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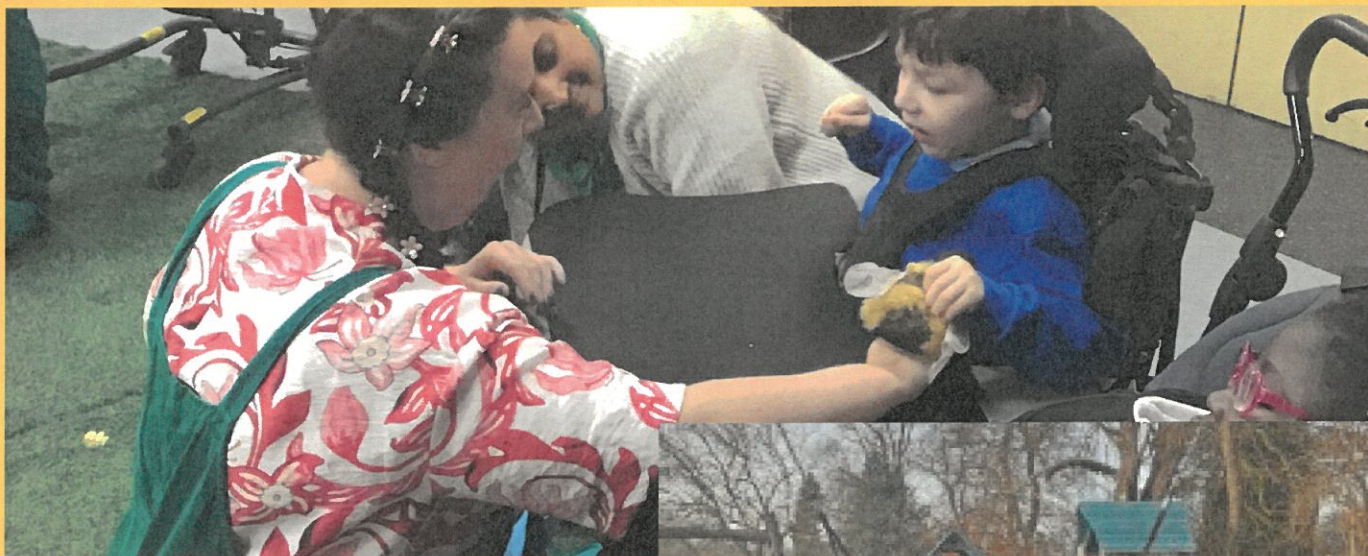


December 2024

NEWSLETTER



EAST SILC JOHN JAMIESON



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REMINDER

**School reopens on the
6th January 2024
Please see the back of the
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As we near the end of another term at the East SILC, it's important to look back on the many achievements and events that have shaped our school community. This period has seen significant progress and a range of activities that have enriched our learners' educational experiences.

One highlight was the successful launch of our Post 16 program at the Bridge Community Church (BCC). This expansion is aimed at giving our learners more access to work-related and independence-focused learning opportunities. At BCC our learners are part of a thriving community, boosting their social skills and real-world experiences.

The term was filled with memorable events that brought our school community closer and showcased our learners' talents. I had the pleasure of attending three Christmas fairs, each with an amazing range of hand-made gifts, treats and raffles with fantastic prizes that provided opportunities for families to experience our sites and celebrate with us.

There was a carols and coffee morning at our Roger Cannon site, which highlighted our learners' musical skills as well as tasty bakes and a chocolate raffle! The beautiful mix of voices and the friendly atmosphere made it a joyous event for everyone.

I was exceptionally proud to be invited to attend the annual Yamsen Christmas Concert at Pudsey Civic Hall. It was an amazing experience with East SILC learners from our different sites forming most of the choir. The Lord Mayor of Leeds also attended and was blown away by the performances.

The final event was our annual service at St. Edmund's Church in Roundhay. This traditional gathering allowed us to reflect, come together and celebrate the term with learners, staff, and families.

It's important to recognise that success of these events is due to the dedication and careful planning of our staff, PTFA. The time and effort put into organising these activities are often unseen, but they are crucial to their success and the positive impact on our school community. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated prizes to our raffles across different sites – the money raised will ensure our learners can access a range of activities and resources which would otherwise not be possible.

Sadly we lost a member of our JJ family this term. Latifa Sanneh passed away on 27th November. Latifa was a wonderful girl who, despite all of her challenges, brought joy to all who spent time with her. She was a sassy little lady who grew and enjoyed her time in school, even if she did fake going to sleep when it was her time to do any work from time to time! Our love goes to her Mum and everyone who had the pleasure of Latifa's company.



As we wrap up this term, I'm proud of our learners' achievements and our staff's commitment. The East SILC continues to grow and adapt, ensuring we provide exceptional education and support to our learners.

I'm excited about the challenges and opportunities ahead in the next term, knowing that our school community will keep thriving and excelling.

Wishing our learners, staff, families and whole school community a peaceful Christmas break and best wishes for 2025.

Louise Quinn
Executive Principal



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

As ever, another incredibly busy term here at John Jamieson. We continue to see a real picture of the work our learners are doing through the reports in this newsletter. I think it is particularly good to note the level of out-of-school and practical activities the students are participating in, whatever their needs may be. In addition to this, I am so pleased that we are developing the garden area at the top of the school and am confident by Summer we will have all worked hard to ensure all the area is in use. It's heartening to see how enthusiastically some of the students engage in gardening work, and Santa used one of the huts as a grotto at our Christmas Fair! The Christmas period is a very busy time for us here at John Jamieson with carol concerts, performances, discos, trips out and meals and we had an incredible Christmas Fair where we raised a spectacular £1800 to go towards Christmas treats for the students. A huge thank you to all involved, including the PTFA and all of their support.

We have had lots of visitors to the school to enhance our provision and students have enjoyed pantomime performances, work experience opportunities and workshops with organisations like Northern Ballet, as well as sporting opportunities with weekly sessions with groups like Foot Tech. We have more groups swimming this year than previously and it is great to see how committed the team are to creating a culture where health and social development is central to our learner's curriculum. I have had several people visit the school and so many remark on the confidence and the independence of our learners.

I hope everyone in our community has a perfect holiday and returns in the New Year in readiness for another busy term of learning, fun and friendship. Have a great break.



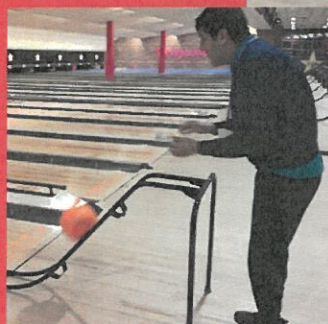
HS1

HS1 have had a lovely start to this academic year. We have enjoyed engaging in a range of different experiences this term as well as interacting well with one another. We have particularly enjoyed the snow day and even got the chance to go out and play in the snow attempting to build using it. We have also enjoyed our science lessons and one of our favourite lessons was when we got to go outside and use the letter pickers to do some sorting activities. A highlight of the autumn term has been listening to all the lovely stories we have been enjoying in our learning and some of the wonderful musical interaction sessions we have done. We look forward to seeing you all in 2025!



16+1

16 plus 1 really enjoyed their end of year Christmas treat when they visited Hollywood Bowl at Kirkstall. All had a fun time and it was a great way to brush up on their recognising numbers up to a 100 especially as the highest score was Amy Cooper with 99! The group succeeded in behaving in an adult manner and went on to enjoy some food at MacDonalds after the game. Well done 16 1 !





ROTARY CLUB OF ROUNDHAY

The Rotary Club came into school to help plant 50 bulbs in the garden - we can't wait to see how they grow!



Thank you Rotary Club of Roundhay

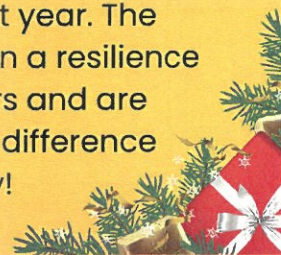


OLD MILLENNIUM GARDEN

16 plus 1 have been tasked with beginning to reclaim the old Millennium garden. The learners have been busy applying transferable skills in weeding and hoeing in readiness to offer a local garden clear up service in the spring of next year. The learners have shown a resilience in most weathers and are making a visible difference already!

CHRISTMAS MARKET

This half term 16+4 have taken part in Northern Ballet, been to the Leeds Christmas markets on our trip, explored different leaves and colours in horticulture and made our Christmas door using sticks, finger painting and fine motor skills.



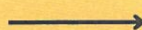
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THE ROLLING SCONES PROJECT

In November 2024, a group of Post 16 learners from John Jamieson East SILC visited Fairfield's School in Batley, where they were introduced to an inspiring enterprise initiative known as the Rolling Scones Project. Each week, the learners at Fairfield's School prepare scones using a straightforward recipe, which they then sell to the wider school community. This delightful project not only enhances the learners' hands-on experience but also fosters essential skills in entrepreneurship and teamwork. All profits generated from the sale of scones are reinvested to further enrich the educational journey of the learners at Fairfield's. We are excited to announce that this innovative idea will be implemented at John Jamieson East SILC in the New Year, with our own Post 16 learners taking charge of the project. We look forward to the launch and the wonderful opportunities it will bring!



LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have enjoyed trips to Thorner park, Little Bees soft play and swimming this term. Getting out and about help us to improve our independence and self-care skills.

We have loved our music lessons with Joanna from Yamsen. especially playing a range of instruments.



DRAGONFLIES

We were lucky enough to share a day with our friends from Moonbean Theatre and they took us on an adventure. Tuning in through musical interaction, story telling and accessible resources the learners across JJ shared in a wonderful experience and had a super engaging time.



FIREFLIES

Fireflies class have had a very busy term. Learners have focussed on their preparation for adulthood skills this term by enjoying weekly walks to the library and a visit to the cinema. Learners enjoyed festive celebrations in the countdown to Christmas. Well done Fireflies class!-Lucy



HS6 AND HS4

HS6 and HS4 have been having a great time sharing music sessions together. Recently we have been practising for the Christmas show and church service. We have enjoyed playing jingle bells, shaking tinsel pom poms and shakers. We have decided the pupils have benefitted so much from this additional shared peer time together that we will spend more time collaborating in similar activities.



CATERPILLARS CLASS

We have had a great first term in Caterpillars class! We have particularly enjoyed our Art sessions, especially ones that involve lots of paint! We have enjoyed exploring books in class with staff and our friends, and we have loved trips to the park where we have been practising our preparation for adulthood skills by going out into the community. We are looking forward to next term where we are looking at new topics 'our world and 'kingdoms and dragons!



BUTTERFLIES

Just wanted to say that butterflies have been busy with lots of festive activities. We dressed as donkeys for the Christmas nativity and created beautiful baubles for the Christmas tree!



HS8

HS8 has had a wonderfully busy half term. The students have been diligently working on their academic subjects, making commendable progress towards their qualifications in various areas. They also embraced the opportunity to plan, create, and manage their stall for the winter fair. The learners thoroughly enjoyed baking a delightful array of treats and meals in food technology, while also developing their independence and resilience as they worked towards their ILPP targets. Likewise, they contributed to and supported several in school events, including the Macmillan Coffee morning held last half term.

Overall, it has been a term filled with enjoyment and hard work, and they truly deserve their winter holidays!



HS2

HS2 have had an exciting term with a new classroom, new classmates and new staff. The learners have been working hard on their communication skills and developing their friendships. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach HS2 this term - no two days are ever the same! I wish them all the best in 2025 and beyond. Laura

HS5

HS5 have been exploring Christmas and what that involves.



HS3

HS3 have had an exciting and busy term, with some students accessing swimming lessons, visits from Foot-Tech in PE, practising our life skills, and various festive activities. We have made new friends and coped well with changes in our class, with new students and staffing. All year HS3 have been bringing smiles to faces and always bring the energy and fun around school and in lessons, I hope this continues to be the case and that they achieve all they want to into the new year! Thank you HS3, Meg 😊

SANTA AND SPARKLES VISIT

Santa and Sparkles visited school this week - organised by the PTFA.

It was such a lovely afternoon, pupils really engaged and enjoyed seeing Santa and his Elf. The PTFA also gifted learners with a range of gifts including Reindeer Dust, Hot Chocolate, Fidget Toys, Sweet Cones and Selection Boxes.

Thank you PTFA

16+2

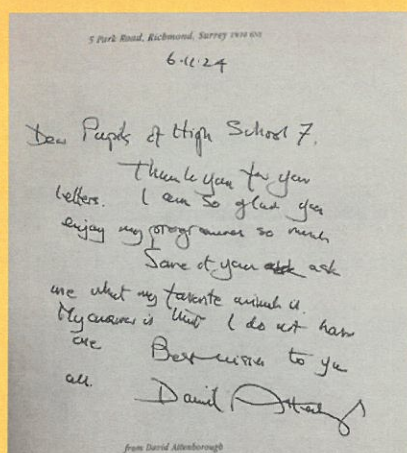
This term students in 16+2 have continued to develop their communication, independence, social skills and confidence whilst out and about in the community. Some of our students visit Middleton Cafe, Leeds City College and take part in weekly work experience at Lotherton Hall. All skills to support their understanding of preparation for adulthood.



HS7 class has been busy this term. We liked the Friday Bollywood dancing classes where we learned new dances and gained knowledge about various instruments.



A big surprise for us was a letter from Sir David Attenborough. As part of our Science and English lessons, we wrote letters to him and he pleasantly surprised us by replying to us answering questions and inquiries.



The next big event for HS7 was Eco Day. We worked hard to tidy up a piece of land around our school so that later we could visit Santa Claus who came to our wooden huts in our Employment Village. While taking care of the outdoor space, we discovered our passion for outdoor learning and gardening.



Our Christmas workshop put us into the Christmas spirit; we made decorations that we later sold at the Christmas Fair.



It was a busy term but HS7 had a great time gaining new knowledge and experience.



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16+4

This half term 16+4 have taken part in Northern Ballet, been to the Leeds Christmas markets on our trip, explored different leaves and colours in horticulture and made our Christmas door using sticks, finger painting and fine motor skills.



GRASSHOPPERS

This term Grasshoppers settled quickly into their new class. The learners have engaged in lots of outdoor learning, science experiments, food technology and books. We have also especially enjoyed Foot Tech and swimming lessons. It has been a real joy to see friendships and social interactions flourish over this term. Thank you for all your hard work Grasshoppers!

BUMBLEBEES

This term Bumblebees have been working on our gross motor skills and being safe out in the community on minibus trips to the park. In school we have been practising bicycle cycle skills and can move tricycles across the playground with our feet. Some of us can now use pedals!



REMINDER: PARENTS COMPASS APP

We would like to remind you about the importance of downloading the Parents Compass app. If you have not already downloaded the app or have not received your login details, please contact your child's school to ensure that we have your most up-to-date mobile number and email address to facilitate effective communication.

It is essential to have the app as it will be the primary method for all communications from East SILC. Ensuring you have access to this app will help you stay informed about important updates and information regarding your child's education and school activities.

Thank you for your cooperation.

16+3

16+3 Christmas Nativity

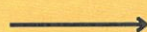


16+3 have loved doing lots of Christmas activities, including arts and crafts, the Christmas fair and creating a Christmas nativity video, which has received rave reviews look out for more videos in the future. Merry Christmas everyone.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Please make sure to check the East SILC website for key dates and upcoming events
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Friday 14th February..... Break up for half term
Monday 24th February..... Return to school
Friday 4th April..... Break up for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April..... Return to school
Friday 2nd May..... Break up for May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6th May..... Return to school
Friday 23rd May..... Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June..... Return to School
Monday 21st July..... Training Day
Tuesday 22nd July..... Training Day
Wednesday 23rd July..... Break up for summer

