



The VOICE

Newsletter for Malet Lambert pupils and parents

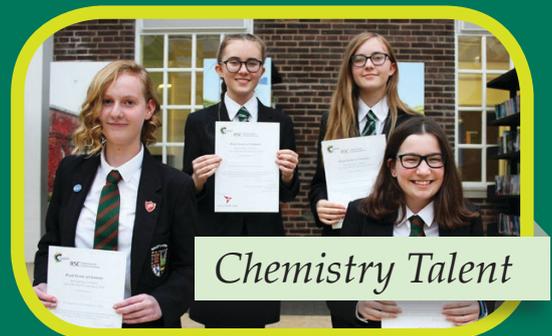


Spreading Christmas Joy

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Poetry Winner



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Five-time winners!

Year 11 boys rugby team are unbeaten Hull Cup champions after five years together.

The team played against St Marys just before the end of term and beat them 46-0 in an outstanding performance, before being crowned Hull Cup champions.

This is the fifth time they have won this accolade.

This means they have been unbeatable in their local area, after securing both the Hull Cup and Hull League wins every year since 2013.

They have also been shortlisted for Sports Team of the Year at the Hull Daily Mail Sporting Champions Awards 2018, to celebrate their amazing achievements.

Coming up...

Events at Malet Lambert

Spring Term Start Date:
Tuesday 8th January 2019

Year 11 Progress Evening
Wednesday 16th January 2019 &
Thursday 24th January 2019

School Ski Trip
Friday 15th February 2019 - Sunday
24th February 2019

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Welcome from our Head of School

I am struggling to believe that we have reached Christmas already! The term seems to have gone so quickly.

Chris Abbott, our CEO, retires at Christmas, as detailed later in this addition of 'The Voice.' I'd like to publically thank Chris for all of her hard work with Malet Lambert and indeed for assisting us in becoming part of The Education Alliance. Following the sad death of our Headteacher Jane Disbrey, Chris brought stability for the school in a time of uncertainty. Malet Lambert is extremely grateful for this.

There are exciting times ahead however; and having worked closely with the incoming CEO, Jonny Uttley, I am very pleased that he will be taking The Education Alliance reins.

Inside Malet Lambert, it has been an exciting term. Year 11 pupils are now in full exam-ready mode and are working very hard. All other year groups continue to work very hard also.

Last night was our annual Christmas concert, where once again I was wowed by the amazing talent we have. Please do have a good look through this latest edition, as there are many celebratory stories.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Patrick Sprakes
Head of School



Spreading Christmas Joy

Just before the Christmas break, pupils helped to sort gifts for Mission Christmas, a charity project that distributes presents to children whose families are in poverty.

This is the second year that Malet Lambert has supported Mission Christmas, which is organised by Cash For Kids, a charity linked to Viking FM.

Throughout November and December, pupils and staff have been donating gifts at school, and last week volunteers visited Viking FM studios to deliver the gifts and help with the huge task of sorting and categorising donations.

Robert, Freddie, Izzy and Evie spent almost six hours organising gifts into boxes according to age groups, to make it easier to pick presents for distribution.

Not only did they sort the 521 donations sent by Malet Lambert, but they dealt with thousands more that arrived by the van load throughout the day.

It was an endless task and pupils were exhausted by the end of it, but they really enjoyed being a part of something that will bring a smile to a child's face on Christmas morning.

English teacher, Mrs Thompson, who organised the link between school and Mission Christmas, said, "Our grand total for gifts donated this year

was 521, which will make such a difference to those children who benefit from this project.

"We were the only school that volunteered to help this year, and we've seen first hand how overwhelming the task of organising the gifts is.

"Thank you to everyone who brought gifts in, and a massive thank you to parents and carers too for getting involved."

Mission Christmas reports that 19,000 children in East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire will face a Christmas day without gifts due to poverty or difficult circumstances.

Viking FM contacted Mrs Thompson to comment on how wonderful our pupils were and how hard they worked.

Fellow Trust schools Driffild and South Hunsley have also been collecting for Mission Christmas. The total gifts donated across Trust schools is 921.



Best wishes and farewell



This term marks the retirement of Chris Abbott as Executive Lead from The Education Alliance following a sixteen year career at the helm.

During her time at The Education Alliance, Chris has taken South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College to an Outstanding school, she has undertaken School Improvement in over 20 schools with her particular skills in supporting schools in difficulties.

We are extremely grateful for her tireless efforts and she will be very sadly missed by all of us. We wish her all the best and we hope she enjoys some much deserved relaxation.



Fabulous Fletcher Football Tournament

In November, PE staff at Malet Lambert organised a football tournament in aid of The Fabulous Fletcher Fund - which supports the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Hull Royal Infirmary - and they were delighted to raise over £1600.

Schools from across the East Riding were invited to enter a 7-a-side team and an amazing 18 teams were entered, with each player paying to take part.

PE staff were touched by the support offered by all the schools involved, who were all there to raise funds for a cause that has been highlighted by fellow teacher, Stuart Beadle.

Malet Lambert PE teacher Mr Beadle and his wife started The Fabulous Fletcher Fund earlier in the year to support the great work done by the NICU at Hull Royal Infirmary.

Mr Beadle's son George is currently in the NICU after being born 16 weeks premature in August. He is growing well and continuing to improve in their care.

George's twin brother Fletcher sadly died a few days after birth, but the fundraiser named in his honour will continue to raise money and

resources for the staff and unit who cared for him - and his brother George - so well.

The atmosphere at the tournament was electric and teams all fought hard to be crowned the winners. That victory went to Sirius Academy who won on penalties.

Mr Beadle came down to support the event, and was blown away by the amount of people who attended to play, and watch.

He said, "I have just left the tournament in full swing and I couldn't believe how many people have come out to play.

"I was totally overwhelmed when I saw the numbers. Thank you so much to the Malet Lambert PE staff for organising such a terrific event and to all those that turned up to play."

The Fabulous Fletcher Fund is one of our nominated charities/fundraisers at Malet Lambert.

All money raised throughout the school year will be split between The Fabulous Fletcher Fund and Cancer Research UK.



Sports Round-up

There are lots of matches being played, both home and away, in a variety of sports. Here are just some of the excellent results we have seen from our talented pupils:

U13 Girls Football

WINNERS Hull 7-a-side tournament

U13 Girls Dodgeball

WINNERS Hull Schools Championships

Year 7 Girls Netball

WINNERS 4 - 1 Archbishop Sentamu

Year 8 Boys Football

RUNNERS-UP Hull 5-a-side championships

Year 8 Boys Dodgeball

3RD PLACE Hull Schools Championships

Year 8 Boys Rugby

WINNERS 26 - 12 Temple Moor Yorkshire Cup

KS4 Badminton

WINNERS Hull Badminton Championships

Canoe polo star hopeful for Team GB call

Many of our pupils take part in exciting and interesting extra-curricular activities outside of school, and Year 11 pupil Bertram is no exception.

For the past couple of years, Bertram has been training weekly in canoe polo, which is water polo with the aid of kayaks, and he is now training with the Team GB development team.

He said, "I started canoe polo a couple of years ago when a friend invited me to try it, after I had been learning to kayak.

"I really enjoyed it and was asked if I would like to play for the Kingston Kayak Club in their youth team.

"Shortly after, I was spotted by coaches and invited to join the development team for Great British canoe polo.

"I now train in Liverpool every month in hope of getting asked to join the main team."

Bertram trains twice a week at Albert Avenue baths with his team in preparation for local,

national and international matches, plus monthly in the North West for his Team GB commitments.

Alongside this, he also ensures he eats well and attends extra fitness and stamina sessions to remain in peak physical condition for his sport.

The team train both in swimming pools and on outdoor waterways, and Bertram relishes the challenge in changing his environment.

He said, "It's much more enjoyable to train and play outdoors, but it's also much harder.

"We often use swimming pools as our training base, but sometimes we use lakes and waterways for training and matches.

"Canoe polo is a great sport to take part in; I particularly like it because it is quite tough and aggressive.

"Hopefully, if I keep training hard, I'll see success with Team GB."





Super short story wins national prize

When English teacher Mrs Thompson picked a shortlist of story entries for a national writing competition, she had no idea she was entering a winning creation.

Pupils from across the year groups at Malet Lambert entered the First Story 6-Word Story Competition, where entrants aimed to tell a complete story in just six words.

Year 10 pupil Kingsley was the overall winner from thousands of entries nationally with his alternative festive story: "Christmas came round... so did bailiffs."

He said, "I can't believe I won the whole competition, I really didn't expect it."

"When I heard about the competition I thought it sounded really interesting and decided to enter."

"I wrote a few different stories to put forward and my aim was to be funny with them, which is hard in just six words."

Kingsley will now see his short story printed on First Story pencils, a batch of which will be sent to Malet Lambert.

First Story is a charity that promotes literacy and creative writing amongst young people, by pairing schools with published writers to create their own novels and poetry collections.

Chemistry team aims high

The Royal Society of Chemistry organised a chemistry competition for school pupils at the University of Hull, and Team Malet took second place against teams from across the East Riding.

Stevie, Grace, Mia and Lily were chosen by science teacher, Mr Smith, to represent the school in the competition, and he chose them for their enthusiasm and grasp of the subject.

He said, "They were up against tough competition from seven other schools, including Hymers and Hull Collegiate."

"Their fantastic knowledge and great teamwork - which was highlighted by judges - helped them secure second place."

"I was very proud of them and their performance."

Year 9 pupil Mia found some of the activities difficult, but enjoyed the chance to apply the skills they had been learning in class.

"We had to complete a few different activities as a team, including identifying elements and a distillation practical, and we worked really well together."

"We all realised we knew more than we thought and got to use the knowledge we have built up in our science classes."

"The test was the hardest, but we were really pleased to have Stevie on our team. She scored the highest score of any Year 11 pupil in the Hull competition which was amazing."



Staff Fancy Dress

It is a Malet Lambert tradition for staff to take part in fancy dress on the last school day before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who joined in - it certainly made for a great festive atmosphere!



Celebrating Success

Our school community came together in November to celebrate the achievements of our pupils, past and present, at our annual Achievement Evening.

Head of School, Mr Sprakes, led the celebrations with a welcome speech, commenting, "I am so proud to be here to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our pupils."

"Thanks to staff, governors, parents and pupils for all their hard work together - our partnership is crucial."

The school welcomed former pupil and celebrated biochemist, Professor Olwyn Westwood, to the ceremony as guest speaker.

She said, "When I came to Malet Lambert I felt my academic career took off."

"Malet gave me courage; you should all have the courage to go and do what you want."

"If you have dreams, you can realise them because Malet Lambert gives you wings."

Current pupils were awarded prizes for excellence in each subject area, chosen by heads of department, and house awards.

Former pupils also returned to collect their GCSE certificates and to receive special awards from staff.

Christmas Concert

Musicians, singers and dancers took to the stage to entertain parents and staff with a host of festive tunes.

