

# Millside School Newsletter December 2024



Merry Christmas students, parents and carers from Mrs Lou West Head of Millside School

Fundraising for charity



We took 50 students and staff to Windsor Royal Theatre, our biggest Panto trip ever.



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## Remembrance Day 2024

We took 12 students from different classes across KS3 with our school ambassadors leading the way and supporting the trip. The student's behaviour was impeccable, and they all respectfully observed the 2-minute silence and some laid poppy sticks that had been created by Phillip made on behalf of Millside School and Haybrook College. The group had the privilege of meeting and interacting with a war veteran who we also met last year and was incredibly impressed by them paying their respects. Thank you to the staff and students who supported such a successful trip ....Dean Papali

At Slough Youth Awards 2024 our very own Dylan McGhee won the Award for Resilience. He was commended for overcoming the many challenges of his special needs to achieve academic and personal success including academic qualifications and Duke of Edinburgh Bronze. He's settled brilliantly into college (to which he has to travel independently) and loves his course at BCA. Here's a photo of him with his award taken by his mum who sends us all her love and thanks.



# R.E. news

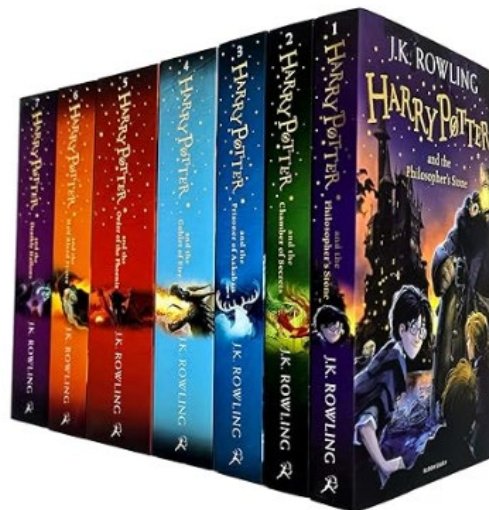


In November y8 visited the mosque in High Wycombe. This was our 3rd year going to the mosque - and our biggest group as we managed to take nearly the whole year group. The students were very respectful and asked interesting questions which demonstrated their prior learning. Zen Farhan



Thankyou  
and  
goodbye to  
Miss Hinds

## KS3 Reward Trip to Salt Hill Virtual Reality Centre and Trampoline Park



## Year 7 English

This term, our Year 7 students in Pele and Grinham houses have been embracing the magic of English, both in their independent reading and class activities. They have immersed themselves in the enchanting world of Harry Potter and Coraline and explored the intriguing element of story writing.

As part of their studies, the students have been drafting and writing their own creative stories, drawing inspiration from the worlds of Harry Potter and classic Gothic themes. It's been wonderful to witness their imaginations come alive as they begin to craft their own narratives. They have had plenty of opportunity to develop their ideas in class, with time also dedicated to reading in our school library. The students have been especially excited about the newly donated books to our school library, which have provided a fresh array of reading material to fuel their literary exploration.

Step by step, we are seeing our young writers grow in confidence. Their ability to express themselves through reading, writing, and even speaking in English lessons is truly blossoming. We are incredibly proud of the progress they are making.

Watching them develop their skills is such a rewarding experience, and we look forward to seeing how their creativity continues to flourish throughout the year!

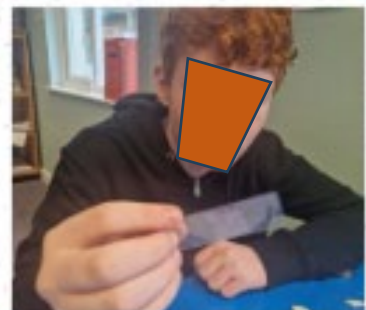
Miss Data & Miss Blake



# Year 7 Science

The Year 7s in both Pele and Grinham classes have truly caught the science bug, diving headfirst into the world of biology with an enthusiasm that's been absolutely infectious! Their first adventure with the microscope was a huge success, as they confidently zoomed in on the fascinating details of plant and animal cells, like true young scientists.

From identifying the intricate structures inside cells to conducting their very own scientific enquiries, they've shown just how capable and curious they are. Whether it's spotting chloroplasts or figuring out how different cells function, they've embraced every challenge with excitement, proving they're budding biologists in the making!



Goodbye and  
good luck to our  
fabulous Mentor  
Owen Richardson



Owen has been a Sports Coach Mentor and then a Millside SUMMIT mentor since he joined Haybrook College in 2014. You might know him as your minibus driver too! Owen has worked with hundreds of students over his time with us, believing in them and showing them that they can do better. He is known for his endless patience, fast cars, his commitment to Chelsea and his cheeky pranks. We love you Owen!

## Art Department



There has been excellent work through out KS3 and KS4. Particularly in year 9 where all students have loved the stencil street art project, producing brilliant outcomes all around. Rob Notarbotolo



Students had a taster session with Leroy of Sweet Science non contact boxing this week. We will be running more workshops with Sweet Science next term for students who have good attendance and earn regular green Reward points.



Millside played a football match against Rotunda on 18/12/24 and won! Well done especially to Hope Y7 who scored an awesome goal, and thankyou to Mr Zak Khan for organizing this event.

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Trampolining with Mike  
Mondays and Tuesdays trampolining sessions continue to be really popular with our students in PE lessons or in breaktime Activities. Mike is a professional coach who trains Millside students to develop trampoline fitness, poise and skills which help their self regulation and concentration. GCSE PE students can also work with Mike as one of their GCSE sports.

