



The Joseph Whitaker School

An Academy specialising in Sport and Performing Arts

Newsletter February 2024

Welcome to the February edition of the school newsletter, celebrating the extra-curricular sporting and performance achievements of our incredibly talented student body. This edition comes to you following the conclusion of the school show (Frozen: The Musical!).

Well done to everyone who has contributed towards the achievements in this edition and I look forward to seeing what you all get involved in over the next half-term. We are very proud of you all.

Carey Ayres

Headteacher

Dance Comp. December 2023

On the final day of term, just as the previous newsletter went to publication the annual Joseph Whitaker Dance Competition took place. Over 80 students from Years 7 to 11 competed in the show performing solo, group and house dances. Well done to every performer you should be extremely proud of your amazing achievement.

The 1st place winners were:

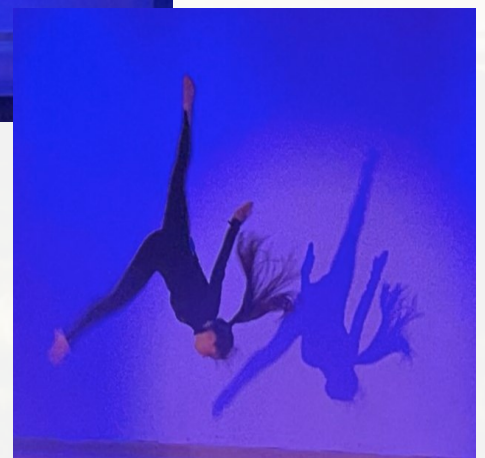
Solo Completion - Peyton-Rose Boyd (9S2)

Group Competition - Olly Nugent (9C1) and Megan Havercroft (8S2).

House Competition - Sherwood

A final thank you and well done to all of the amazing Sixth Formers who dedicated their free time every week leading up to the event, to work with the dancers and create the four fantastic House dances.

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Frozen: A Magical Success!

Our school is thrilled to announce the tremendous success of our latest production, Frozen: The Musical! With a cast of 118 talented students spanning Years 7 to 13, this enchanting musical extravaganza captivated audiences with its charm and splendour.

The highlight of the show was undoubtedly the stellar performances from our leads who brought beloved characters like Elsa, Anna, Kristoff, and the conniving Hans to life with their remarkable talent and dedication. Moreover, the puppetry of Olaf and Sven added an extra layer of magic to the production, leaving audiences spell-bound.

We are immensely proud of our students, who worked tirelessly to deliver an unforgettable performance. It was our strongest chorus yet with such attention to detail in their singing, dancing and bringing the drama. Special mention goes to the snow chorus dance troupe and their grace and elegance. Additionally, the exceptional work of our tech team, including mesmerizing lighting effects and snowfall, added to the overall enchantment of the show.

With six shows performed in just one week, including special performances for our feeder primary schools and four evening shows, the production received overwhelming support from the community, with three sold-out performances.

A huge thank you to the individuals behind the scenes whose contributions were instrumental to the success of Frozen: The Musical. Mrs. Newey, Mrs. Henderson, and Miss Halliwell provided outstanding direction, while Mrs. Howey's stunning set design, Mr. Blood's technical wizardry, and the musical prowess of Mr. Gillott and Mr. Ball brought the world of Frozen to life on stage. Whatever your contribution, we thank you!

Lastly, we commend the unwavering commitment and passion of all the students involved. Their dedication and hard work truly made Frozen: The Musical a magical experience for all. Congratulations to everyone on a job well done!



Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to the **Year 10 Boys' football team** who won their MASFA 7 aside league earlier this week. They didn't concede a goal, winning 3 games and drawing 3 games.



Congratulations to Owen Cooper (752) who won the Nottinghamshire **Golf** Order of Merit U12's



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Cross-Country

Congratulations to the following students, who represented the district at the County Cross Country Championships held at Worksoy College on Saturday 3rd February.

Year 8/9 Girls - Lily Mason and Freya Martin

Year 7 Boys - Owen Cooper, Will McClemens, Wilf Oliver, Harry Wright and Finley Devine

Year 8/9 Boys - Oliver McClemens

Year 10/11 Boys- Jayden Henshaw-Allcock, Oliver Richardson, Connor Burney, Kai Widdowson, Charley Burton-Flint and Jude Ryan

Year 10/11 Girls - Megan Williams

You were all fantastic!

Thank you to the parents and carers who supported the event, and to Mr Bishop and Mr Kearney for supervising.

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