

# BUZZ

Beckfoot

Winter 2019



## A Word from the Buzz Team

Welcome to the winter edition of the Buzz! As you can see, the Buzz team have been very busy, writing articles about all the fantastic things happening in and around Beckfoot!

From the Wider Learning Day to the Martin House concert and the Operating Theatre Live event, plus a special interview with Mr Wade!

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# Operating Theatre Live



On a rather unusual Tuesday, students from years 11, 12 and 13 from a number of schools in the Beckfoot Trust gathered in the school hall to not only learn about some of the systems in the body, but also to dissect them ourselves. Stood in our scrub tops, hairnets and gloves, I'm sure none of us were expecting to be working together to disinfect and dress a plastic body for surgery, but that's how our morning started – we quickly forgot to be apprehensive after that! We moved on to learning about different parts of the body, before being able to match this new knowledge up to the real thing, for example, a brain, an eye, the lungs, heart and liver, and even a full digestive system. For most of these, apart from the digestive system, we had one of these organs between around 6-8 people, making sure we could all take part and interact! It was fascinating to learn about the body in addition to that covered in biology lessons, as well as being able to see and hold them too. Throughout the day of strange and wonderful explorations into the body, we learnt to be respectful to the animals whose organs we were handling, at the same time as building our knowledge of how each part of the body works in perfect harmony, and having a lot of fun at the same time! It was definitely an experience most people won't forget for a while. **By Emma, Year 13**



## Children In Need

This year's Children in Need was fantastic! For the first time in Beckfoot history we celebrated Children in Need all week. A huge thank you to the Year 8s and Sixth Formers for giving up their time in order to have an amazing week. The highlights of the week included: a non-uniform day, a bake sale, an art competition and a 'Guess the Name of the Bear' activity. This year the campus raised £1527! The committee for Children in Need really tried to listen to all the suggestions and have an activity for everyone, and I have to say it was wonderful seeing so many people participate in the activities. Being part of the committee was a great experience. It was fun coming up with all the ideas and listening to the teachers' feedback, I would definitely do it again. **By Gladness, Year 8**



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## A Word from the Head Simon Wade, Headteacher

Welcome to our school magazine, the first edition since I became Beckfoot Headteacher. I have been overwhelmed by the welcome I've received. This place feels like home to me and I am very privileged to lead the school every day. I am always amazed by talent and selflessness and this magazine demonstrates the power of students and staff working together to create something special. The content and design display an abundance of skills, from consideration of audience and aesthetics to ensuring most aspects of the school's work are covered. I love that it is so student-centred, reflects the essence of Beckfoot and is celebratory. I want each one of you to be as proud of our school as I am. I am so thrilled that this edition showcases the incredible term we've had, and I really hope you will enjoy reading it. Have a wonderful Christmas break and see you in 2020!



# PUZZLES



By Eesa, Year 7



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## Across

5. Famous snowman, 6.
7. What was Santa originally known as, 5, 8.
8. How many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh, 4.
9. A sock that hangs from the chimney, 8.
10. What did the third king bring, 5.

## Down

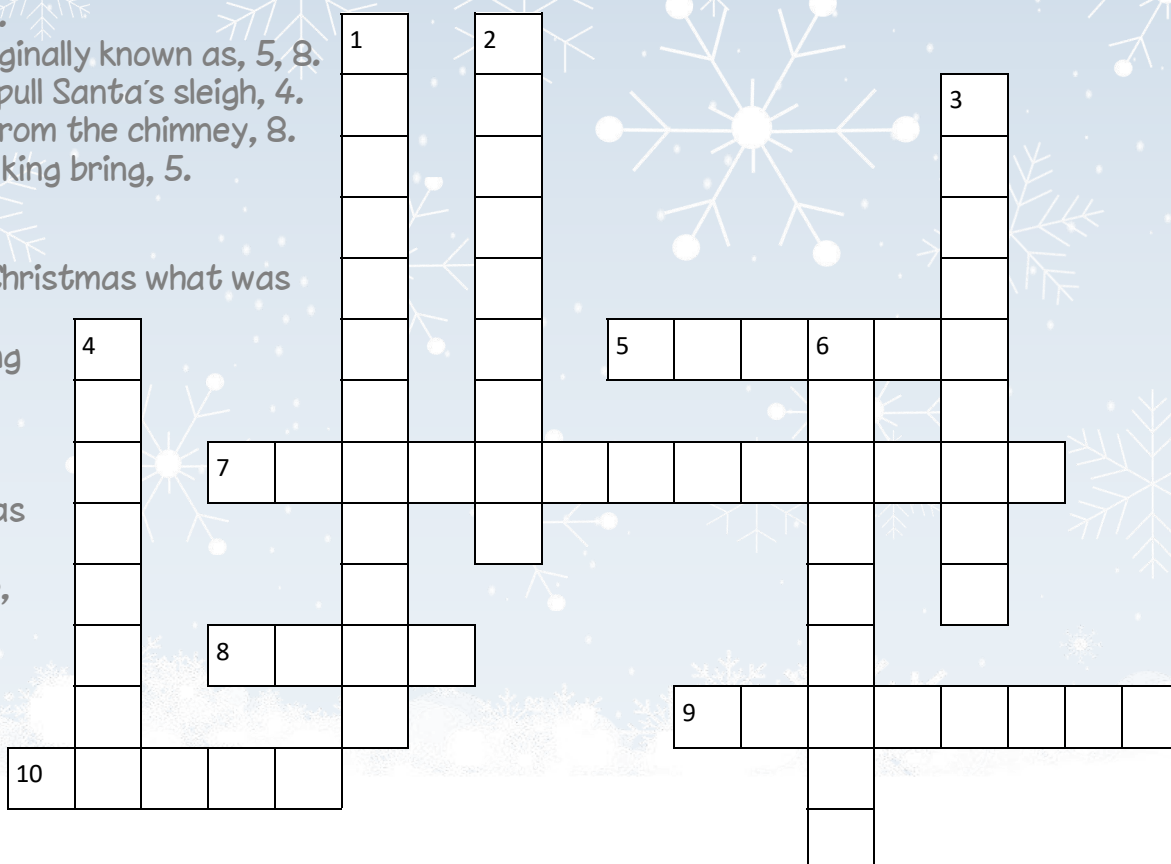
1. On the 11th day of Christmas what was given, 6, 6.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ roasting on an open fire, 9.
3. A striped Christmas treat, 5, 4.
4. Traditional Christmas play, 8.
6. Transparent sphere, traditionally made of glass, 4, 5.

By Eesa, Year 7



This is Bobby the Beckfoot Reindeer, he has got himself into a tangle putting up Christmas lights. Can you guess from the picture above where he is hiding? Email where you think he is to [Buzzteam@beckfoot.org](mailto:Buzzteam@beckfoot.org) to be in with a chance of winning a £10 Love2Shop voucher!

By James, Year 9



# SHOUT IT OUT

## Wider Learning Day

On the 6th of November, Year 8 took part in a History Wider Learning Day. This day was focussed on World War One and consisted of many activities. Throughout the day, students learnt all about what life was like during the First World War. We participated in activities like planning and writing our own ration cards with a limited amount of food which was a challenge! Another activity on the day was army training drills. The whole of Year 8 went outside and took part in a march, "bayonet gun" training and physical exercises such as push ups. It was an interesting day and we experienced what life was like in WW1. It was great fun and very educational too! **By Halima, Year 8**



## Archie Update!

Well done Archie you smashed it! Congratulations from all at Beckfoot on becoming the British Go Karting Champion!



## Student Voice

The Beckfoot Student Voice group aims to raise under-engaged voices within school. This is a student led group which also targets how we speak (oracy). It is within classrooms and our school community. We want to help the little voices make a change. The Student Voice group now needs applicants! From years 7 to 9 we need to have two ambassadors to create a Student Voice group.

 If you want to help the small voices be heard then start applying! 

**By Jibrail, Year 8**

## Futures

Thank you to all the Year 8 students who took part in our Air Products National Enterprise Challenge Days. The challenge was focussed on sustainability and recycling, with the students working in teams to come up with ideas and develop a whole brand, business model, advertising campaign and presentation across the whole day. The two winning teams will be taking part in the finals in Birmingham next summer. **Coming up ...**

**12th Dec** - Interview practise for Year 9

**14th & 16th Jan** - Financial Literacy classroom sessions for groups of Year 9

**15th Jan** - Workplace visit for some Year 10 students

**30th Jan** - Workplace visit for some Year 7 & 8 students

**13th Feb** - Interview practise for Year 10

## Racing Success

At the start of October, two Year 7 students went to Giggleswick to represent Beckfoot in one of the most challenging races of their lives. The two had to make a river crossing, run around a muddy field and stumble up a steep hill before crossing over the finish line. The students finished 5<sup>th</sup> boy and 18<sup>th</sup> girl. There were around one hundred people racing to be crowned British Schools Fell Race Champion 2019, so for both to come in the top twenty is astonishing. Well done to those students who ran for our school.

**By Poppy, Lara and Alexia, Year 7**



### Creativity Awards Showcase

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of October Beckfoot held the Creativity Awards Showcase. Parents, students and teachers were able to see the wonderful array of artwork produced by last year's GCSE and A-Level students, as well as the #SKILLS

Competition entries. Awards were given out by teachers from the Creative Arts and DT department for attainment and progress, with introductions from sixth formers Miguel and Lauren. We were even treated to a few musical performances!



By Esme and Phoebe, Year 12

### All In Award

Beckfoot has been working closely with Hazelbeck since before the summer holidays in Musical Theatre Club. It all led up to the show that took place in early October this year. All profits from both ticket sales and refreshments (sold by Do&E



participants) went towards the charity Mencap. They performed many numbers as a group from various musicals like : All Shook Up, The Greatest Showman and Rent as well as many solo pieces throughout that were all amazing. They have already got started with preparations for their next show in 2020. By Phoebe, Year 9

### Gardening Club

Gardening Club is run by Mrs Dobson & Mrs Hurst, on Mondays after school. So far, we have grown onions, potatoes and winter pansies/shrubs. We will be selling some vegetables to staff and taking some home for our families. If you would like to join, please see Mrs Dobson or email her at [becndd@beckfoot.org](mailto:becndd@beckfoot.org) for more details.

By Jack, Year 7



### The Sixth Form Student Council

The Sixth Form Student Council is a group of around 20 students, working together to make changes to improve the experience in Sixth Form. Our 5 subgroups include: the 'Mental Wellbeing' group, helping to set up access to Kooth, the online counselling website and raising awareness and funds for charities like Young Minds; the 'Creativity' group, which has already started fundraising for the Sixth Form prom, and the 'Diversity' group, who plan to meet with people from more diverse backgrounds to give them a voice. The 'Environment' group have been raising awareness and tackling the issue of non-recyclable cups, and the 'Common Room' group have been helping to create better working spaces for Sixth Form students. We welcome any ideas that you think could improve our Sixth Form!

By Emma, Year 13

### Get Involved!

At Beckfoot, we offer a variety of clubs for students to get involved in and learn new things.

Here are two examples. If you like sports, why not join the Sports Council? You can have a say in which sports students do and also get involved in fundraising events with Hazelbeck. If you are interested in writing articles, editing and having a say in the magazine content you can join the Buzz Team. The team meet regularly and get involved in each edition from the start, right up to it going to print. By Adam, Year 7

### Fresh

As there isn't a Rock Challenge this year Beckfoot are entering Fresh 2020. Fresh is a showcase for dance and stage that comprehensive schools can take part in. This year Beckfoot are working on 3 or possibly 4 dance numbers to enter. If they pass the audition they will get to perform these dances at Fresh 2020.

They did take part in Fresh 2019 and got through the audition with a contemporary/lyrical style dance. They also got to take part in a few dance workshops and watch other schools perform. Good luck to everyone going for the audition this year. By Emily, Year 9



# Politics Page

**I am a student in Year 11 with a keen interest in politics and how parliament works. I have decided to feature all the different parliamentary candidates who stood in the Shipley constituency in The Buzz.**

**I think it's a priority for us to make sure that young people are fully engaged in politics and help to shape the future of our towns and society.**

**By Qais, Year 11**



**Philip Davies:  
Conservative  
Party**

**I think young people should be interested and get involved in politics as I did. Whilst the voting age is 18, there are many other ways those under that age can participate politically – school/student politics via political parties, through local or national campaigns. These days there are many ways to get your voice heard.**



**Celia Hickson:  
Green Party**

**Politics may not seem relevant to young people, however, politicians, both at local and national levels, make decisions which affect everyone's daily life. It is important that young people are informed and aware about the way they can get involved and have a voice, bringing their experiences and opinions to the table.**



**Caroline Jones:  
Liberal Democratic  
Party**

**Our planet is on the brink of being irreparably damaged and we are responsible for that damage. The climate emergency is real and our planet is heating to unsustainable levels. We are facing a climate catastrophe and we have a moral duty to act.**



**Darren Longhorn:  
Yorkshire Party**

**The answer to the question 'why is it important to get involved in politics' is that everyone should be involved in politics, whether standing for election or voting in an election. Politics is the primary way that we can let those who govern us know what we want, and if you don't get involved, you don't get a say.**



**Jo Pike:  
Labour Party**

**As young people, your voice and vision are hugely important and you need to shout loudly to make yourselves heard. Adults rely on young people to critique our existing systems and point out what could be better. As we enter adulthood we do so with a fresh vision, a unique perspective of what is possible. I urge you to use this to make the world a better place.**

# MARTIN HOUSE CONCERT

On the 14th of November, students from Hazelbeck and Beckfoot put together a music concert to raise money for the charity of Martin House that aids children with disabilities and their families with support and healthcare. The concert was a huge hit and played songs such as 'American Idiot', 'Great Balls of Fire', 'Read All About It', 'Happy' and the finale of 'Don't Stop Believing'. All of the students worked extremely hard for their performances and have been practising weeks in advance for the concert.

The concert celebrated individuality and diversity which the students excellently portrayed through their music. The concert was also one of the first to feature dance as a main performance and showcased many traditional, brilliant acts such as Groovetubes, Juno and Samba Band. Everyone who took part in the concert should be highly congratulated for their bravery of performing in front of an audience of around 200. Also we should congratulate the determination and selflessness of the backstage crew and those who volunteered to help out for making it a special night.

Altogether the concert raised a phenomenal £1500 for Martin House through purchasing tickets to enjoy the amazing concert, buying Martin House merchandise or helping with baking for the event. Also we should thank Beckfoot Allerton, a Beckfoot Trust primary school, for donating delicious ginger biscuits to sell at the concert. The donated money that Martin House has received will be used to enrich the lives of young people and provide happiness to those who need it, so thank you to everyone who contributed to the amazing event.

By Dylan and Izzy, Year 9



# TEACHER FEATURE

## MR WADE

*Who was your favourite band when you were a teenager?*

Well that's easy, a band called Madness who came from London in around the 70s and 80s and I loved them! When I was 14 years old I got a Christmas present to go and see them and I've seen them about five times since because they are still touring. Madness were very cool I had all of the gear. I was kind of like a mod when I was younger. I had a green parker a Yale cardigan, loafers and white socks. In my head I was very cool - Madness were the band for me!

*If you could have any superpower what would it be?*

Oh that's easy, I'd be able to fly. I've been obsessed with Superman since I first saw that film. I won't tell you the year, late 70s and the best Superman was Christopher Reeves... I don't care about any of the others but yeah I'd love to be able to fly.

*Who is your favourite Liverpool player, past or present?*

Kenny Dalglish! In 1978 he was the European Football Player of the Year and I used to watch him all the time. There have been loads and loads of players that I love; Steven Gerrard more recently - I really like him. I loved Fernando Torres and I was lucky to get to see all those players play at Anfield (which is the best football ground in the country without a shadow of a doubt). In the current team I absolutely love Virgil Van Dijk and Alisson Becker, great players... great great players!



By, Adam, Poppy and Jack Year 7. Halima, Lilia Year 8.

*What luxury item would you take into the jungle?*

A watch. For some reason I love watches! I have got a few of them; it's really pathetic and a bit shallow but I love them so I would take a watch into the jungle. I'd be able to figure out when I have to go to sleep, when I have to eat and when I have to wake up. I might take a football so I could keep busy, can I chose two? So a watch and a football.

*What is your greatest achievement?*

Being a dad. I have two children. Without a shadow of a doubt the greatest thing I have ever done is to be a dad.

*What advice would you give to students getting ready to take their exams?*

Never give up, aim high, reach for the stars, anything is possible if you're willing to work hard enough. And believe in yourself; that's what I would say to them.

*What are you most afraid of and why?*

I'm afraid of failure, because my mum and dad came from very poor families, and my dad left school at 12 years old to work because he had to work and my mum left school at 14 and they have worked really hard all their lives to be successful. My dad tells me you have no excuse for anything, so don't fail, work hard.

*What is the funniest memory you have from secondary school?*

It's a long answer this one. I went to quite a prestigious school for sport and I played Gallic football which is Irish football. We played in an Irish schools tournament and got beaten in the final, but we also entered the soccer tournament just to keep our fitness up. The funny thing about the whole thing is that as a group of Gallic football players we actually won the Irish Schools Cup and we were the best soccer team in the entire country. We played at a big stadium in Dublin and it was hilarious when the president of the Irish Soccer Association handed us the trophy. He couldn't believe that a group of Gallic footballers won the tournament. It has never been repeated since! To this day and I've got my medal and our school gave us our football shirts to keep. This was a big thing at the time because school didn't have a lot of money. I still have that shirt at home so it's a great memory.

*What was your dream job as a child and why?*

I wanted to be a professional footballer because sport has been a huge part of my life since the age of 5 years old. I almost became a footballer but I wasn't quite good enough, but that would have been my dream job.