



Noadswood News:

Week Commencing: 4th December 2023

Week A

Events coming up:

4 - 8th December	Festive Lunches for all years
7 th December	Festive Auction Noadswood's Bikeshed Bonanza!
13 th December	Festive Concert

Message from the Leadership Team:

We'd like to begin by promoting *Noadswood's Bikeshed Bonanza Festive Auction* that will be taking place on Thursday December 7th from 6pm in our school hall. The flyer below has been issued to you all already:



This is a student leadership initiative, raising funds for a really good quality bike compound for the school, which in the end will be a joint venture, purchased with funds from the school's capital projects pot, prior student fundraising work, this event, one or two others later in the year, plus support from our PSA. The school family working together at its finest.

We'd still love to receive donations for the auction or the tabletop sales – perhaps when you're buying a gift or two over the weekend, you could consider popping an extra little something in the basket? Or, if you're crafty, and you've made some lovely bits for the festive season, you could pop

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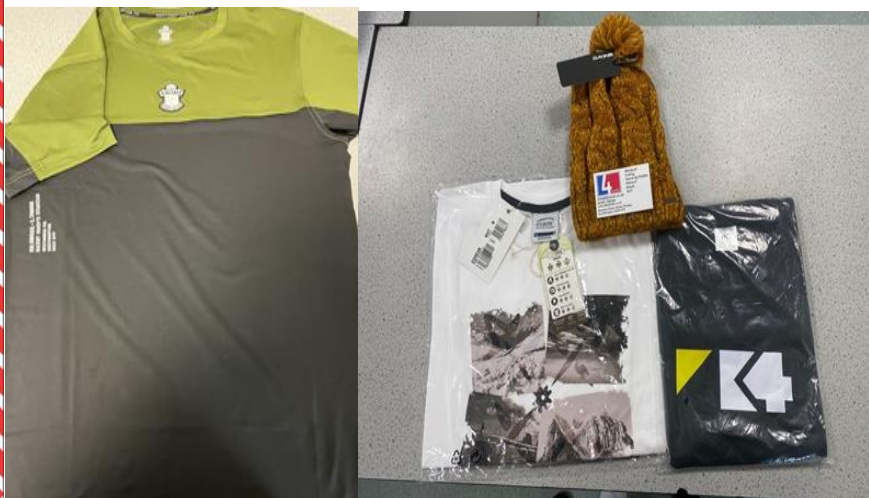
something our way? It's also not too late to get your business involved - if you or colleagues **from** your local business or organisation were minded to donate any items or services that you feel people in the community would like to bid on, we would love this! If an in-kind donation isn't possible, monetary donations are always greatly appreciated, as well.

Donations of gifts to sell on the evening could also range from food (no fresh food until the day though, please), toys, books, artwork and any smellies or gift packs. We have quite a range of items that people can bid on so far and the list is growing!

The student leaders are being supported brilliantly with the event by Assistant Year Leader, Mrs Wyse, so if you can offer anything mentioned above, don't hesitate to email her on mwyse@noadswood.hants.sch.uk so that we can arrange things ready for next Thursday.

And do, please, come along on Thursday 7th December from 6pm to enjoy the occasion, purchase from the tabletop sales and bid for one of the super lots we have already been donated so kindly – it will be a lovely, festive event, entirely led by students, and we're very proud of their initiative! Please note that the event is CASH ONLY – unusual these days, but nonetheless the case, for this specific event only, with the exception of the larger auction bids which can be paid for by electronic bank transfer, winnings handed to you once the money has appeared where it needs to!

If you would like to come, drop us an email at auktion@noadswood.hants.sch.uk so we can plan for numbers in the hall for health and safety purposes. See you there!



'Light Up' Competition Success for Noadswood:

We'd next like to congratulate our fantastic students who you may have already seen featured in the Daily Echo. There were hundreds of entries for the 'Light Up' competition launched by Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and ten local students were selected from hundreds of entries to have their designs made into artwork to be projected onto Jermyn's House throughout their Light Trail festive season. The winner was none other than Charlie H, in year 7, who also won a £1,000 prize for our Art department funds. We are so proud of all our young artists with Kaitlyn W coming in second place and Ethan W also being placed as a runner up!



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Miss Marshall had a super time with Art team members, Mrs Brown, Mrs Mansbridge and Mrs Powell at the opening night of the trail on Wednesday 29th November, enjoying time with some of our winning students and their families – quite a moment when their work shone across the gardens, and their names, too!

The prize money has been funded by Light Up Trails and Bath Spa University and has been so welcomed by all in the Art team. Read more in the link below:

[Daily Echo Link](#)





Coffee and Cake:

It has been great to see some of our parents and carers who arrived for our Key Stage 3 coffee and cake drop-in sessions. It was an opportunity for parents and carers to come into Noadswood and speak to members of our Pastoral Team and Senior Leadership Team about any concerns that parents/carers may have had on their minds, questions they may have, matters they'd like more information about or things they would like to share with us. We're pleased with the feedback we've had, and we'll ensure we do these events more frequently, alongside running some Key Stage 4 sessions too. If you would ever like a cuppa and a cake with us to talk through school life in any way that is on your mind, don't feel you must wait for the events – just drop us a mail at info@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and we will fix a time in the diary for you.



Reports:

Reports are being produced for the Autumn Term 2023 – these will include information about students' effort, behaviour and independent learning for the subjects studied, as well as an indication of progress. They are currently being completed by all teachers and will be released, via Arbor email, to students and parents/carers during the final week of term (we're aiming for Tuesday 12th December 2023).

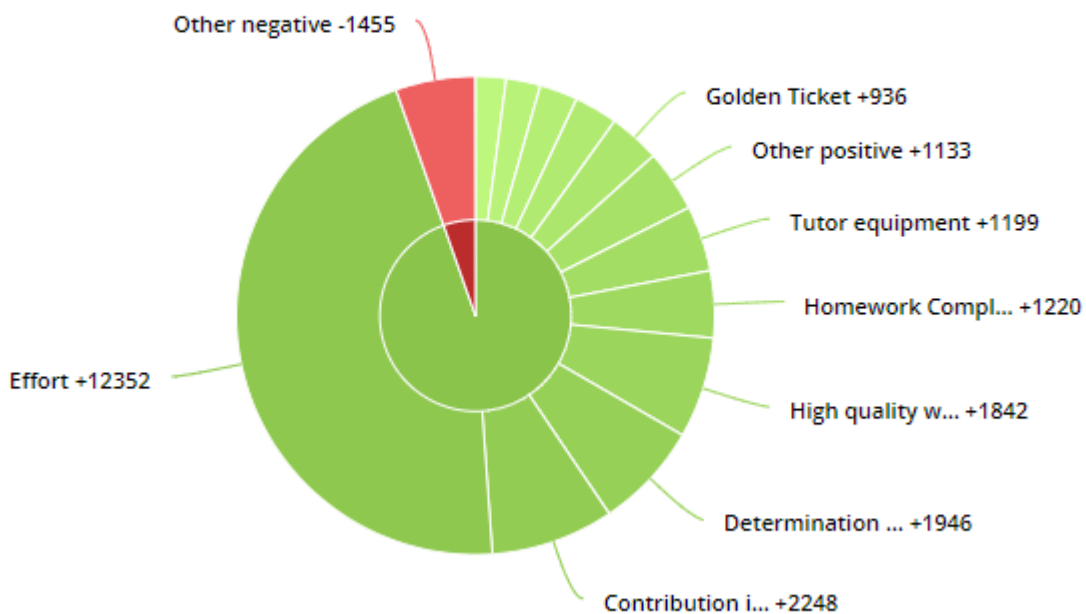


Positive Recognition:

This month has been an impressive one for our students, with 95% of the behaviour points that have been awarded being positive! A huge well done to all the students that have gained their recognition points. Not long now until the Golden Ticket draw too, where the lucky students can win items like Apple Air pods, Bluetooth speakers and powerpacks thanks to the kind sponsorship of Shawfix Autos. If any other local businesses would like to sponsor a prize, please contact drowling@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

Positive versus Negative ratios

31/10/2023 - 30/11/2023





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Uniform:

As the weather turns colder and wetter on a regular basis, please can we ask that you remind your children to wear warm coats so that they are as comfortable as they can be when making their way to and from school. Please also be mindful that hoodies are not part of the uniform policy, nor are they an acceptable alternative to a coat, and so should not be worn at school. If you need financial support with outer clothing or any other part of uniform, please do email finance@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and we can see what we can do to help.

Festive Concert – Wednesday December 13th – Doors open at 5pm

Our annual Christmas concert is literally bursting with talent! You would be making a festive season mistake not to join us and the incredible range of performers we have excitedly preparing to entertain you. Mrs Rees and Mr Watkins are at the helm, as usual, and Mrs Rees has shared with us that there was no way we could stick to an hour's line-up, because of the level of talent at the auditions. So we will start at 5.30pm, and it will run for about two hours. The early start time is to encourage young people to come and support their friends, as well as parents, carers, other family members – all are welcome.

Miss Marshall has continued to enjoy rehearsing our Year 7 and 8 Choir each week – they will be belting out *The Best Day of My Life* in the concert and are an absolute joy to work with every single week.

Although there is so much lovely stuff happening in and around our school, do keep in touch with us if you need to at what we know can also be a very anxious, tiring, busy part of term and the year – whatever is on your mind, there will be somebody here who can unpick it and help. Drop your child's year leader or tutor a line or info@noadswood.hants.sch.uk remains the 'catch all' email address if you are unsure who to communicate with via Class Charts or email.

Best wishes,

The Leadership Team



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Safeguarding and Inclusion:

National BeeWell Programme:

#BeeWell is a youth-centred programme led by the University of Manchester. The programme was developed in response to a growing concern for the well-being of young people in the UK. The project has recently extended into Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and aims to identify the issues affecting young people's well-being across the area.

The BeeWell survey is sent to all participating schools (87% of schools in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are taking part). Year 8 and 10 students will be surveyed in the Autumn Term of 2023. Students are asked about their life and their feelings, as well as health and routines, hobbies and entertainment, relationships, school, the environment and their views of the future. From the following January, all participating schools are provided with private reports and follow-up meetings to help schools interpret and act on the data, supporting them to develop targeted interventions to improve the wellbeing of students according to what their students want and need.

Each student is provided with a unique password to access the survey, which takes between 10 and 20 minutes to complete.

If your child is in Year 8 or 10, please do ask them to check their school email in order to find the link to the survey, as well as their password. It would be great to have all students completing the survey and contributing to the project.

For more information on the project, please click here: [About us - #BeeWell \(beewellprogramme.org\)](https://beewellprogramme.org)



Wellbeing Ambassadors:

We had a fabulous day last week training our new Wellbeing Ambassadors. Their training included learning how to support other pupils, keeping ourselves well mentally and boundaries. Welcome to the team Harrison, Holly, Callum, Esme and Benji!

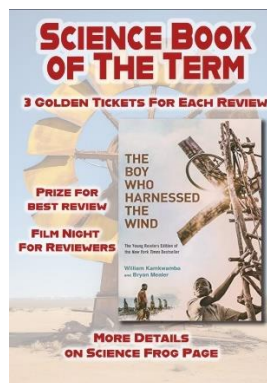


Science Department:

The Science Department has been delighted to see so many students borrowing 'The boy who harnessed the wind' from the library and have enjoyed reading the first book reviews handed in.

Remember, all book reviews will be awarded 3 golden tickets and there will be a prize for the best entry.

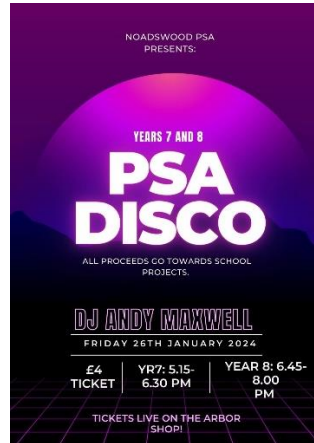
Happy reading everyone!





PSA News:

Disco tickets for years 7 and 8 are now live on Arbor. Details below:



After-School Clubs:

Last week we told you about our afterschool sports clubs, this week we want to raise your awareness of some of our other clubs that we offer to our students.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homework Help 3.00pm – 3.45pm LRC Years 7-11	Homework Help 3.00pm – 3.45pm LRC Years 7-11	Homework Help 3.00pm – 3.45pm LRC Years 7-11	Homework Help 3.00pm – 3.45pm LRC Years 7-11	Homework Help 3.00pm – 3.45pm LRC Years 7-11
Coding Club 3:00-3:30 T24 Years 7-9	Disco Table Tennis 3:00 - 4:00 School Hall Years 7-11	Eco Club 3:00 3:45 T15 Years 7-11	Chess Club 3:00 3:45 T27 Years 7-11	Rock Band 3:00 - 4:00 H18 Years 7-11
Christian Union 3:00-4:00 A17 Years 7-11	Bakery Club 3:00 - 4:00 TBC		Model Kit Club 3:00 - 4:00 T14 Years 7-11	
Hub Club 3:00-4:00 School Hall Years 7-10	Music Tech Club 3:00 - 4:00 H18 Years 7-11		Robotics TBC limited numbers Years 8-11	
Brass Band 3:00-4:00 H17 Years 7-11	Science Club 3:00 - 4:00 A24 Years 7 & 8		Choir 3:00 - 4:00 H17 Years 7 - 11	
	Maths Games and Puzzle Club A11 Yeas 7 & 8			



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