursday 18th January &
Wednesday 24th January 2018

February Half Term
Monday 12th February -
Friday 16th February 2018

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Festive Fayre

We had a fantastic turnout to our first ever Christmas Fayre, held in December.

Local businesses decorated their stalls with festive merchandise, and school houses used the opportunity to raise money for their charities.

Lots of people visited from the local community, and we hope the fayre will be even bigger and better next year.



Mission Christmas: Accomplished!

At the beginning of December, four of our Malet Lambert pupils found out the importance of thinking about those less fortunate over the festive season.

Malet Lambert launched Viking FM's 'Mission Christmas', a charity which collects gifts for some of the 21,000 children in Hull and East Yorkshire who will have nothing to open on Christmas morning.

The charity is aimed at providing one gift for the children that need it most.

At the time of writing, pupils and staff at school have donated over 800 presents, which is an incredible achievement.

The kindness and community spirit it has created is overwhelming.

Kenzie, Honour, Jayden and Angel visited Viking FM to take them the gifts which we have so far accrued.

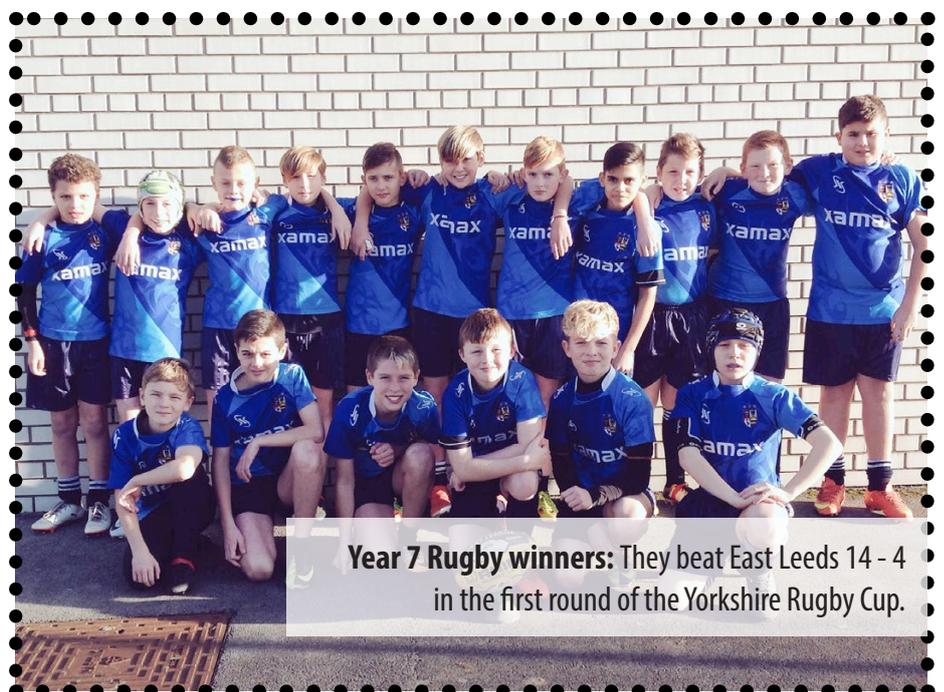
There they were given the opportunity to help in the 'sorting room' where they spent a few hours putting each gift into the relevant boxes, depending on the suitable age-range and gender for each toy.

Jayden commented on 'how good it makes you feel knowing that you're making a difference', whilst Angel explained how she felt 'so grateful, to know that these gifts are the only present these children will receive when so many of us get so much.'

After the sorting room the pupils and their teacher, Mrs Thompson, who organised Mission Christmas at Malet, were taken into the recording studio!

Honour told Viking FM breakfast host Alex Duffy how 'Christmas should be for everyone and everybody should help towards this great charity', and as Kenzie simply put it – 'Every child deserves a Christmas'.

To all pupils, parents and staff who have donated, a huge thank you. Whether you have given a gift, or given your time, we are truly grateful – you are all making such a difference to the lives of these children.



Year 7 Rugby winners: They beat East Leeds 14 - 4 in the first round of the Yorkshire Rugby Cup.



Ice Queen

Many of our pupils have talents that are nurtured outside of school, and Year 11 pupil Kiana is no exception.

The talented 15-year-old trains nightly in her chosen discipline – ice hockey.

This dedication has seen her picked as captain of the England U15 girls team, and most recently called up to represent her country internationally in the Great Britain U18 girls team.

Kiana has loved her sport since she was a young girl and is amazed at how her career has snowballed.

She said, "I went to watch a match at Hull Ice Arena when I was 10 years old, and I just said to my parents, 'I want to do that'.

"Since then I've been taking lessons and training regularly with two local teams – Hull Sharks, which is a mixed team, and Kingston Diamonds, which is a women-only team.

"I've worked hard at it, which must have shown because my coach put me forward for the England U15 team.

"I captained the team during our international games over the summer this year. We played mainly Finnish teams and we won three out of four matches."

Kiana has just returned from Grenada in Spain, competing in a four team international tournament with Great Britain U18 girls team, against host nation Spain, alongside Hungary and Poland.

The team battled hard, but were unsuccessful.

They are now training for a championship tournament in January, to be held over 10 days in Poland, where they hope they'll be able to at least come away with a bronze medal.

Keen to keep up with her studies in her GCSE year, Kiana said, "I sometimes have to miss

school because of travelling to international tournaments, but I make sure I work even harder in lessons, and I'll be taking lots of revision to Poland with me.

"I also log in to Google Classroom to access work while I'm away.

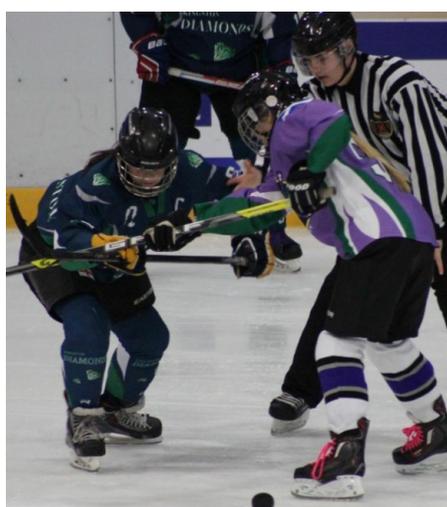
"I'm not sure I'll be able to make a career out of ice hockey, because, unfortunately, there's less opportunity for girls in this sport.

"However, I'm still training hard and hoping to qualify for the Olympics in 2024 – that's my dream goal."

Kiana revealed that during the competition in Grenada, she was punched by a fellow competitor, and that ice hockey can be quite a violent sport.

She said, "The worst injury I've had from a match is a chipped collarbone. I think it just comes with the sport.

"Generally though, I don't get injured because I'm quite aggressive on the ice!"





Exploring Madrid

On the last Friday before half term, twenty-eight pupils and four members of staff headed off to Heathrow Airport, on the first leg of their journey to Madrid.

During the next five days, the group visited a variety of places to fully immerse themselves in Spanish culture.

They took a tour of Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, the home of football team Real Madrid, which

was especially exciting for fans of the game, plus pupils had the chance to watch a traditional flamenco show and visit Madrid's zoo.

El Rastro Flea Market was a perfect place for pupils to practice their Spanish, and staff encouraged them to shop and barter in the native language.

Everyone had a fantastic time, trying the many different Spanish foods on offer, and enjoying the autumn sun - the weather was beautiful during

their five days there, averaging 27 degrees. Pupils behaved impeccably throughout the trip and were a credit to the school.

Thank you to Head of MFL, Mr Thompson, for organising the trip and to Mr Robinson, Mrs Sousa-Smith and Mrs Harrison for their support before and during the excursion.

Head to <https://madrid2017maletontour.wordpress.com/> to see more pictures and read more about their stay.

Royal appointment

Pupils on the Employer-Led Programme at fellow trust school South Hunsley were invited to meet the Queen at the Siemens Gamesa factory in Hull, during her visit to the city.

The Employer-Led Programme is due to be rolled out to Year 10 and Year 11 at Malet Lambert from September 2018, and The Queen was able to hear directly from South Hunsley pupils about its benefits for those involved.

Staff from South Hunsley were invited along with six pupils to visit the Siemens Gamesa factory to discuss the positive progress that has been made on the Employer-Led Programme during the last two years.

The staff and pupils spoke with The Queen about the work that they had done on the project over the last 12 months and talked about the process involved.

Siemens Gamesa joined the Employer-Led Programme in 2015 and the partnership has

grown stronger ever since. The company send out employees to mentor pupils on the scheme and teach them crucial employability skills needed for competitive job roles, apprenticeships and courses in the local area.

The programme has been hugely successful because of these links and as a result, will be launched at Malet Lambert for Years 10 and 11 students in September 2018.

Siemens Gamesa have announced that they will become primary partners for both trust schools.

Malet at the Proms

In November, forty-nine Malet Lambert pupils and six staff set off for a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to perform on stage at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

They joined approximately 700 other secondary school pupils and staff from across Hull, all of whom had prepared and rehearsed over a number of months to be part of the Hear Hull massed ensemble of instrumentalists and singers.

Hear Hull were in London as part of the Music for Youth Proms, representing Hull as City of Culture and performing a composition commissioned especially for the occasion, composed by Hull Music Service teacher, Tom Lawrence.

The Hear Hull ensemble was by far the biggest in the concert line-up.

Head of Music, Mrs Wilkinson, who coordinated the event said, "Hearing over 700 Hull performers unite to represent their city through music was an awesome and emotional experience.

"The months of hard work and planning clearly paid off, as Hear Hull finished their performance to thunderous applause from the audience.



"After a long day of travel and rehearsals and a nerve-wracking but exhilarating performance, Malet Lambert pupils had the opportunity to relax a little and enjoy some outstanding performances put on by their contemporaries from across England."

The evening culminated in a spectacular finale, when Hear Hull joined forces with their fellow musicians for a moving performance of 'Shine the Light Bright', composed by Pete Latanka.

The song reflected the spirit of togetherness and positivity that was tangible throughout the event. The balloons that rained down from the ceiling of the Royal Albert Hall, and some expertly executed pyrotechnics, added to the atmosphere of celebration.

After the concert, pupils set off on the long journey back to Malet Lambert, arriving in Hull at 4.15am. Pupils and staff were back in school for the afternoon session the following day – now that is dedication!

Festive Food

Take a look at some of the festive delights cooked up by pupils over the last week:





Achievement Evening is a knockout success

Pupils, staff and parents came together to celebrate the achievements of our school cohort, past and present, at our annual Achievement Evening.

Head of School, Mr Sprakes, opened the evening with a heartfelt thanks to every member of staff and our supportive parents for ensuring our pupils could achieve their best.

He said, "It is a privilege to lead Malet Lambert and I am very proud to be your head teacher.

"It is wonderful to see so many former pupils return to our school tonight and to hear how they are progressing at college."

Before awards were presented, our guest speaker Tommy Coyle, gave our pupils some words of wisdom.

He said, "I never realised how important school was at the time. I was expelled nine times, and for the final time in Year 10. I left without an education.

"Education is paramount. I hope to go back to college and eventually graduate with a degree from university but I'm going to have to fit that in to my working life because I can't get that time at school back now.

"Make sure you have that plan B. Follow the HSP plan: hard work, sacrifice and perseverance.

"With these three things you can achieve success. True strength is overcoming adversity."

Current pupils were awarded prizes for excellence in subject areas, and two pupils from each year were chosen by their Progress Leader as the best in their year group.

Former pupils also returned to be given their GCSE certificates and to receive special awards from staff, including subject awards for excellence in a particular area and community awards for outstanding pupils.

The biggest accolade is the Headteacher's Award which was given to four pupils who were chosen by Mr Sprakes.

The night concluded with a speech from our Head Boy and Head Girl, and a final performance from ex-pupil Emily Drewry.

Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope you all had a fantastic evening celebrating our pupils' brilliant achievements.



Celebrating GEW

Year 10 pupils won a prize for their entrepreneurship skills at the Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) secondary school challenge in November.

Alongside other teams from schools across Hull, the group had to come up with an event that would use every facility at the host venue, KCOM Craven Park.

They developed an idea for an 'Around the World' festival, which would see food from different cultures served in the function rooms, a fashion display in the forum, and world sports played on the pitch, amongst other things.

The next stage was to pitch their idea to the judges. They were picked as one of just a handful of groups to present their ideas to the room.

After presenting to the judges, they were awarded sixth place out of 22 schools and given £100 in vouchers to split between the team.

The aim of GEW is to promote business skills in young people, building confidence in their own abilities.

Cycling to success

GCSE PE pupils headed to West Yorkshire in December, to do some intense training in adventure sports, before an official assessment.

Part of their qualification includes a physical assessment, where they can choose from a variety of sports to be assessed in - both as a team player and as an individual.

Head of PE, Mr Ripley, decided to change the way they tackled this part of the qualification this year.

He said, "The list of sports included has changed for this academic year, so we thought we'd take the pupils to try something new.

"This trip provided them with some intensive training in a sport they may not have tried before and gave us a chance to assess them in a specialist facility."

Pupils and staff travelled to High Adventure Outdoor Education Centre in Keighley for a two-day residential that included coaching in two sports.

Groups were put through a full day of intensive training in climbing, followed by a full day of road biking.

After each session, pupils were assessed by staff, and Mr Ripley was pleased to see them perform well.

He said, "Our aim was to make sure they gained good grades from their practical assessment, and I think they achieved that.

"The 10 mile road biking session was particularly tough going for all of us because of the hilly terrain in the local area.

"They worked very hard and listened to all instruction well."



Enterprising minds

Eleven Year 10 pupils are working together to start a business from scratch with the Young Enterprise organisation.

Pupils have come up with a business idea around bespoke revision notebooks and are currently raising money to make their first prototype.

Just before Christmas, they attended a trade fayre at Flemingate in Beverley and raised over £60. They will now start work on their product design and finalise their business plan.