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# NEWSLETTER

December 2024

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

It has been an excellent autumn term with so much to celebrate at Heath Lane Academy. The benefits of the school joining United Learning are noticeable and are having a really positive impact for pupils and staff. The most pleasing development is the quality of our curriculum and the consistency of teaching. Our staffing is the strongest it has ever been and this means pupils are getting a consistent diet of high quality teaching. A strong indicator of this consistency is that we have only had two days of external supply all term meaning our pupils are being taught by our staff every lesson. Another indicator of the quality of lessons are our pupils books, which are of a really high standard.

Every fortnight I have the pleasure of hosting our 'Principals Proud' table. Pupils bring their best books to showcase their work and receive golden tickets and chocolate to recognise the pride our pupils take in their work. My lunchtime flies by as pupils bring a constant stream of wonderful books!



Our Year 11 pupils have also taken advantage of the quality of teaching and support they are receiving and have achieved our best ever set of November Mock results. We are excited to see what they can achieve next summer.

What an incredible term of fundraising it has been! We are so proud of our school community for coming together to support two amazing charities and making a real difference.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic £445.46 for Children in Need. This wonderful charity helps improve the lives of children and young people across the UK, and it's amazing to think how much good our contribution will do.

But that's not all! We also raised an incredible £670.22 for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity that provides essential care and resources for people facing cancer. Every pound will help make someone's journey just a little bit easier, and that's something we can all feel proud of.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, joined in the events, or helped out in any way. Your kindness and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring, and it's wonderful to see what we can achieve when we work together.

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Our mission at Heath Lane is to 'Develop Good People'. This means we value strong academic performance and also excellent character education. This term our pupils have embraced lots of opportunities beyond the classroom to develop as good people with a wide range of skills and attributes. There have been many highlights including three wonderful recent events. Firstly, we hosted our first Christmas Fair, ran by our Year 11 pupils, with local enterprises, businesses and educational partners creating an excellent festive atmosphere, which was very well attended. Our Heath Lane Bake Off competition this term has been incredible with the standard of baking blowing our judges away. The twelve finalists produced outstanding 'Yule Logs' showing their technical skills and creativity. Congratulations to our winners and to all who took part!







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Last week, I also had the pleasure of judging our 'First Give' social action competition which all tutor groups in Year 8 entered. Each group supported a local charity, raising the profile of the charities work and completing a social action project. The winning group, 8A secured £1000 for their charity, the Community Cafe who are doing wonderful work in our community to support Mental Health. Our Year 8 pupils, under the leadership of Miss Faulks our PSHE Lead were superb, presenting with real maturity, emotional intelligence and purpose.

## First Give Charity with Year 8



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★ Our Year 8 students are making a difference! ★

As part of the First Give programme, our students have been hard at work supporting local charities through their social action projects. From organising raffles and leading drama clubs to creating beautiful pieces in poetry and art clubs, their creativity and dedication have been truly inspiring. We're so proud of their efforts to make a positive impact in our community!

Stay tuned as they prepare for the First Give final—an event to celebrate their amazing contributions! 🎉  
#SocialAction #FirstGive #TeamWork



Respect Kindness Hard Work



We have so much to look forward to at Heath Lane in 2025, starting with our Heath Lane Musical in January. We had to double cast the performance as so many pupils auditioned, so we are excited to see them all perform. I will be offering regular tours of the school in 2025 and I encourage you to come and see the school in action.

I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR