

December 2024 Edition

Welcome to this month's edition of **Beverley Highlife**. I hope that you will enjoy reading about what has been happening this month at Beverley High School.

Sharon Japp, Headteacher

 **MFL Christmas Card Competition Winners!** 

The standard of creativity and design was really high this year, with lots of entries and very beautiful and unique Christmas cards submitted, and so the following students can all feel justifiably proud of their efforts. The languages chosen by the participants ranged from French and German to Turkish, Zulu, Welsh, Mandarin Chinese, Latin, Arabic, Japanese, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Norwegian, Dutch and Russian amongst others – our students are wonderfully curious, clever and creative in equal measure!

Overall winners:

Year 7: Katie S 7MW

Year 8: Zoe G 8PA

Year 9: Sophie B 9HL

These pupils won a lunch queue jump pass for themselves and a friend & some chocolate.



Runners-Up (Chocolate prize):

Year 7:

Macey H7MP

Evie T 7MB

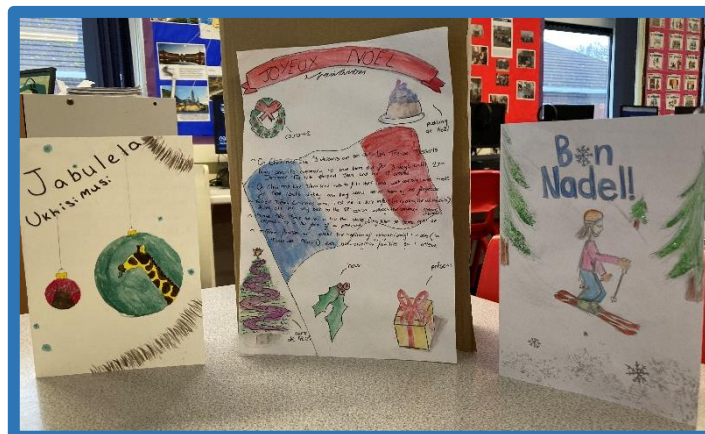


Year 8:

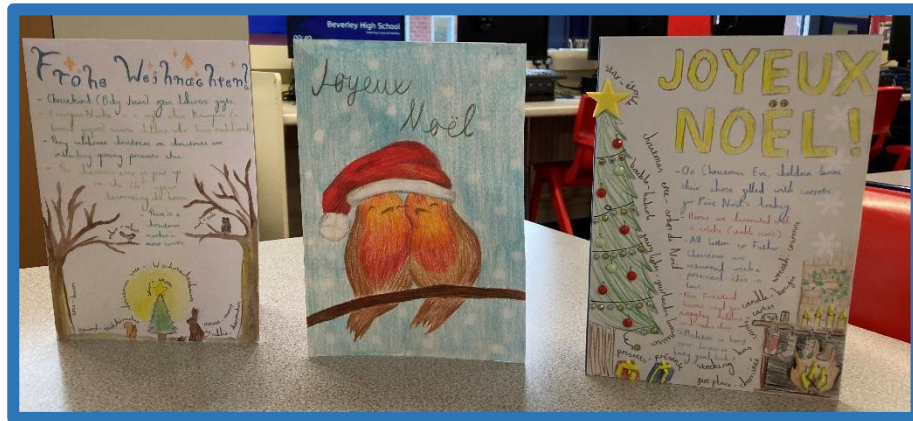
Jessica M 8MW

Sophie H 8PA

Molly N 8HL

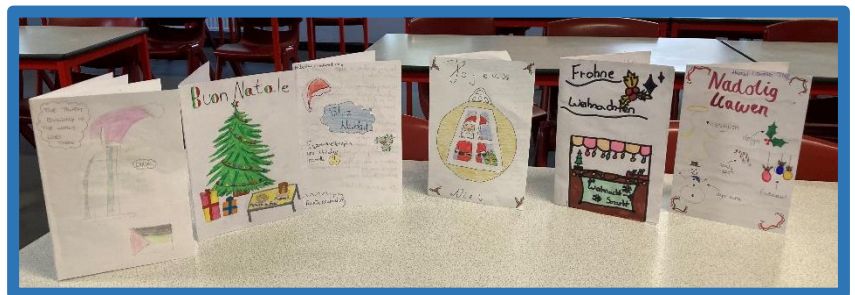


**Year 9:**  
 Evie J 9MP  
 Isabel M 9MW



**All Entrants (Achievement Points awarded):**

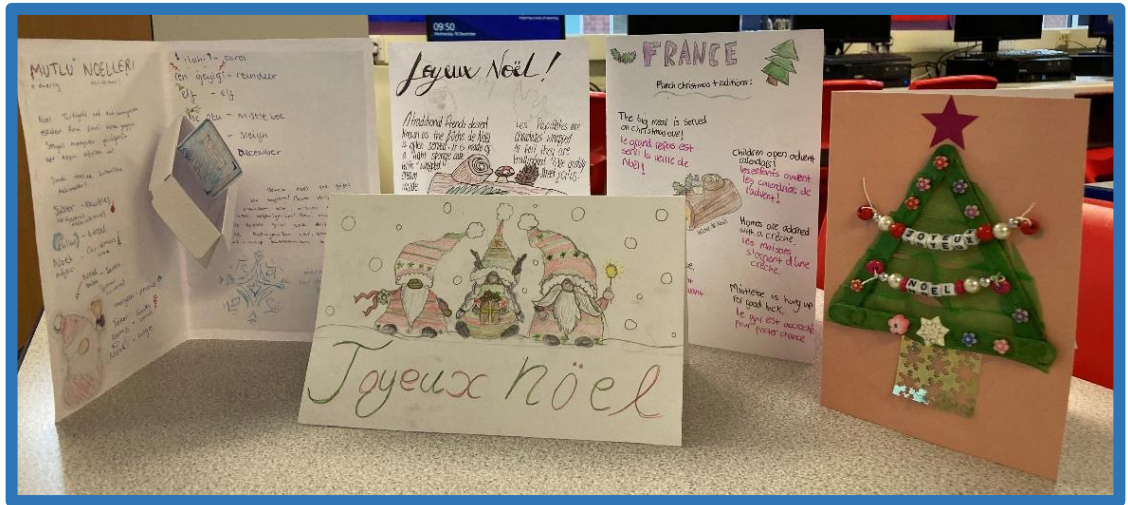
**Year 7:**  
 Élodie W & Carys J-H 7MP  
 Harriet C 7MB  
 Freya L 7MB  
 Natasha W 7MB  
 Evie P 7PA  
 Juno C 7MW  
 Georgiana E 7MP  
 Freya H 7HL  
 Tamzin B & Tara B 7MW  
 Joan D 7PA  
 Giada Z & Lily H 7MW  
 Esmée A 7MP  
 Milly W 7MP  
 Evelyn A 7MP



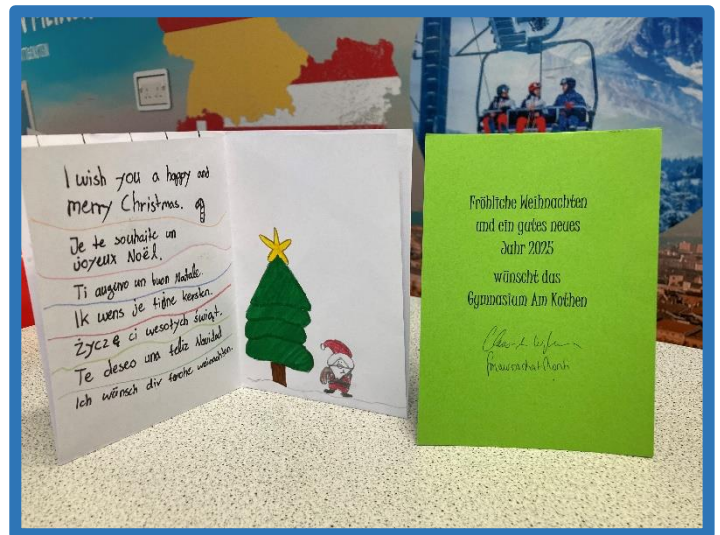
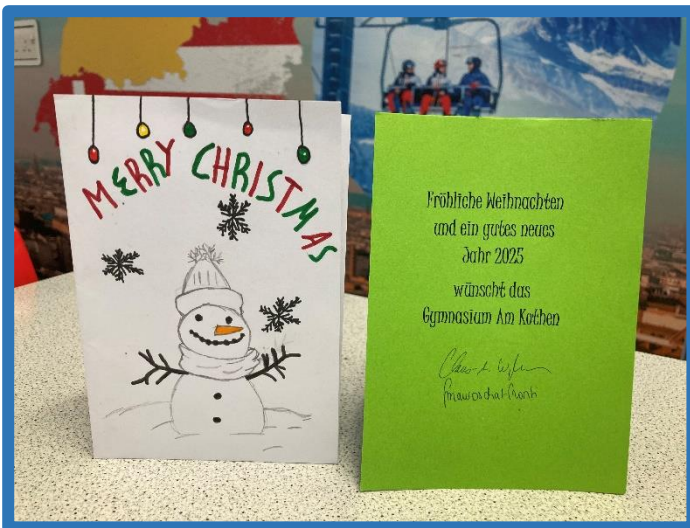
**Year 8:**  
 Laila D 8PA  
 Peggy B 8MP  
 Emillie I 8MB  
 Imogen S 8MP  
 Miya P 8MW  
 Millie R 8MB  
 Grace S 8MP



Year 9:  
 Lilly P 9MB  
 Meryem C 9MP  
 Abbie T 9PA  
 Nia J 9MB  
 Poppy W 9HL



... and in this last week of term, we received a Christmas card entry all the way from our partner school in Germany!



From everyone in the MFL Department, we wish you all:



## Inter-House Drama Competition

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 20 pupils from Years 7-10 competed in the Inter-House Drama competition. Pupils from across these year groups worked together with members of their houses to create inspiring Drama pieces. The brief was to create a piece of theatre based on the inspirational woman that their House represents. Students were told they could do this however they wished. They conducted their own research and planning and then used fantastic teamwork to create and rehearse their performances. In the afternoon, the teams performed, and prizes were awarded for best overall House performance and for the best individual performers in each year group. The students worked incredibly hard all day and created some fantastic and moving pieces. A huge congratulations must go to Mary Wollstonecraft (MW) House who won the overall team prize, as well as our individual winners for best performer in each year group.



Best Performer Prizes: Elodie W Year 7, Aimee B Year 8, Flora F Year 9 and Leila A-K Year 10



MW House Winners: Grace R, Caitlin E, Flora F and Aimee B



## Inter-House Textiles Competition

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, the Design and Technology Department ran an Inter-House Textiles Competition. The brief was for five students, one from each of Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 to work together to design and make a banner based on research about the woman who represents their House. The students had five hours from start to finish. The students did amazingly well and were a credit to themselves and the school. The banners were judged at the end of the day by Ms Japp and Miss Brownell and I am very pleased to announce that Mary Braddon (MB) House won. All banners were designed and made beautifully and will be displayed during charity events and Sports Day. You can see the banners below:





## Year 7 Art Day

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, a select group of twenty-four Year 7 students spent the day in Art with the aim of completing twenty-five large scale paintings that measure approximately 6ft x 4ft. We also had some help from the German exchange students and they thoroughly enjoyed getting involved and chatting to the Year 7 students whilst painting.

The project is a massive undertaking but it is worth it in the end as the finished pieces will hang in the Minster during the Christmas Carol Service. The finished artwork looks fantastic and all of Year 7 should be very proud of their efforts.

Whilst this year's work is not Christmas themed (that seemed like a good idea in July when we put the project together), we are very excited about researching next year as it will be centred around Christmas food...something very dear to our hearts.

As we do not want to spoil the surprise, you can see a couple of close-up sections of the finished paintings below.



## Years 8 and 9 Maths Competition

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December classes from Years 8 and 9 participated in an online Maths Christmas Quiz run by The Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP). The Quiz is being run over 9 sessions and will involve approximately 2,000 pupils from across Yorkshire, The Humber and East Midlands. Our teams did exceptionally well in their session with two Year 9 teams and one Year 8 team in the top 5! We look forward to seeing our overall placings once all the sessions have been completed.

## Kindness in Our Community

Many thanks to our school community for your very generous contributions to our December Foodbank collection. Your donations were gratefully received by the East Yorkshire Foodbank and will greatly benefit local families over the festive period.



## Year 7 Christmas Cards for Lindum House

As part of our Year 7 traditions, form groups have enjoyed writing and decorating Christmas cards for residents of Lindum House Care Home in Beverley. The front cover was the winning design from the Inter-House Art competition in November, won by Pat Albeck (PA) House.

As always, Year 7 put a lot of thought and effort into describing their hobbies and interests; ambitions for the future; and what they're most looking forward to this Christmas. These heart-warming cards are always appreciated by the residents and staff at Lindum House, and help the pupils develop their empathy and generosity at this time of year.



## Year 10 Gingerbread Houses

Year 10 Product Designers have been doing a short module on electronics and just in time for Christmas have finished their dark activated gingerbread houses with colour changing LEDs.



## Visit to United Motorsports in Wakefield

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Year 12 and Year 13 Product Design students were lucky enough to visit United Autosports in Wakefield. United Autosports are the UK's fastest growing racing company and have competed and won the Le Mans 24-hour race twice. It was fascinating to see the technicians working on next year's McLarens, stripped down to bare carbon fibre shells and electronics. They also have an extensive vintage racing car collection including cars once driven by Ayrton Senna and Nigel Mansell. Many thanks to Mr Bibbington at Beverley Grammar School for organising the trip.



## Year 8 & 9 Christmas Celebration

Year 8 and 9 celebrated Christmas in competitive style, including present wrapping relays, present opening with bubble wrap gloves, a musical statues dance off and some creative Christmas sculpture making! Loud and excitable fun was had by all and congratulations to 8MP and 9PA who were Christmas party Champions – Merry Christmas Year 8 and 9 – your excellent dance moves will never be forgotten!



## Year 7 Christmas Celebration

On the penultimate Thursday of term, Year 7 enjoyed a festive celebration in the school canteen in their "Wear Something Christmassy" accessories. They sang and danced through the Twelve Days of Christmas, enjoyed the suspense of their form group's lucky dip (everyone gets a prize, but in what order?) and played a nail-biting game of bingo on a grand scale. Form tutors and the Head of Year team congratulated Year 7 for completing their first full term at Beverley High as they have settled in very well.

## 12 Days of Kindness Challenge

In the final days of term, Year 7 have been challenged to complete a different kind act every day, in order to focus on the many little ways that we can make a big difference in our school community and beyond. And pupils have risen to the challenge! Kind acts included donating clothes to charity, leaving festive notes for people to find, and helping caregivers to cook dinner, wrap presents or decorate the tree. And of course, taking part in the many Christmas activities organised by the school this month.

## Sports Report

### Sports Hall Athletics

In early December, the School Sports Partnership organised the Year 7 & 8 Sports Hall Athletics Competition for local schools in the area with the event being held at Longcroft School. The competition is a team event consisting of a variety of indoor jumps, throws and running races.

It is always an exciting event, as we don't know the scores until the very end when they announce the results. Our students showed great enthusiasm and determination in all the events, it was lovely to see how supportive they were of each other and other local schools, cheering on all the competitors – they showed really great team spirit!

We were pleased to hear at the end of the competition that both teams came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Well done to all who took part.



Netball

Year 8 Netball Teams



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December we played South Hunsley Year 8 netball teams - both teams played amazingly well, winning 15-6 & 10-2. Coaches' players of the match were Amelie W for fast movement around the court and Serena C for superb shooting!

Year 7 Netball Teams



Year 7 Netball

Well done to all our Year 7 students who played against South Hunsley in a friendly on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. We lost overall but the students really enjoyed the games. They showed real potential and worked well as a team. Well done to Emmie and Emma who received player of the match from the opposing team. Coaches' players were Izzy T for excellent passing and Sophia C for great defending!

League games for Years 7 & 8 will start after Christmas.

After school Netball Club Changes

Please note that due to so many Year 7 students attending lunchtime club they can now come to an after-school club on Monday 3.15-4.15pm.

Tuesday lunchtime club will still run for those students who can't make Monday after school.

Year 9 netball club will move to a Thursday after school to train with the Year 10s & 11s.

## Schools' Badminton Competition

After qualifying for the East Riding final, the Key Stage 3 badminton team competed against the other two top schools in the area. After competing in some very competitive singles and doubles matches the team were crowned overall winners and have made it through to the Humber final next year! Congratulations, that's amazing news!

### **East Riding Winners!**

#### **KS3 Team**



## Year 7 Inter-house Football Results

Well done to all the Year 7 students who have been coming down at lunchtimes over the last few weeks to compete in the inter-house competition. The students' attitude and effort were fantastic, with every form organising their own squads and lots of students enthusiastic to play. The results are below:



Year 7 Inter-house Football	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>
	PA	MW	HL	MP	MB

## Panathlon Challenge



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December five pupils attended the Panathlon Challenge of Boccia and New Age Kurling at Haltemprice Leisure Centre, organised by East Riding School Sports Partnership. These activities were new to most of the pupils, but they all showed great determination to develop their accuracy in both events. The Boccia event saw the pupils divided into two teams, each playing in a round robin competition with three other schools. For the Kurling event pupils came together, demonstrating positive teamwork skills, in another round robin. In some closely fought matches we came 2<sup>nd</sup> in our round robin of Kurling, going on to beat the winners of the other group. Pupils will now be invited to compete in the Humberside round of New Age Kurling in March 2025.



## Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Championship Winners

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December six pupils travelled by train to Bridlington to participate in the East Riding Secondary School Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Championships. Following on from our success last year, pupils showed their team spirit and determination to beat nine other teams and win the event, gaining a place in the Humberside round of the competition in March 2025.

Chloe once again finished top scorer of the competition, entering the 100 club and taking her own gold medal, on top of the team gold, with a score of 111.

Well done to everyone involved, you were a pleasure to spend time with, and it was a lovely way to spend a day in the last week of term.



PE Activities for the Spring Term

<b>Year 7</b>	Gymnastics and Multi-skills/fitness
<b>Year 8</b>	Dance & Badminton
<b>Year 9</b>	Badminton, Volleyball, Fitness & Basketball
<b>Year 10</b>	Badminton, Basketball & Volleyball
<b>Year 11</b>	Basketball, Cricket & Yoga

Extra-Curricular PE Clubs

January – Easter

	<b>LUNCHTIME</b>		<b>AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM)</b>	
	Bring a pack-up & trainers.		Bring full PE kit.	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Badminton</b> All Years Sports Hall		<b>Netball Club</b> Year 7 & 8 Sports hall	<b>Fixtures</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Netball Club</b> Year 7 Sports Hall	<b>Yr10 &amp; 11 GCSE Dance</b> Dance Studio		<b>Fixtures</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Football</b> Year 8 & 9 Sports Hall		<b>Sixth Form Badminton</b> Sports Hall	<b>Fixtures</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Football</b> Year 7 Sports Hall		<b>Netball Club</b> Year 9,10,11 & Sixth Form Sports Hall	<b>Dance club (Must sign up first)</b> Year 7 & 8 Dance Studio
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Football</b> Year 10 & 11 Sports Hall	<b>Hockey</b> Year 7 & 8 Gym		



### Scout Hoping to Explore Vietnam

Year 11 student, Imogen E is taking part in an amazing trip to Vietnam with Scouts in order to achieve her Explorer Belt (one of the top awards). She has asked if we can share what she is doing with the school community as she needs to fundraise the cost of the trip.

"At the end of July 2025, I am hoping to embark on an incredible adventure to Vietnam as part of earning my Explorer Belt with the Explorers, of which I am a proud member.

To achieve this, I will need to develop a range of skills, including navigation, cooking, camping, language proficiency, teamwork, and first aid.

During the trip, I will keep a daily logbook and complete one major and ten minor projects. These projects will include activities such as trying traditional Vietnamese foods, participating in local festivals, and more.

The expedition involves travelling for a minimum of 50 hours over 10 days, journeying from South Vietnam to North Vietnam.

To make this amazing journey possible, I need to fundraise to cover the cost of the trip for myself and to support my team members. To raise funds, I plan to sell various items, raffle tickets, and badges.

If you have any additional ideas for fundraising or would like to support me by purchasing raffle tickets or badges, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you so much in advance for your kindness and support!"



### Menopause Support

Recently, we have been working with the community interest company Menopause Support to begin raising awareness of this not-for-profit organisation. Menopause Support provides private support via telephone and video consultations and bespoke menopause training and support solutions for businesses and organisations and menopause training days for therapists and well-being professionals. We have been lucky enough to receive 50 free copies of their 44 page help booklet, which will be accessible from the staff room for all staff. There will be more to come on this over the coming weeks and months.



### **Year 11 GCSE Maths Parent Meeting**

We would like to invite Year 11 parents to a GCSE Maths Parent meeting on Wednesday 15th January 4.15pm – 5pm in the school hall.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for you to discover a range of mathematical activities which will help aid revision and promote good study skills. We will also introduce you to a variety of web-based resources that can help boost your child's GCSE grade.

During the meeting there will be a chance to meet our mathematics teachers and get to know some of the approaches and resources that we use in the mathematics department.

If you cannot attend in person, we will be producing a video of the information from the meeting which we will share after the event.

An email giving further information, including how to book, will be sent out on the first week back after the Christmas break.

### **Things we've been asked to mention...**

#### **Jacobs Well Toy Sale**

Please could you help us advertise our huge toy sale, details and poster below.

Every year, Jacob's Well receives thousands of Toys, Games, Jigsaws, picture books and Teddies. Especially in the run up to Christmas, hundreds of families clear out their old toys to make space for the new presents that their children will receive. This Christmas we are thinking of those poorer families who look at their children's stockings and wish that they could afford to buy them more.

We are selling all the toys we have for £1 each or 2 for £1 for small items.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, from 9-11am, the Jacob's Well warehouse, next door to Aldi on Swinemoor Lane, Beverley HU17 0JX will be open for you to come and get amazing bargains for your children and grandchildren this Christmas. Many of the toys are as good as new, in the original box.

Don't let your child be disappointed this Christmas. Fill up their stocking with toys, games, jigsaws, picture books or cuddly toys for £1 each.

All money raised will go towards the cost of sending aid overseas to the world's poorest people.



# Huge Toy Sale

Sat 21st Dec

9-11am

all £1

2 for £1 for small items

1000's of items

Toys, Jigsaws,  
Games, Picture books

Stocking Fillers

Jacob's Well Warehouse.  
Swinemoor Lane (next to Aldi)  
HU17 0JX



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas-time