

# VI Newsletter

## Welcome to the Christmas VI newsletter

We hope everyone is starting to feel festive and are ready for the Christmas break. It has been lovely to see all the children and young people settle into new classes and engaging in their learning. We are sure that our youngest children have done amazingly well in their Christmas shows and nativities. If anybody would like to share how their child's went, or any pictures then have we would love to see them.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We can't wait to hear all about it when we get back in January!

## Biscuit decorating!

Our first social event was a huge success! Pupils attending enjoyed making (and eating) their creations whilst chatting and getting to know each other. We made a selection of gingerbread houses, and wreath biscuits. We even had time for some other sensory activities, hot chocolate and sang along to some Christmas songs. We think the pupils creations look great! What do you think?



## Good news stories:

- M had a successful introduction to an AAC device!
- Si wrote a beautiful song, here is the link if you would like to listen: [here](#)
- Well done to KR who is getting really confident at using her iPad to help her, her confidence has grown so much!
- So has been doing really with her cane skills and is growing in confidence.
- St came second in the VICTA xmas competition with a lovely multisensory decoration. She added Cinnamon sticks to the hat for smell, a bell for sound, braille writing and lots of tactile materials for touch!



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## Upcoming events:

From January we will be running a parents coffee morning on a half termly basis. This will be a drop in session at Kimberworth Place, with an opportunity to meet other parents and share experiences. Key staff will be on hand to chat or answer any questions. The next two will be on:

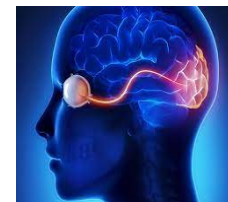


- 10th January 10-12pm
- 28th February 1-3pm

Pupil social events will run several times a year. Our next one will be an Easter chocolate themed event on 27th March 3:30-5pm. Watch this space for more information and how to book a space.

## CVI training:

If your child is on the CVI programme then you can find out more about to help them by attending our parents workshop. Sessions for this academic year will be at Kimberworth Place on:



- Click [HERE](#) to book your place for Monday 5th February 9.30-10.30
- Click [HERE](#) to book your place for Monday 5th February 11-12

Places are limited on a first come first served basis!!

## Send us your views!

What would you like to see on our newsletter?

What social events would you like?

Any ideas for training we can offer?

Do you have any ideas for student events?

Anything else you would like us to do?

Any ideas just send them in to our email address!

## Student council!

We are still looking for a few more children and young people to join our student council!

The student council will be a termly meeting where pupils can spend time with others with VI, give their views and help to shape the VI service.

We want pupils from all ages and backgrounds. If your child would be interested then please get in touch with us at the VI email address.

## Contact information

Remember you can contact us at any time via the email below or contact your child's QTVI directly.

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