

Christmas Across Mowbray Education Trust

This month all the schools across Mowbray Education Trust have been getting into the festive spirit with a calendar packed full of events and activities! Some of these include school shows and nativities, reward trips and cinema visits, Christmas dinners, school choir performances, Christmas card competitions and tree decorations.

It has also been wonderful to see the generosity shown towards the local community across our amazing schools, staff, students, and their families with heart-warming initiatives such as Winter Warmer rails and donations to local foodbanks to help those in need.



Iveshead School
Foodbank Donations



John Ferneley College
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Card
Competition





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More School Events ...



Decorations' Day at
Somerby Primary School



Sherard Primary School
'Diversitrees'



Iveshead
School
Show –
'Daydream
Believer'



Santa visited Oasis
Preschool and Retreat



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Curriculum Initiatives

The Grove Primary School Pupils recorded a Christmas CD with We Are Heard which was featured in the [Melton Times](#). The CD includes individual class songs, choir songs and nativity songs. The children had great fun and did a fantastic job designing the CD Cover. The radio station 103 The Eye also picked up this story and have been playing tracks each day!



On The Move



Brownlow Primary School
The Santa Dash – a fun obstacle course completed in festive outfits!



Ab Kettleby Primary School
students received a daily boost award for the third consecutive year for the highest average minutes per pupil.

Festive Carols

School choirs across the Trust have been raising spirits among the community with performances at various locations including the Mayor's Carol Concert at St Mary's Church. This will also be broadcast by The Eye Radio on Christmas Eve at 11 pm and repeated on Christmas Day at 7 am.



Somerby and Ab Kettleby students also sang carol songs to residents of Framland Residential home. The Home Manager, Charlotte Stone, commented:

"Our residents and staff greatly enjoyed the children's festive performance, and we were glad to welcome such well-mannered pupils. It was a lovely treat to get everyone in the Christmas spirit and ready for the holiday season. Framland is buzzing with cheer!"



Christmas Tree Festival

We had an impressive display at St Mary's Church which included a MET wide reading tree in celebration of the Year of Reading which is launching in January 2023. Students and staff from across the Trust helped to create over 1000 decorations for our tree! There was also an impressive display from the schools of their own trees both for the Christmas Tree Festival and within the schools.



Community and Wellbeing Update

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas hamper time at the wellbeing food bank. Last year with Helping the Isolated we provided 101 Christmas food hampers and we have exceeded that total already. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff that have offered to pack, deliver and be on refreshment duties on Thursday 22nd December. Also, a big thank you to staff that have donated money and produce for the hampers. It is fantastic that as a Trust we have come together to support the borough of Melton.

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Please get in touch if you or anyone you know is struggling this Christmas:

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Reading Update

John Ferneley College has recruited a team of 20 Reading Ambassadors from all year groups. This role will involve students helping to promote reading for enjoyment across the school and the local community. The students will be working closely with Mrs Neath and Mrs Newman to help organise book-themed activities, competitions and quizzes as well as getting involved in paired reading, author events and sharing their recommended reads.

Training & Development Update

The Autumn term has been a busy one as we further develop the professional development opportunities for staff across the Trust to ensure we provide first class teaching and learning for all children. Networks have brought colleagues together for collaboration opportunities and primary staff joined together for a fantastic session exploring cohesive planning in math's. We have a record number of staff enrolled on National Professional Qualifications with the first cohort having just completed their assessment. Congratulations to all our Early Career Teachers who have successfully completed this term's induction period.



Tutor time reading has also been introduced within the college involving tutors allocating weekly slots to read age-related books to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students. With the help of Lucy Neath, Trust Lead for Reading, staff and students across the Trust will collaborate to promote a passion for reading.

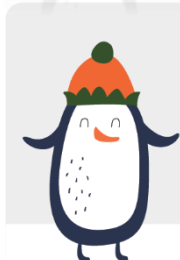


Press Coverage

We have had some lovely press coverage recently showcasing the initiatives and events taking place across the Trust:



- Brownlow Wellbeing Hub and helping those in need – this was featured in the [Melton Times](#)
- The 'Staying Warm in Winter' initiative by John Ferneley College was featured in the [Melton Times](#) and [In Your Area](#).
- Supporting Safety in the Local Community by Christine Stansfield – this was featured in [Schools Week](#).
- The Grove Primary School Christmas CD – this was featured in the [Melton Times](#), and following this The Eye Radio have been playing festive tracks from the CD each day!
- Christmas Across Mowbray Education Trust – the festive carols of Somerby and Ab Kettleby primary schools were featured in the [Melton Times](#). Look out for further Christmas press releases coming soon!



*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*