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An Academy Musical

By Viki Malabuyoc

On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd November a marvellous showcase of Stockport Academy's best performing students took place, in the form of High School Musical!

During school hours, the cast and backstage crew performed for primary schools from around Stockport. These schools included Cale Green,

Bridge Hall, Oak Tree, Alexandra Park, Meadowbank, St. George's and St. Matthew's. Teachers and staff from these schools tweeted their approval of the performances!

At 6:30pm, the doors of Stockport Academy opened up to parents and students alike to enjoy the show! Many of the students and parents bought tickets to experience the performance, and to watch the talented pupils of Stockport Academy.

Both nights went incredibly smoothly, providing the audience with laughable and memorable moments and scenes, along with emotional ones! I myself took part in the making of this amazing performance.

I chose to be part of the backstage team, which consisted of about only eight members! We were in charge of moving walls, the set and large props, along with making sure that small but significant props were in the right place at the right time. During the shows, we were required to wear all black to make sure when we moved props on and off the stage we wouldn't be seen.

The cast and the backstage team had a busy week polishing our performance, rehearsing to make sure everything worked out on the days. In the stage right wing where I worked, we had a rocky start, as the walls were very difficult to move.

It was mainly the teachers who helped us work out how to move props smoothly and help us out - so a big thank you to Miss Keough, Mrs Campbell and Miss Stevenson! The shows wouldn't be possible without you!

All in all, I would definitely recommend participating in your school production, as it was a great experience.

DID YOU KNOW?

E-Zine Enrichment takes place every Friday in Mrs Sealy's room.

Come and join us if you would like to help produce the next SPARK!

Festive Fun!

By Cara Colclough

At Stockport Academy on the 25th of November Stockport Academy had a lovely Christmas Market with lots of hotdogs and cakes. The choir also performed some lovely songs and that was led by Miss Stevenson.

At 11am, Stockport Academy opened their gates to let in the public for their shopping needs. When I got there, the Christmas Market was packed with parents and kids looking for toys and cakes. There were lots of brilliant stalls, my favourite one was Wacky Wonders which supports St. Ann's hospice. There was also a nice band in the cafeteria playing lovely Christmas songs, the band was called Sale Brass Band.

As well as a Santa's grotto and a bouncy castle, there were four lovely mascots, one of them was a minion, one was Pikachu, and finally there were Princess Poppy and Branch from the Trolls.



Veteran Visit

By Delany Norris

We were lucky enough to be visited by two extraordinary war veterans called Paul and Gary who told us about their experiences and let us ask them questions.

In my opinion they are both extremely brave. When asked have you ever had a close call with a bullet, they answered "I have heard bullets whizz past my head. It is scary, really scary."

They also told us about their motivation is when spending time away from their families. "Your training is what matters, it's what keeps you going," they said. "We do it for our Queen and for our mates."

Thank you Paul and Gary, it was great to meet you!

Christmas Show

By Harry Softley



At Stockport Academy on the 7th December at 6:30pm to 8:30pm our Christmas Concert was held. There were wonderful acts such as choir, steel pans, ukuleles and a variety of dance and much more. The best thing that got

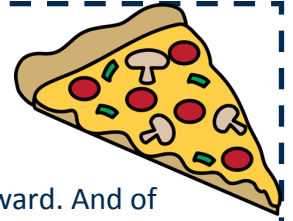
the audience's attention was the choir when they sang 'All I want for Christmas Is You', when most of the guests stayed behind to dance with everyone else at the end of the show. I would also definitely say that the students enjoyed the teachers singing in the second half.

Now it's time to leave the music alone and move to the drama. The amazing Mrs Burns was able to put a great drama production of a Christmas Carol played by the school's own drama company Centre Stage.

Now all of this was not able to be put on if it wasn't for the teachers and Emma and Andy from Christians In Schools Trust then we have all the other teachers like Ms Keough, Ms Stevenson, and Mrs Campbell. Everyone did a great job!

Margherita or Pepperoni?

By Megan Barlow



On Friday 17th November, Mrs Sealy's form got to experience a Stockport Academy Reward. And of course, it had to be pizza. At Stockport Academy we have a form leaderboard in every year. As a form, you can gain points by having the best attendance, being top in TTRockStars and much more. In the first term at Stockport Academy, Mrs Sealy's form finished top of the leaderboard! They received pizzas of their choice on a day that they decided and got to eat them in their form room at lunch. It was a huge celebration! Now Mrs Sealy's form has won it, all the other forms in Year 7 are stepping up their game. Who will win next?

Year 8 Parents Evening - A Review

By Abigail Yan

Parents Evening for Year 8 was on the 30th of November at Stockport Academy.

At Parents Evening, lots of comments were said about us as the pupils of Stockport Academy by the teachers.

Personally I enjoyed hearing all of the nice comments shared about me and the comments about what I could improve on. I especially enjoyed the assembly about how to support your child on Literacy and Numeracy. Mrs Sealy and Miss Harrison talked to us about what we do in our lessons also how to help our reading and times table skills at home.

At Parents Evening there were parents' surveys to fill in and if you did then you would get a chocolate bar. I enjoyed all of Parents Evening and if you didn't attend this time you should definitely go next time it's on.



Comfortable Win For Year 8 Footballers

By Ben
Duckworth

In a cup match the Academy came out on top against Stockport School scoring six goals against a team, containing four players from Division One of the Stockport Metro League, to win 6-2.

In a mixed first half the Academy took the lead, by way of an own goal, as the opposition keeper missed a backpass with the ball crossing the line. A bit of luck saw the Academy double their lead when Connor Bingham bundled the ball into the back of the net making it 2-0.

However, a slick move by Stockport School's striker made it 2-1 shortly before the break.

In the second half, free kicks from Ben Duckworth and Jack Caveney and a cracking header from Charlie Keates ensured that the Academy progressed to the second round of the cup.

Poppy Drop

By Roxane Mole



Before we start, if you don't know what the poppy drop is it's a day when we commemorate the brave soldiers who died for us, so we can live strong and free.

On 13th November many poppies from up above dropped for the brave soldiers that died for us. Students in Year 7, 8, and 9 all made poppies that Year 10s and 11s would drop into the atrium. It all started at 11 am when all students at the academy got into lines and went to the ground floor so they could honour the great people who served our country in battle. We held a 2-minute silence to think what these people had to do so that our home could be safe and happy, and the best part is how everyone has a special place in their heart for these people.

Rewards Assembly

By Lucas May

On Friday the 8th December, Year 7 had their rewards assembly, with rewards given out for outstanding and good progress. The staff wanted the pupils to be recommended for their progress, so the people who achieved this got a certificate and stood up so people knew who these amazing students were, and those with outstanding progress got to stand up at the front of the hall and got chocolate and a certificate with a picture taken of them.

The second rewards given out were to the people with outstanding or good effort. Finally, there were special rewards including form tutor reward and head of year reward. It was a great afternoon!



Rocking Around The Christmas Tree

By Violet Ashby

In the Christmas period, the choir have been very busy. They have sang to elderly people from Stockport homes, sang in the Christmas concert, sang at Lex AutoLease, sang at care homes in Edgeley and Hazel Grove, sang for the Socially Yours charity at a Christmas party, at the Trafford centre and much more! I sang a solo in the song When Children Rule The World. I sang the first verse. In the choir, it is much fun because you get to show people you talent, sing lovely songs and go on many trips.



Our Setlist:

Santa Claus is Comin' To Town

Let It Go

Away In A Manger

It Feels Like Christmas

White Christmas

Ding Dong Merrily On High

When Children Rule The World

Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

All I Want For Christmas Is You

Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree