

Bensham Manor Newsletter

Autumn 2022



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Families,

Welcome to this Autumn Term Newsletter.

It has been lovely to see the Year 7 pupils settle in over the past term. They are really settling in and growing in confidence. Well done Year 7. Our Year 11 pupils have been working very hard, sitting a series of mock examinations across a number of subjects. I am incredibly proud of the hard work and commitment which they have shown. Year 11 pupils also attended a residential at The Old Pheasantry at the beginning of term. The feedback from Year 11 students was really positive. Post 16 continue to support the whole school through a number of initiatives. The support with The Felix Project, bagging up food items for families on a weekly basis. They continue to provide breakfast bagels each morning to pupils and operate the Drinks Hub in the front playground. A huge well done to them. Year 9 pupils have been preparing for their Mini-Enterprise Project. They have some excellent planning and preparation and worked very well together when selling their items. It was great to see their independent skills blossoming. The PE Department has organised a number of sporting events. Pupils from across all Year groups have taken part and there were lots of medals and trophies won. Congratulations to all involved.

The School Choir has had a number of 'gigs' this term including singing at our Christmas Fayre. The choir practice once per week and always work hard to learn new songs. Our Drama Lead and a number of pupils produced a fabulous production of Hamlet for Shakespeare Schools Festival. their creativity was astounding. Our Christmas Fayre was a great success, thanks to everyone for supporting us. All money raised in our Fairs goes into the pupils' Wellbeing budget.

I want to wish you all a very happy Christmas. Have a really restful break. Pupils return on Wednesday January 4th.

Fiona Robinson, Headteacher

Felix Project

Good Food for Good Causes

We would like to give a huge thank you to The Felix Project for their help this term. They provide healthy and nutritious food for our families who are in need of some support. Our Post 16 students help to retribute the food so that each students gets a varied and equal amount. Here are some photos of their important work



Year 11 Trip

Old Pheasantry Residential

For the first residential since the pandemic our Year 11s enjoyed 3 days and 2 nights experiencing the great outdoors alongside practicing their life skills. Each day groups of students were split into 3 to either make breakfast/lunch/dinner, lay the tables or wash up. They enjoyed exploring the local area as well as bonding during various group activities on site.

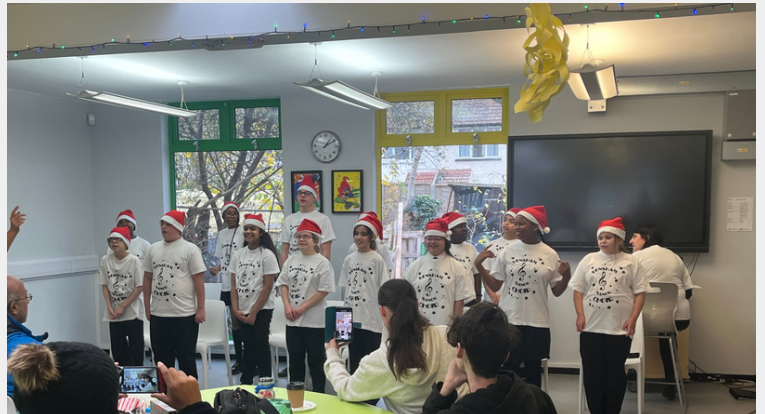


Christmas Fayre

We had a fantastic turnout at our Christmas Fayre this year. A huge thank you to all who supported and helped run the event. This includes Kidwizz and Eleanor Care who generously donated gifts for the raffle.

This year we had Father Christmas himself visit! The choir sang beautifully in the dining hall while hot food and various cakes were served. Beat the Goalie and Hoopla provided non-stop fun!

We raised over **£1800!**



Student Council

This term has been very successful for the student council - we have elected a new team and are extremely excited for the changes they will bring over this coming year.



The new team:

Year 7 - Elijah, Luke G, Harvey M

Year 8 - Elson, Hassan, Asiatu

Year 9 - Marek, Caden, Aishya, Amelia, Natalie

Year 10 - David G, Tommy, Liam

Year 11 - Saieshwar, Lewis, Oskar

Post 16 - Filipe

Here are some of the amazing things Student Council have had the chance to get involved in during the autumn term:

- Meeting with an external safeguarding assessor.
- Putting together a new application process to apply for student council.
- Advocating for wellbeing Wednesday to continue.
- Meeting with Mrs Robinson to discuss ideas.
- Putting together positive behaviour rules for lessons.
- Working together coming up with ideas on how to better the school.
- Collating arts and crafts activities for lunch times.

On behalf of the student council team - have a wonderful Christmas break .



World Cup

What a win!

For England's opening World Cup match against Iran, we hosted a fantastic viewing party in the top hall. The atmosphere was absolutely buzzing and the celebrations were off the charts! We are sad to see England lose out against France, but that's England for you!



Halftime interview

We heard from Marek at halftime who said that England were looking great after a slow start. His man of the match so far was Harry Kane after sending in a brilliant cross to Sterling to make it 3-0.



Black History Month

Time for Change

Black History Month is always a very interesting time at Bensham Manor. This year we celebrated the theme 'Time for Change: Actions not Words'.

To get to a better tomorrow, we can't just focus on the past. We can acknowledge and learn from it, but to improve the future, we need action, not words.

We hosted a range of activities this year. We had African art, drumming and dance classes taking place which all received positive feedback from students. Bracelet making, headdress design and colouring offered a different but just as fun alternative for other students.



Jack Petchey

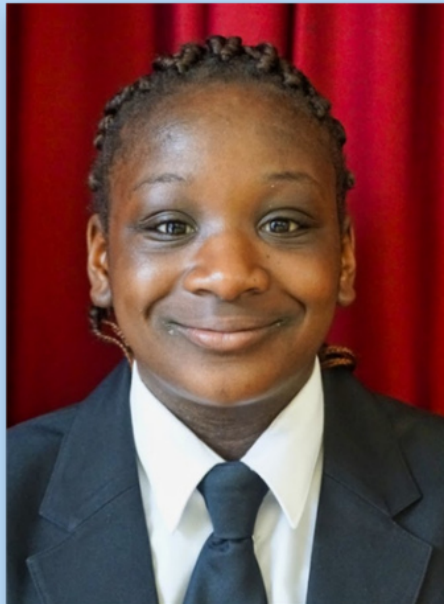
November Winner

This young person is an active learner that always tries her best at school and has gained the confidence to ask for clarification in class when she is unsure of something. She is very creative and works diligently when she is painting or creating sculptures.

She is always willing to help other students, and she is eager to help staff with classroom tasks as soon as she comes into school. She has fantastic attendance and is always punctual.

Despite the personal challenges that she faces, she never fails to arrive to class with a positive attitude. She loves to try new things and is a great team player.

Well Done Saniya!



Cooking Club

At cooking club the students make all kinds of different foods. From cupcakes to couscous they've done it all! These photos are from just one day, where the students made christmas tree shaped biscuits. Once baked, students were able to decorate and write messages like 'Merry Xmas' on the biscuits. They were delicious!



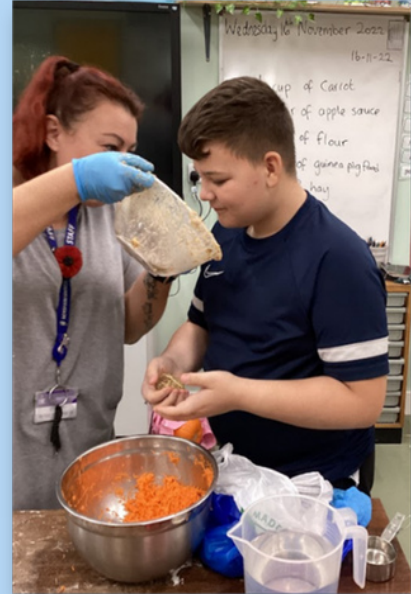
Destiny, a cooking club member, has given her thoughts about how she's getting on:

I love cooking club! One of the favourite foods is burgers so I was really happy when we made them. I found them to be so good and tasty! The best part of the club is at the end when you get to eat the food and talk to the other members.

Outdoor Learning

This term in Outdoor Learning we have been very busy!

The Year 7's have been busy learning all about our school pets and what they can eat. We had great fun making our own special treats for the rabbits and guinea pigs.



Year 9's have taken on some small projects building something from wood we have found out on the allotment.

They have really done amazing things!



Sewing Club

Sewing is Back at Bensham

This term Sewing Club is back up and running with lots of new members from Year 7 joining our experienced older students! We have been making felt animals as well as holiday decorations. We hope to see more lovely creations in the new year!

Thank you and have a great holiday!



Shadow SLT

Applications were invited from pupils to support the senior Leadership Team. There were a number of applicants and the successful applicants for this year are here below

Pupils will support SLT with various things around school including giving school tours.



**Prisco
Headteacher**



**Lewis S
Deputy
Headteacher**



**Lianna
Assistant
Headteacher**



**Maryane
Assistant
Headteacher**



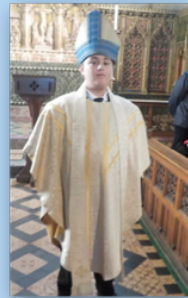
**Kiaser
Assistant
Headteacher**



**Amelia
Assistant
Headteacher**

Year 7 Church Visits

Classes in Year 7 took turns visiting Croydon Minster Church as part of their RE curriculum. They were provided a tour by David Morgan who told fascinating stories about the Church's history. He explained the meaning behind some interesting artefacts too. Pupils also got to dress up as a Bishop which they thoroughly enjoyed!



Pizza Sale

10GM raised £110 for the Samaritans by selling their delicious pizzas - Hand made with the help of our fantastic Maxine and Nikki. Well done 10GM!

