CELEBRATE

The End of a Magnificent Term







On Friday 10th December students and staff took part in an end of term Celebration Assembly in The Bridge. Recorded for parents and carers, the assembly saw students receive certificates, badges and sweet treats to celebrate their successful first term as Year 7 students.

Accolades students received included musical and sports participation certificates, achievement point awards, department certificates and PRIDE of Hinckley awards, as well as new PRIDE badges! Students are awarded a badge for each letter of PRIDE as they accumulate points. The ten students with the most PRIDE points can be seen on the right. This wonderful celebration of student achievement was a fantastic way to bring the term to a close and The Bridge Team would like to congratulate every Year 7 student for showing PRIDE this term and wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas!

(Article edited by The Bridge Marketing Ambassadors)

Top PRIDE Points -

Mia	7MOI	560
Ruben	7STH	509
Jack	7HLL	487
Maja	7HLL	460
Sanija	7HLL	431
Noah	7RLY	429
Ashton	7RLY	425
Rosa	7PNS	411
Emily	7RLY	411
Kellan	7HLL	407

300-499 PRIDE Points= 'P' Badge Awarded
500-699 PRIDE Points= 'R' Badge Awarded
700-899 PRIDE Points= 'I' Badge Awarded
900-1,099 PRIDE Points= 'D' Badge Awarded
1,100- 1,299 PRIDE Points='E' Badge Awarded

Fundraising for Children in Need





On Friday 19th November students and staff at Hinckley Academy helped raise money for BBC Children in Need. The Bridge started the day with a Children in Need themed assembly, led by Mr Pallett and Year 7 Charity Ambassadors Sophie and Sam, who prepared a quiz and supporting PowerPoint to test students' knowledge of Children in Need. A great way to get everyone thinking about the reasons behind the fundraising events.

Students also embraced the event by wearing silly socks and Pudsey ears to show their support for the fantastic cause. Students planned stalls to fundraise during lunchtime in The Cube and enjoyed getting involved in a variety of activities, from keepy-uppy challenges, to bake sales and raffles. The Cube had a fantastic atmosphere!

Students contributed through both donations of loose change and through the time they dedicated to coming up with such thoughtful and creative fundraising activities. Thanks to the generosity of students, staff, parents and carers Year 7 raised £190.35 The tutor group who raised the most was.... 7RLY! Well done everyone! *(Article edited by The Bridge Marketing Ambassadors)*

SPOTLIGHT

Grease is The Word!

We spoke to Ms Radcliffe, Teacher of Dance to find out more about our next school musical Grease and how rehearsals are going...

What have you and the Grease team been working on?
"The production team and cast have been working hard this term rehearsing and creating our wonderful school production. The chorus have managed to learn the choreography for all their group routines and learn the singing parts also. The characters are developing and we are all enjoying exploring the iconic show that is Grease!"

What's next?
"When we return after Christmas, we will begin working on the stage in the hall to bring all the work together to prepare for an audience."

What are the times, dates and locations of the performances?
"The show takes place on the 9th, 10th and 11th of March at 7.30pm in the School Hall. Tickets will be on sale after Christmas!"

(Interview conducted by Noah)



Clubs

Here at the Bridge, we have lots of after school clubs, we have:

- **The Eco Team:** Who look after the environment
- **Sports Teams:** Find out more in our sports article!
- **Chess Club**
- **Art Club**
- **Scratch/ Coding Club**

And even more!

If you have a hobby, we have you covered, so consider coming to a club today! Speak to Mr Pallett, Ms French or Miss Bull to find out more.

(Written by Charlotte)

The Bridge Council

The Bridge Student Council has done very good this year so far. In our few meetings we've discussed vital things to improve The Bridge and even the school itself. Every councillor holds a 'surgery' on a Monday at form time along with their deputies and attend meetings to share feedback with the leadership teams. The Diversity Club is a club based around anti-discrimination. We help to protect people from all discrimination and work closely with other Diversity Ambassadors; SEAB (Sixth Form) and the LGBTQ+ club (Main School).
We strive for equal treatment to all, by all, so we can all live together in harmony.
(Written by Noah)

PRIDE

Mr Pallett's First Year at The Bridge



"I have been a PE Teacher for 12 years and have experience as a Year 7 tutor, but this year has been my first year as the Year 7 Year Leader and I have enjoyed every second of it. I am able to help our 180 students in Year 7 show PRIDE everyday. One of the highlights of my week is celebrating attendance, achievement and generally how awesome The Bridge is. I pride myself on making sure that Year 7 are the best year group in the school!"

(Interview conducted by Isabella)

English in The Spotlight

In this issue we wanted to share an insight into... ENGLISH!

Mrs Cave, Literacy Lead said, "Our Year 7s have made an exciting start to their English learning journey during this first term. Every Tuesday and Thursday students have had an opportunity to explore the ancient civilisations of Greece and Rome. Students have come face to face with the inhabitants of ancient Pompei and are on first name terms with Caecilius and his family. All students have learnt the Latin for dog (canis) and the name of the family's pet Cerberus. He has certainly proved a favourite and the story of Cerberus creeping into the kitchen to steal food was enjoyed by all! English lessons have been spent thinking about family and identity and students have read the novel 'A Monster Calls', this often moving story has given students the opportunity to explore ideas about identity, loss and bullying. During lessons students have been able to improve their communication skills by responding to 'talking points'. This has led to lessons where everyone gets involved and contributes their ideas. The English department have enjoyed this first term in The Bridge and are looking forward to finding out more about Caecilius and his household, as well as beginning the new topic 'Magic and Dreams'." Miss Palmer Wilson, Teacher of English added, "Next term, we will be looking at power and status in Classics lessons. In English, we will be studying Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and looking at the themes of magic and dreams!" *(Interview conducted by Charlotte)*