

Malet Lambert School

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THE MALET MERCURY

Happy Christmas!

What a term this has been ! The Building Schools for the Future programme is under way with much of the back elevation being developed and the west wing undergoing refurbishment as I write to you!

The new Sports Hall is due to open in late January and the new multi user spaces are already established. 26 million will be spent in our school over the next eight months, thus giving us an exceptional environment which matches the needs of our excellent pupils.



Thank you all pupils, staff and parents for your perseverance and resilience during this work! Quite simply without your help, understanding and patience we would not be able to do it. However, very soon we will see the benefits and no doubt celebrate in true "Malet" style. We do hope you have a truly wonderful Christmas, and perhaps we should remember that the greatest gift we can offer is love, and although difficult to wrap, it is the best gift!

May your 2012 be full of hope, happiness and joy!

Jane Disbrey and the Malet Team



Reading at Malet



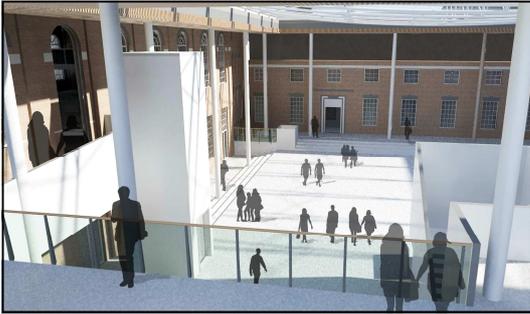
Following another successful reading week at Malet, we have some competition winners to celebrate. After our 'Whole School Read' during registration for a week, pupils were asked to write a ten word sound-bite about their book to be entered into a competition. The winners, who were awarded a £10 WHSmith voucher, were: **Abigail Foston, Harry Fox, Josh Hudson and Josh Langcaster**. A special staff mention also has to go to Ms Smith in Science, who found it difficult to tear herself away for period one, as she couldn't put her Rob Brydon book down! Well done and keep reading!
Miss Gleadhill





Tradition with Ambition

It all started with a vision...



and then the bulldozers came...



Building a future Together



Welcome to the European Day of Languages!

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The theme of the day was to emphasise that a little knowledge of a language can make all the difference. A stranger can be made to feel welcome by being greeted in his native tongue. Year 7 pupils made a series of flags to decorate the school with "hello" in many different languages-some more recognisable than others. Staying with the "hello" theme, pupils collected stickers for their good work as they moved from lesson to lesson. Many departments entered into the spirit of the day including starters and language based activities in their lessons. We were treated to themed meals in the canteen and menus were translated into French, German and Spanish to allow pupils to see some key language outside the classroom. At lunchtime and break time we were treated to a variety of European music. Although the building work prevented some activities from taking place it did not dampen our enthusiasm and next year is bound to be bigger and better than ever!

Teaser: which is the only word in the English language to end in "mt"?

* Answer is on the last page below the school's address



Technology News

It has been a busy time for the Technology Faculty. Ms Elliott and Mrs Peacock have been running the Let's Get Cooking Club for all ages on a Thursday afternoon in week 2.

The pupils also made jam, marmalade and chutney to sell at the Academic Awards Evening and to the staff. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed the experience to date. After Christmas other pupils will be invited to join the club.

Ferens Art Gallery Competition

18 Year 10 and 11 students entered the annual Ferens Art Gallery Competition. All students work was accepted and students received a personal congratulations letter and invitations for themselves and friends and family to attend the opening of the exhibition. Mrs Gibson attended the opening and commented on the high standard of work entered by Malet Lambert Textile students. The exhibition runs until the end of January.



In Product Design, the Arts Development Office from Hull City Council and a Professional Jeweller have been working with the Year 9 pupils on their Jewellery project. Many pupils are so pleased with the results that some lucky people are receiving hand made jewellery for Christmas!!!!





CED – Summer 2011

Students in Years 9 and 10 have undertaken work looking at exploring differences in the local and national community. Students worked hard in understanding and analysing the importance of treating everyone with respect and equality. Students took part in discussions, practical activities and group work. In the afternoon students designed their own campaigns to combat various types of prejudice and discrimination. Students worked hard and produced excellent presentations which they shared with the class. Overall all students in Years 9 and 10 should be proud of their achievements from the day and now have a thorough understanding of how to work and live with everyone in the local and national community.

Mr Ockford
Lead Teacher for Citizenship

A word of...



Welcome to Li Zhihong

Our new Chinese teacher has arrived from our partner school in Beijing-the Yungang Middle School. She will be with us until June. Li Zhihong (known as Liz) will be teaching our year 11 Mandarin group Chinese characters as they progress towards their GCSE in Mandarin Chinese. She will also be providing our year 7 pupils with enrichment sessions in Mandarin, they all seem to be enjoying this so far. They are all intrigued (as was I) to find out how the Chinese count to 10 on one hand!

Liz will also be working with our local primary schools, starting with Cavendish. As the Chinese New Year approaches we will be looking to Liz to help us organise our celebrations.



We would like to say welcome to Liz and we hope she will enjoy her stay with us.

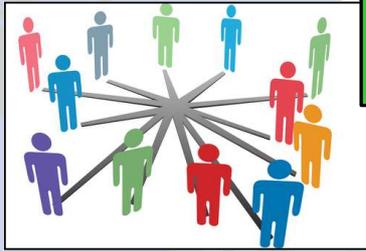
Family Learning Festive Fun Workshop

A Festive Fun Workshop was delivered in partnership with Malet Lambert School and the Family Learning Centre. Parents were offered an exciting opportunity to work informally with their children in school, by taking part in sharing activities together, including a Christmas Quiz, puzzles, 3D stars and pop up cards (with copious amounts of glitter) .

It was a valuable time for parents to experience using ICT and learning with their children. A fun time was had by all, with refreshments kindly provided by Mrs. Disbrey.



ENTERPRISE NEWS



Year 11 students present at the Hull Exchange Launch

On Friday the 30th September 3 Year 11 students Emma Gale, Tom Cooper and Liam McCullion presented at the launch of the Hull Exchange about their work experience and employability skills.

The exchange is a hub designed to help young people with employability and skills issues. Located in Wilberforce Court, in the same building as Hull Esteem Consortium's offices, The Exchange will create a lasting legacy in terms of assisting various different agencies that support local young people, whether that be through work experience, enterprise opportunities, gaining life skills or supporting a route into education, employment or training.

Students reflections from the day:

Throughout my time putting the presentation together with my fellow class mates, I have realised the amount of different business opportunities available in the business world. This day was just one of many more connections I wish to make in my life.

I learnt that some activities or things you are asked to do are hard, and that you have to leave your comfort zone, but that just prepares us for later in life where we have to make deadlines and we have to succeed under pressure.

I have also learnt to be more natural when presenting and how to have more fun than stress with events like these. I am very pleased with the way the day went as the connections we made were unbelievable, and will help us with our careers choices.

Thank you for this brilliant opportunity, it has been worth it.

I learnt about development around Hull and skills such as confidence and determination which I can apply in my curriculum. I also received business contacts to influence my decisions in college.

The day helped me to gain an understanding of what it's like to present to an audience. It also helped me further my business idea.

For more information on the Hull Exchange visit the following website:

<http://www.esteem.cc/the-exchange.php>

Year 9 students attend the MADE Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Festival

On Thursday 22nd September 25 Year 9 students attended the MADE Festival in Sheffield. Students had the opportunity to listen to a variety of business leaders including Vince Cable, Claire Young and Peter Jones from Dragons Den.

Students reflections from the day:

I have learnt that to be successful is not to give up.

That you can be what you want to be no matter what it is.

Take little steps at a time, don't give up.



I have learnt what inspired some of the most successful people in the Business Industry. I learnt that if you try hard at something it may give you a better life in the future. Also I have learnt that business's start out in a lot of weird ways. I met some successful business people aged 16/17 who have some of their own business's.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the Entrepreneurs and I am very grateful towards Claire Young who made it possible for Malet Lambert to attend the event.

I think that overall it was a good day. I especially enjoyed Peter Jones and Emma Harrison's speech, as they were funny, interesting and inspirational.