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Newsletter for Malet Lambert pupils and parents



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It seems a while since I wrote my section in 'The Voice' as we have now moved to a termly edition. We have done this so that we can pack it full of the brilliant events and news from a full term and I am grateful to those colleagues who put it all together.

I will be writing to parents and carers separately before the break and will reiterate my thanks to pupils, staff, parents and carers for embracing the policy changes we made at the start of the academic year. Our parental and pupils voice was suggesting that elements of our behaviour for learning policy needed further clarity with more of a focus on instant and long term rewards. Feedback at the end of this half term (just last week) would suggest that pupils feel that we have moved forward with this and our work will continue into the new year. There were lots of changes all at once and so I am grateful to everyone for taking it in your stride. Keep asking us questions if you are unsure about any element.

This edition of 'The Voice' is packed with numerous events and areas of school to celebrate as we go into the Christmas period. I won't go through each one, but I will quickly mention how immensely proud I was to be able to show our school off to around ten senior leaders from other schools, all over the country, who came to see our daily practice in light of the re-affirmation of our Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship status. The staff and pupils did nothing different, they literally just showed off our excellent day-to-day work at the school. Colleagues were really positive about what they had seen.

A quick shout out to our current Year 11s, who are working really hard and as I write are partaking on their mock examinations. I could see that many of them were really nervous going into the first couple, but they needn't be; the whole point in the mock exams is to get a flavour of the real thing whilst showing teachers knowledge that is well embedded and teasing out those areas that perhaps need a little more work, which we will absolutely be doing over the next six months. Attendance to school has improved since this time last year, which is good to see. As you know, data clearly shows us year on year that pupils who attend school 96% of the time or more make significantly better academic progress at Malet Lambert. Thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Anyway, enough from me, I will sign-off and allow you to enjoy the many positive elements of this edition of 'The Voice.' Thank you to you all for being so supportive of the school and also being a big part in our further development. I hope you have a lovely Christmas period and wish you a Happy New Year

Best Wishes

Patrick Sprakes

Term Dates...

Staff Training Day

Monday 6th January 2025

Pupil Return Date

Tuesday 7th January 2025

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Subject Achievement

Each month, our Maths Department will be awarding pupils from each year group with the accolade of 'Mathematician of the Month'. These pupils are selected based on their hard work and effort in class and with homework.

Recipients also receive an Amazon Voucher as award for their achievement. Along side the Mathematician of the Month, from the start of this term, teachers have been looking the work pupils have put into SPARX maths homework as well as looking for the pupil with the most XP points in each year group. As a result of this, one person from each year group has been chosen to receive a SPARX maths certificate alongside an amazon voucher.

Over in our English department, a pupil from Year 7, 8 and 9 were selected to receive a prize of a Waterstones voucher for having read the most books on the homework platform SPARX. Well done to all our pupils who have managed to achieve these awards. We hope that this hard work and dedication continues into the new year.



Published Pupil

One of Malet Lambert's pupils is now a published writer. Year 8 pupil Ethan's story 'The Mutated Man' was submitted to publishers earlier this year. Ethan first started writing his story in Year 5, before returning to it Year 7 to finish.

Spurred on by friends and family, Ethan sent out his story to publishers and was successful straightaway with the first respondent coming back with the intent to publish his submission.

"I was a bit shocked when they got back to me, because I heard that for JK Rowling it took her 15 times to publish Harry Potter, but it only took me once."

Congratulations to Ethan on this great achievement.



Pupil Leadership Team

Updates and messages from Malet Lambert's PLT and Head Pupils

Mentoring Programme

This term, the new Head and Deputy Head pupils started their roles.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to go over our basic plans for the year. This year, we have decided to focus on improving pupil's mental health whilst they are at school.

We want pupils to enjoy school and actually want to turn up. Our first project is academic mentoring.

This is a programme where the older pupils mentor the younger pupils in English, Maths or Science.

This gives pupils an opportunity to improve in subjects that they are struggling in and also builds a sense of community between the year groups. We are looking forward to pursuing our roles this year and making a positive difference to the school.

Yasmin (Deputy Head Pupil)

PLT Conference

Earlier this term, me and members of the Pupil Leadership Team attended the Pupil Leadership Team conference.

There, we met several pupils from many different schools and we completed challenges in groups, which prizes were awarded to the winners (my group won a £10 Amazon voucher per person for winning!!). Then, the year 10 to 13 pupils attended a talk presented by Mrs Ridley.

Throughout this trip, we heard many people share stories with us and worked with a variety of pupils to work through tasks.

Personally, I loved the trip because not only was it fun to communicate with pupils from different years and schools, but the talks we attended were very informative and I learnt a lot on that trip and I'm sure everyone could say the same.

Overall, it was an amazing trip and I'm glad to have attended with the Pupil Leadership Team.

Emily (House Captain)

Charity Drives and Fundraisers

There has been a number of charity drives this term at Malet Lambert.

This November, the school raised money on behalf of Children in Need. Pupils were encouraged to wear a piece of yellow on 15th November and a bake sale made up of contributions from pupils was held to raise money.

The entries into the bake were also part of a pupil competition. All entries were judged by a pupil panel to find the best cake/bun or other baked treat with the winners receiving points for their School House and reward stamps to use in our pupil shop. The total raised from our bake sale reached an amazing £133.30.

As we approached Christmas, we once again held a donation drive for food, toiletries and other items to make up our Christmas shoeboxes for Age UK. Once we had tallied up our donations from pupils and staff we had over thirty shoeboxes to donate.



Also in the run up to Christmas, our site team has once again organised a charity collection on behalf of The Unity Shop. As many families struggle to make ends meet, The Unity Shop works to support those in need of help in our area.

Every year our site team has collected for the Unity Shop and each time their hard work goes towards making this time of year a little easier for those in our community who need that extra help.

With staff, community and business' help, the amount of food, clothing and toys donated has been overwhelmingly generous. To the point that it has filled our school mini bus to the brim!

Thanks to donations from staff, the wider school community and even businesses that the school liaise and work with, we have managed to accumulate a literal mini bus load of donations to go towards helping local families this Christmas.

Holocaust History Group

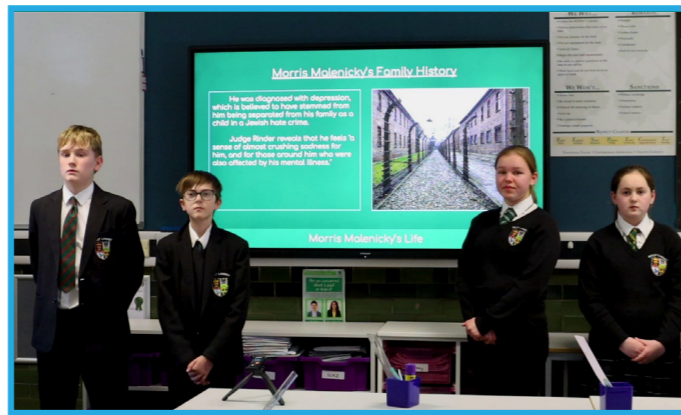
Over the last term, pupils involved in our Holocaust history group have been contributing to video project organised by The Imperial War Museum.

Along with delivering a presentation on what they have learnt during their study of television's Rob Rinder's family, whose story of their time during the Holocaust was centre of the groups focus, the pupils also composed a poem on the importance of Holocaust education.

The work that our pupils produced was played during an event with Rob Rinder and his family in attendance. This was part of a bigger evening to showcase work on the Holocaust. The project has over 100 school across the country contributing to it and was led by Royal Wootton Bassett Academy. Malet Lambert one of only a handful to be chosen to create a piece to be played at the Imperial War Museum.

Miss Norman of our History Department spoke highly of our pupils' contribution to the project.

'I am so proud of all the pupils who took part in the Holocaust project exploring the family history of Robert Rinder and Angela Cohen. The pupils reflected on how the family had been affected and created some beautiful pieces for the film.'



Community Action Project

This term, pupils from our Community Action Project have been engaging with residents of a local care home. The Community Action Project was launched in September as a new lunchtime club.

It was launched in assemblies and pupils were given the opportunity to come along and decide what they wanted to do within the local community.

The group of pupils involved wanted to support the elderly in our community. They recognised that many elderly live alone and that this time of year especially can be very lonely.

In October, the pupils paid a visit to Sutton Village Care Home, during which they chatted with residents about an array of topics from the pupils' school life to the residents' own lives and experiences.

In December, residents from the care home came into school to comb over the school's archive material with pupils. The collection included a number of photographs, documents and pupils' work that stretched back all through Malet Lambert's history.

The community Action Project is set to continue into the new year.



Theatre Companies Come To Malet

This term, we hosted Saltmine Theatre Company, who came into Malet Lambert to deliver a powerful performance on the incredibly important topic of knife crime.

Performing to multiple year groups, the piece highlighted the potentially devastating effects of carrying a knife. Such important messages are an integral part of our pupils curriculum, particularly relating to their study in PSHE.

We also welcomed The Riot Act for to Malet Lambert today this September, who performed an amazing piece on the incredibly important message of road safety for our Year 7 pupils.

Saltmine Theatre Company



'The Riot Act' performing for our Year 7 pupils.

Open Events

The beginning of the academic year is always a busy time. It also marks the start of two very important times for school pupils, namely the incoming Year 6s, who will be starting to think about a start as secondary school pupils at Malet Lambert, and our Year 9s who begin their GCSE options process.

One of our earliest events of the year is always our Year 6 Open Evening. The event gives prospective pupils and their parents/carers a chance to see the school, chat with staff and hopefully alleviate any lingering apprehensions on the move to secondary education that pupils or their parents/carers may have.

Also this term, Year 9 pupils and their parents/carers were invited to attend our Guided Choices Evening. The event gives our Year 9 pupils a chance to learn more about their options and pathways going forward towards their GCSEs and final years at Malet Lambert.

The process of a pupil picking their Key Stage 4 can often be daunting. The purpose of the Guided Choices evening is to offer pupils a chance to learn more about their options to better make an informed decision.



Pupils and Parents/Carers attended our KS4 Information Evening.

Careers Workshop and Visits

There has been a focus on employability during this first term at Malet Lambert. A number of workshops and opportunities have been available to pupils over the last few weeks to offer a glimpse into potential avenues of employment, careers and post-GCSE education.

The workshops, delivered by a collaborative effort spearheaded by 'Into University', focused on particular industries and included visitors to Malet Lambert who gave an insight into their respective worlds of work.

Among all of the talks and activities, it was especially engaging for the pupils when East Yorkshire Buses paid a visit to Malet Lambert, where the pupils were given a tutorial in conducting a safety check of bus, as would be expected every day at the depo.

"The pupils really engaged with the talks and found them insightful and interesting."

Miss Powell, Careers Leader

As our Key Stage 4 pupils consider their options for after they leave Malet Lambert, the school has hosted a number of external visitors from colleges and training providers from around our local area as a chance for our pupils to learn more about the opportunities available to them, post-GCSE.



East Yorkshire Buses took our pupils through the proper procedure for a bus safety check.

Anti-bullying Week

Malet Lambert marked Anti-bullying week this month. From 11th to the 15th November, special focus was put on how the school, pupils and even the outer-community can take a stand against bullying and its damaging effects.

This year's Anti-bullying week was centred on the theme of 'respect', an idea that focuses on showing that an individual and their feelings are valued even if they differ from others, and that there is always room for dialogue between two opposing points of view.

On the Tuesday, we celebrated Odd Sock Day and ran a competition across the school for pupils to design their own odd sock with the winners for the best designs awarded Amazon vouchers. Congratulations to Tom, Olivia and Ishika for their winning entries.



Top of Stairs Gallery

We welcomed artist, Andi Dakin to Malet Lambert this term, whose work is currently on display in our Top of the Stairs Gallery in our Art Department.

The Top of the Stairs Gallery came about as a response to the idea that not all art galleries need to be a whole building but can just be in the corridor spaces and can become part of the daily experience for pupils. The initiative is designed to create a cultural experience for the pupils as national artists are invited to exhibit their work in the three cabinets by the Art department.

A programme of study and talks have been organised and established by Miss Ruffy (Head of Art and Photography) for this year. Artists have been invited to showcase their work and to write a brief for year 10 pupils to respond to in relation to their work.

Andi Dakin talks pupils through his artwork and techniques at our Top of the Stairs Gallery.

The Artists will also deliver a workshop to share their working process with the pupils. Andi spoke to our pupils about his process and tying that to the themes of his work. He also demonstrated his print-making technique before our pupils had a go themselves.

The Top of the Stairs Gallery aims to showcase works from a variety of artists and contributors to offer a wide spectrum of artistic variety to our pupils as they continue to learn about art analysis and sought to be inspired for their own work.



New Attendance Logo

This term, we held a cross-school competition for pupils to design a new logo to represent Malet Lambert's commitment to good attendance. The logo design selected will go on to be used in a wide range of communications from the school, such as letters, documents, videos and more. Giving it the prestige and exposure expected of such an important of a stance as pupil attendance.

From all of the entries, the winning design selected was submitted by Year 8 pupil, Sheneli. Sheneli's logo incorporated the colours and symbols of the six Malet Lambert Houses with the imagery of raised hands of eager pupils being attentive in class.

For Sheneli's hard work, they were awarded 10 stamps and a prize of sweets with each other pupil who had entered also receiving three stamps for their entry.



Our new attendance logo.



Staff Fancy Dress



*Merry Christmas
from all the staff at Malet Lambert*

Christmas Concert

During the last week of the term, the school hosted our annual Christmas concert, featuring a number of festive favourites, classical songs and musical pieces, all performed by our talented pupils.

The concert is the accumulation of the hard work and effort of our pupil performers and our Music Department. The concert was held on the evening 19th December to an audience of parents/carers, pupils staff and school SLT.

Along with a selection of classic Christmas carols and hits, our pupils also included a number of other songs including California Dreaming and songs from musical productions such as 'Wicked' and 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie.'



BBC Bitesize School Tour

As Part of our careers education, advice and guidance provision, we were happy to have been able to host the BBC Bitesize schools tour at Malet Lambert.

The aim of the Bitesize Schools Tour is to engage in discussion about the opportunities available in various sectors of work to secondary pupils and give them practical advice on pursuing their chosen career paths.

Year 9 and 10 pupils were given the opportunity to attend the interactive panel this term. The talk also consisted of first-hand accounts of the attending panellist on how they began on their respected career paths.

This year's panel consisted of Natalie Glanvill from Radio Humberside, Multimedia Manager Tom Forward from Hull KR and Aquarist Emma Burke from The Deep. The host and moderator for the event was television and radio presenter, Kathryn B Wilson.



This year's BBC Bitesize Tour came to Malet Lambert

The Malet Sports Round-up

A selection of sporting news and achievements so far this academic year...

Nov 12 Congratulations to the Year 8 A team who progressed to the next round of the National Cup after beating Kingswood 2-1 in an extremely close game

Nov 19 Well done to the boys Year 7A football team who beat Trinity school 4-1. It was a great team performance.

Nov 19 Congratulations to the U15 girls who were crowned winners of tonight's Hull Active Schools 7 a side tournament.

Nov 26 The Y10 boys played really well tonight and remained unbeaten to win the Championship competition.

Nov 28 Well done to the yr 7 boys rugby team who won their 1st Yorkshire cup match 30-0 today against Manor Croft.

Dec 05 Congratulations to the Year 8 boys rugby squad who beat Ryburn 36-0 today in the Yorkshire Cup.

Dec 05 The girls U14's football team finished 2nd overall in the Hull Schools 7 a side tournament on Tuesday night. Well played ladies.

Dec 09 Congratulations to the u13 girls who beat South Hunsley 3-2 in the Humberside Cup this evening.

Dec 10 A hardworking performance from the boys Year 10A football team saw them beat Winifred Holtby 6-2 tonight in the Hull league

Dec 12 After a strong run, the Y11B team's run in the National Cup came to an end against an excellent St Mary's team. Goalscorers for Malet were Adrian and Jack.

Dec 17 Well done to the u13 girls team who played in an extremely competitive league in tonight's Hull Active Schools 7 a side tournament.

