



Christmas at Bedstone:

Carol Service and Junior
School 'The Spirit of
Christmas' Play



Festive Treats and
Gingerbread Houses



Traditional Tree
In the Old Hall



Christmas Celebrations



Christmas At Bedstone: A Time For Celebration

We are rightly proud of the tradition of celebrating Christmas at Bedstone, from supporting local charities, to being part of our Virtual Carol Service or Junior School Play.

The students have also had hands-on experience of creating Gingerbread Houses with our amazing in-house catering team, and enjoyed the delicious final day of term Christmas Lunch!

There is always something fun going on at the school at this time of year, and we love to share the celebrations with pupils, parents and staff.



This year's [Virtual Carol Service](#) includes Readings by students and the Head, School Choirs singing carols, the Junior School playing hand bells and a sing-a-long version of a carol sung by the school's staff!

The Junior School recorded a play called '[The Spirit of Christmas](#)', a modern day telling of The Nativity, which was shared with parents to watch.

The Catering Team created a fantastic German-inspired Christmas market which was a great success, with festive food and treats, and also finished the term with the most delicious Christmas Lunch for the whole school to enjoy, including wearing fun jumpers and hats!





Music At Bedstone – Hitting The Right Notes

House Music Competition – Solo Performance: This term many of our pupils have been working very hard to get the dust off their instruments and prepare a piece for the House Solo Music Competition, 2020. Congratulations to the following pupils on their performance, effort and achievement; Harriet N, Maddie H, Davy, Thomas E, Joseph E, Ella, Sophie, Tilly B, Emily, Phoebe R, Adeline S, Sophie G, Amelia O, Cleo P, Pip B, George, Martyna K and Izzy R.

Virtual Carol Service 2020: This year we are really sad not to be able to meet together for our traditional Christmas service at St Lawrence's Church. Instead, we have been extremely busy in the department and recording studio preparing readings and performances for our virtual service. We do hope that you will all feel suitably Christmassy by the end of the broadcast which is available on bedstone.org

A huge thank you to all of the pupils who have taken part in both the Junior and Senior school musical items as well as the staff, many of whom feature in our staff choir recording of Hark the Herald for our final carol of the service!

We hope you enjoyed the Service and were able to join in with the singing too, despite being the other side of the TV or computer screen! On behalf of the music department, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas!



School Choir: Despite COVID restrictions meaning that we are unable to sing all together, we are delighted to have recently founded a choir this term at Bedstone. We have had to learn the music in bubbles and socially distanced, a rather new experience for us all! This term we have particularly enjoyed practising the piece 'Somewhere in my memory' by John Williams. Some of you will recognise this Christmassy piece from the film, Home Alone!

Instrumental Lessons: We are also so pleased that over a quarter of our pupils at the school are taking instrumental lessons! It is so wonderful to hear our pupils, both new and experienced players, learning their pieces each week with our fantastic team of peripatetic teachers.

In addition, we are very fortunate to have such excellent facilities including our music pods, lounge and the Rees Hall, a perfect stage and space for our Musical Theatre lessons to take place. Some of our pupils have also been able to take their ABRSM music examinations this term, we wish them the very best of luck.



Music Practice Club: Each Tuesday afternoon the pupils in this club have been able to work in the department on their pieces in preparation for performances and exams. The pupils have also been able to listen to one another and a few have performed informally during this time for feedback and advice.

Junior School Activities and Events

The Junior School pupils and staff have been busy all term, taking part in a wide variety of fun and educational activities and events, both inside and outside the classroom.

From studying the effects of soil erosion, deposition and transportation in Geography, as well as exploring rivers and water features on an Ordnance Survey, to making Origami Sumo Wrestlers and enjoying outdoor activities (such as Rhian taking part in Horse Riding lessons).

This term, Junior 2 have also been reading 'The Hodgehog' by Dick King Smith. The class have used their computing skills to create Stop Motion Animations of Max the Hodgehog's attempts at crossing the road. In DT they have designed and created hedgehog houses in the Bedstone woods as well as baked and decorated some delicious hedgehog biscuits.

They have also written some imaginative stories about Max's adventures and instruction texts to help us all cross the road safely. We even had a visit from 'Safety Ray', a Road Safety Officer who took us on a guided walk of Bedstone village and showed us how to stay safe as a pedestrian.



Junior School History - WWII

This term the Junior 2 children have spent their History lessons learning about World War 2.

They looked at real ration books and gas masks, examined the quantity of food they would need to survive on, wrote letters home from the perspective of an evacuee, made salt dough war medals and ribbons, model spitfires and learnt to sew as part of 'Make do and Mend'.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the lessons with their personal highlights being medal production, sewing and examining Louise's artefacts!

They all agreed that they would want to live in the countryside so that they could 'Dig for Victory' and increase their rations!



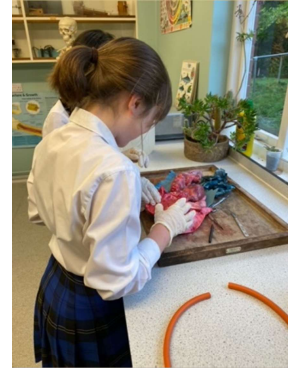
Bedstone Bitesize

An intrepid Gold DofE navigation exercise took place on the Carneddau, North Snowdonia, in December, covering 17km in 4 hours in temperatures below zero and snow knee-deep in places.

Congratulations to everyone for completing the activity, ending, in the dark, with views of the Milky Way, Mars, Venus and the International Space Station to finish.



Year 7 took on the challenge of a lung dissection in biology – and impressed Miss Beddow with their enthusiasm and skill!



As well as working hard, the 6th Form have been enjoying the social side of Bedstone this term as well.

We have had two Senior Dining Club events, the students and staff lucky enough to enjoy a delicious three-course meal and a terrific time was had by all. The students really enjoyed the occasions.

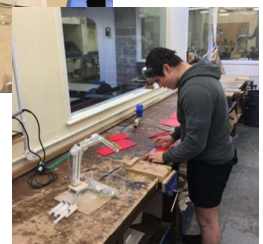
On a more relaxed note the 6th Form students also enjoyed their Saturday Bar Nights this term. Out of the two Bar Nights this half-term the stand out night was the Halloween Party. Under the supervision of a member of staff the students enjoyed the fancy dress party and partied into the night!



Year 11 recently enjoyed two days as 6th Form students!

As well as experiencing what 6th Form lessons are like, the students were able to use our dedicated 6th Form areas, helping themselves to our recently refurbished kitchen area during their breaks.

If you want any further information about what our 6th Form can offer, please contact Oliver Downing:
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Artistic Talent On Display

It has continued to be a busy time in the Art Department, with students developing their artistic talents, and we are delighted to share a number of examples from site-specific work, making pots, looking at self-portraits, exploring different styles and working with themes:



Daisy B and Beatrice A (Year 3/4)



Jai S (Year 3)



Adeline S (Year 5)



Rhian R (Year 5)



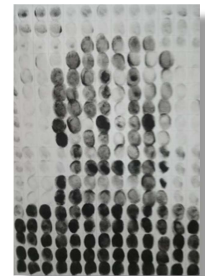
Aggie A (Year 6)



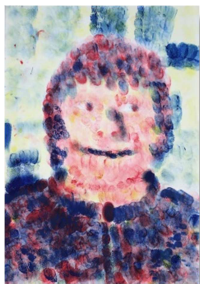
Charlie H (Year 6)



Sophie G (Year 6)



Harriet B (Year 7)



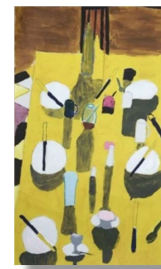
Lewis G (Year 7)



Ella S (Year 8)



Chloe B (Year 8)



Abi W (Year 9)



Matilda B (Year 9)



Harriet N (Year 11)



Isabel L (Year 13)



Matteo D (Year 13)