

THE HCP CHRONICLES

EAST SILC- TEMPLE MOOR PARTNERSHIP

19TH DECEMBER

HCP COLLECTED £753 AT THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair took place on 28th November in The Atrium at Temple Moor High School. As always, each group ran their own stall, including art and craft tables, raffles, and lots of sweets and treats. Students also baked cakes and muffins to sell. The fair was a huge success, and we raised more money this year than ever before. All funds will go towards improving our department and supporting our students.

Thank you for your support!

BROWNLEE'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT TRIP

At East SILC, we aim to help our pupils become independent and confident. With this in mind, in September, Group Brownlee took part in a public transport training with Mr. Hext.

The pupils learned how to print train tickets at Cross Gates station and saw how ticket checkers check tickets. They then travelled by train from Cross Gates to Leeds train station to experience a large rail station and later took a bus back to school. This trip helped them become more aware of appropriate behaviour in public and gain confidence using public transport.

YEARS 9-11 EXPLORE LEEDS MUSEUM AND CAREERS FAIR

On 21st November, students from Years 9 to 11 went on a trip to Leeds City Museum, followed by a careers fair. At the fair, students learned about different options available to them after Entry Levels and/or GCSEs.



Students at different stalls during the Christmas fair

MASON MAKES IT TO THE SCHOOL COUNCIL AT TEMPLE MOOR

Mason Hicks, a Year 9 student, has successfully joined the Temple Moor Mainstream School Council this December after trying for two years. This is a proud achievement, not just for Mason, but for our whole department, as he represents all of us. He is currently working with the council to help HCP students feel more included in the mainstream school community.

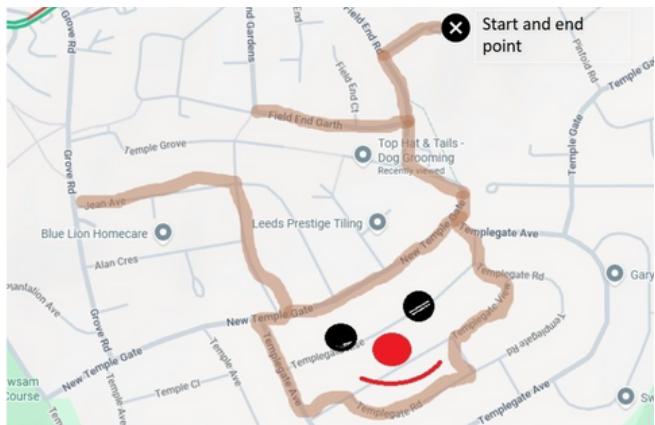


For many students, especially those in Year 11, this was an eye-opening experience.

Students also enjoyed the interactive art and craft activities and the science experiment stalls. The enjoyable bus journey to and from the venue made the trip even more memorable for the students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL SUPPORTS ST. GEORGE'S CRYPT WITH REINDEER RUN

It is important for students to understand the gift of giving and that holidays are not the same for everyone. With this in mind, the HCP School Council organised a charity collection to raise awareness and



The reindeer run map followed on 3rd December

STUDENTS ENJOY A DAY OUT IN LONDON

In September, 12 students went on a trip to London. The main purpose of the trip was to learn how to use trains and the London Tube, developing independence and practising appropriate social behaviour. The students also visited several famous London landmarks, including the state rooms at Buckingham Palace, the Sky Garden, King's Cross Station with Harry Potter's Platform 9¾ and the Harry Potter shop. They enjoyed a pizza at a local pizzeria and spent the whole day exploring the city.

support others, with all money going to St George's Crypt. St George's Crypt is a Leeds-based charity that provides care, compassion, and hope to people who are homeless, vulnerable, or affected by addiction, 365 days a year. To support the charity, the School Council gave a presentation to HCP students about the work St George's Crypt does, made and sold crispy cakes and a staff "Who's Who" game at the Christmas Fair on 28th November. They also organised a Reindeer Run in the local area on 3rd December, asking for £1 donations and selling more cakes. So far, they have raised £54.50 and also attended the charity's annual Carol Service at St George's Church on 17th December.

The highlight of the trip was entering Buckingham Palace through the main gate, making it a truly memorable experience.



HCP Students at the Buckingham Palace

LEARNING ABOUT RECYCLING BECOMES A PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

At the start of the term, recycling was a key topic in Humanities lessons, helping students understand how household waste is managed under government schemes. To build on this, students visited the recycling centre at Seacroft over the

course of a few weeks. For the new students at HCP, this was their first trip. They learned how waste is sorted and processed so it can be reused in the future. While the smell was unpleasant, the students gained a valuable understanding of waste management and its importance. It also helped students understand the usage of recycling bins at school.

IMAGINATION GAMING MAKES IT TO THE TIME TABLE AT HCP

Every Wednesday, Imagination Gaming has become a regular part of the school timetable. These sessions are a fun and engaging way for students to develop both fine and gross motor skills, while also building important abilities such as communication, leadership, and teamwork.



Nigel from Imagination Gaming visits most Wednesdays to lead the activities, which are always designed to be inclusive and enjoyable for everyone. The students look forward to these sessions, not only for the games and challenges but also as a valuable opportunity to socialise, make friends, and work together in a supportive environment. Over time, these activities have proven to boost confidence and encourage positive interactions among the students.

STUDENTS EXPLORED THE DALES

Earlier in September, 11 students went on a hiking trip to the Yorkshire Dales National Park. They explored the valleys, hiked up to Malham Cove, and enjoyed the beautiful waterfalls and streams. For many students, this was their first time experiencing the countryside, making it an enlightening and memorable trip.

STUDENTS MAKE MAINSTREAM PROGRESS

Students at HCP are making us proud by regularly attending mainstream lessons,

FROM SWIMMING LESSONS TO POSTER MAKING

Swimming lessons are an important part of the curriculum across East SILC, with each group attending sessions at John Smeaton Leisure Centre for a term. These lessons take place on Wednesdays and give students the chance to develop water confidence, fitness, and swimming skills. This term, the students also took part in a poster-making competition related to swimming, and everyone expressed how much they enjoy their weekly trips to the pool. The lessons continue to be a fun and rewarding part of the school experience, helping students build confidence and teamwork both in and out of the water.



Posters made by students in create competition.

STUDENTS PREPARE FOR ADULT LIFE

As part of preparation for adulthood, students regularly go out into the local community. Older students go on Tuesdays to buy ingredients for Food Technology, while all students practise road safety, social etiquette, and polite communication in shops and charity stores. These trips help build confidence and independence.

completing assessments, and working towards coursework and GCSEs. Subjects include English, Maths, Business, Enterprise, Health and Social Care, BTEC Sport, GCSE PE, Art, and Photography.

HCP UPHOLDS THE CHRISTMAS DINNER TRADITION AT GILDERSOME ARMS

Every year, HCP has a tradition of going out for a Christmas carvery, which both students and staff look forward to. We travel together by minibus to the Gildersome Arms and enjoy getting into the festive spirit. This year, on 16th December, students enjoyed wearing Christmas-themed masks, popping crackers, and receiving small gifts. It was a lovely celebration and a great way to end the term together.



Students enjoying at Gildersome Arms

STUDENTS MAKE HCP PROUD AT THE YAMSEN CONCERT

A few students took part in the 42nd Annual YAMSEN Christmas Carol Concert on 12th December. They performed festive songs they had been practising for several weeks and also had the opportunity to meet the Lord Mayor. After the concert, students enjoyed some snacks and joined in with dancing, making it a fun and memorable experience.

MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF

The staff at HCP would like to wish all our students, families, and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LEEDS CHRISTMAS MARKET BECOMES THE NEW FAVOURITE FOR HCP



Over the course of two weeks, students from HCP visited the Leeds Christmas Markets. They explored the stalls in Leeds city centre and enjoyed a variety of festive food treats. Students also travelled using public transport, helping them practise independence and confidence. Many students said this was their favourite trip.



Students enjoying at The Leeds Christmas Markets

HCP CONTINUES TO ENJOY DROP DOWN DAYS

This term, HCP enjoyed two Drop Down Days, where students stepped away from the usual timetable for fun, hands-on learning. One day was Anglo-Saxon themed, with students learning about daily life, cooking traditional soup, and painting shields. During Halloween, they took part in spooky activities and a sensory food experience, making both days memorable and enjoyable.

We hope your holidays are full of joy, laughter, and special moments, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year! Thank you for all your support this year!