



House News December 2024



ATTENBOROUGH HOUSE

It has been a packed Term for our Houses with so much going on, from our Sporting competitions to our Charity Fundraising events. All this is running so smoothly due to our wonderful senior and junior leadership teams. Next Team meetings are on:

Arts: Monday 27th January

Charity: Monday 27th January

Eco: Wednesday 29th January

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Attenborough Charity



NHS
Great Ormond Street
Hospital for Children
NHS Foundation Trust

I am delighted to announce that our House Charity Committee voted to support Great Ormond Street Hospital as our nominated charity for the second year in

a row. Attenborough has had a great start to the school year with their fundraising events, kicking off the year with our joint Seacole Attenborough Donut Sale raising £265 for each of our charities. We also held our Spooky Halloween Fair, thank you so much to our amazing Mr Barrows and to Dev in Year 13 for their very competitive Apple Bobbing competition, Mr Barrows was the outright winner.

Thank you to my wonderful Sixth Form Team who worked so hard organising the



Halloween Fair and all our helpers. We raised a fantastic £240 for GOSH. We also raised £33 in donations for Poppy Day. So overall, we have raised over £500 for charity



I have set our Attenborough Year 7 Forms the Dragons Apprentice £5 Challenge to see if they can grow the £5 through their own charity fundraising events. I wonder which Form will raise the most money for GOSH and what exciting charity events they will come up with.



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Joint House Events

Queens' Houses are once again collecting donations for Watford Food bank. We hope you will join us in supporting such a worthy cause. Donations of canned and dried food can be dropped off at the North and South Receptions between the 4th and 18th of December.



Queens' Houses are hosting a Festive Christmas Fair on Wednesday 18th December Lunch Time in the South Sports Hall with sweets and games. We hope we will see lots of students at the event supporting the Houses Charities.



Attenborough House Sports

It has been a busy term with Sporting competitions and amazing to see so many full teams turn up for each event. Just need to work a bit harder Attenborough to get those wins back and keep up the Robert Brown winning streak. 4 Years in a row!!! At the moment we are in third place, still more competitions to come.

Year 7 Boys Football 3rd place



Year 7 Boys Tag Rugby 2nd place



Year 7 Girls Netball 4th place



Y8 Girls Football 2nd place



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Y8 Boys Tag Rugby 3rd place



Y9 Girls Netball 1st place



Year 8 Boys Football: 4th Place

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful, safe, restful Christmas holiday and a Very Happy New Year
Best Wishes from Attenborough House and Ms Thomas



FRANKLIN HOUSE

A New Age of Franklin

Hello! My name is Mr Hurst and I am very proud and pleased, especially as a previous Franklin (Drake) student, to be taking charge of this fantastic and capable House! I would like to thank Miss Holder for ably leading Franklin House for many years, allowing me to inherit a brilliant and enthusiastic group of Franklins. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all so far and am looking forward to getting Franklin back to where they should be: on top! I see the potential

in this House in its multitude, with practise, participation and passion, we can end up where we belong, and with the House Cup beginning this year my eyes are very firmly set on the ultimate prize!

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Off to a Good START

Our Key Stage 3 students have been extremely busy battling the other houses (and the elements, Year 7 Boys football...) and have accumulated a string of fantastic results whilst simultaneously demonstrating the STAR values of our school. Our new Year 7s have shown themselves to be fantastic athletes and invaluable assets to the house; with the boys being undefeated in both tag rugby and football and the girls placing second in netball. Our Year 8s have



shown their great commitment to the House by producing large turnouts for House competitions; particularly our



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boys managing to produce 2 teams worth of players for house football and placing 2nd on penalties (so unlucky!). The girls were able to produce some inspiring playmaking which earned them their much-deserved victory in house football. What the Year 9 Netball girls lacked in numbers they certainly made up for in Tenacity; with only 5 in the starting line-up, they managed to place joint 2nd – a fantastic display of skill and resilience in the face of adversity.

Poetry Competition – Counting the Successes

Not only have we displayed our physical prowess and success in the fields of Queens’ School, but also our ability to succeed with our pens and our minds. This was greatly shown by our landslide success in their year’s Poetry Competition, of which the theme was ‘counting’. We had Aryan (Year 10) and Cecile (Year 7) both finishing joint first, with Stefan (Year 7) finishing second place. This is an amazing achievement and I (particularly as an English teacher) am incredibly proud of your efforts and commitments towards literature: A huge congratulations from me and the rest of the House!



The Numbers That Dance

One is the start, the single seed,
A spark of life, a silent creed.
Two becomes the pair that grows,
Like rivers twinned, where water flows.

Three steps forward, three steps back,
A triangle forms, no line will lack.
Four is the square, firm and wide,
A solid foundation where dreams reside.

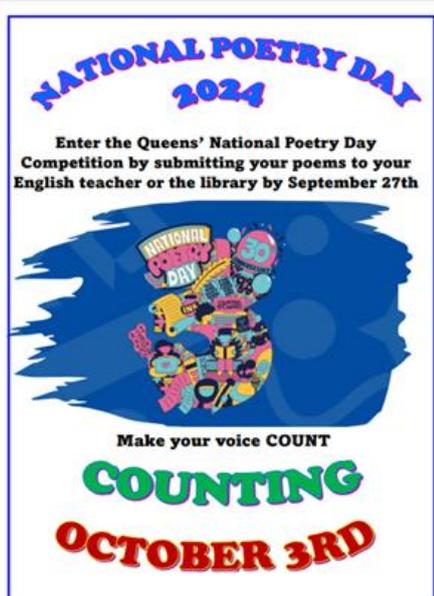
Five fingers stretched, a hand to give,
A bond of strength, the will to live.
Six is the balance, left and right,
The even pace of day and night.

Seven's a rainbow, colours unite,
A spectrum of wonder, pure delight.
Eight spins infinite, no end in sight,
A loop of time, dark and light.

Nine is wisdom, years that bloom,
A mind expanding in every room.
Ten is completion, perfect and whole,
The journey that fills the body and soul.

But numbers are more than what they seem,
They carry stories, they shape our dream.
They measure moments, they count the beat,
They lift us high, they guide our feet.

So, count your stars, your steps, your days,
In every number, a path that stays.
And when you find where numbers end,
Begin again, and let them bend.



Count on Yourself

If ever low, have something to hold.
If it's something meaningful or not,
You don't have to have a lot.
As long as you're okay,
You'll save your very own day.
Counting is like a growing flower,
Starting small but getting the power to grow.
Count on yourself not others

By Cecile, 7FX



31 miles in 31 Days

Our House charity, The British Heart Foundation, set us the challenge of walking a mile every day in October. Many students participated in this event and managed to raise money for a great cause. However, one pupil in particular really went above and beyond with their sponsorships and managed to single-handedly raise £235: well done to Lorena (Year 7) for this! This is an outstanding achievement and you have shown great Altruism and Tenacity in doing so!

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Make sure you make it to the Christmas Fair on the 18th in the Sports Halls, and if not, have a wonderful Christmas break and a lovely New Year!

Mr J Hurst



SEACOLE HOUSE

The start of this year has seen some amazing House spirit, especially with the introduction of our new junior and senior leadership system. Well done to everyone who applied and are now helping to lead our House this year. Please remember your next meetings are as follows:

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Seacole Sport

Looking back at this term's sports events Seacole have done incredibly well to produce teams for every single event. This will help us out in our race to claim the **HOUSE CUP** this year.

Current results for Seacole:

Year 7 Tag Rugby: 3rd Place



Year 7 Girls Netball: 1st Place



Year 7 Boys Football: 2nd Place



Year 9 Girls Netball: 2nd Place



Year 8 Tag Rugby: 2nd Place



Year 8 Girls Football



Year 8 Boys Football: 1st Place

What a great start to the year for Seacole Sport. There are more events after Christmas so please make sure you keep your eyes open for your year's events.

Seacole Charity

Seacole have already made £300 this year for our Charities, Mary's Meals and Give a Duck, from our Halloween fair and doughnut sales. Hopefully our Non-school Uniform day, Christmas fair and candy cane sales will raise this even more. We would like to thank everyone who supports our charity events and who have donated already this year!



Lastly, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Seacole House!

Turing House



Our house has had an incredibly dynamic year, kicking off with an exciting initiative that encourages students to set their own personal challenges. We proudly launched the new Junior Leadership Team, which has been actively participating in meetings led by our dedicated Senior Team. Preparations for House Music are already underway, with auditions just around the corner, creating a buzz of anticipation. Additionally, the introduction of a new house points system has been a game-changer, as it tallies every student's contributions across competitions in seven faculties. This means even more opportunities to shine and secure victories for our house!

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Introducing our Year 7s

Our Year 7s displayed incredible tenacity, persevering through all kinds of weather conditions. They collaborated with our senior sports prefect, Paul, who shared some valuable tips to enhance their game.



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Year 8

Our Year 8 students displayed a remarkable combination of fierce competitiveness and altruism, collaborating effectively to prove to the other houses why theirs is the best



Year 9

Our Year 9 girls demonstrated exceptional resilience and respect for the game, competing with unwavering determination despite being short on players. Their effort and sportsmanship earned admiration from everyone watching



House charity

The students decided to focus on raising money for Alzheimer's society as they felt this was an important cause for them. We had great success with our Pick-a-Duck challenge and are now focusing on collecting food donations for the Watford Foodbank. Next up is our exciting Christmas Fair (18th December), where students can win a festive hamper and enjoy a variety of other games.



Thank you for being part of our journey so far. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy and success!

Miss Uthayakumaran