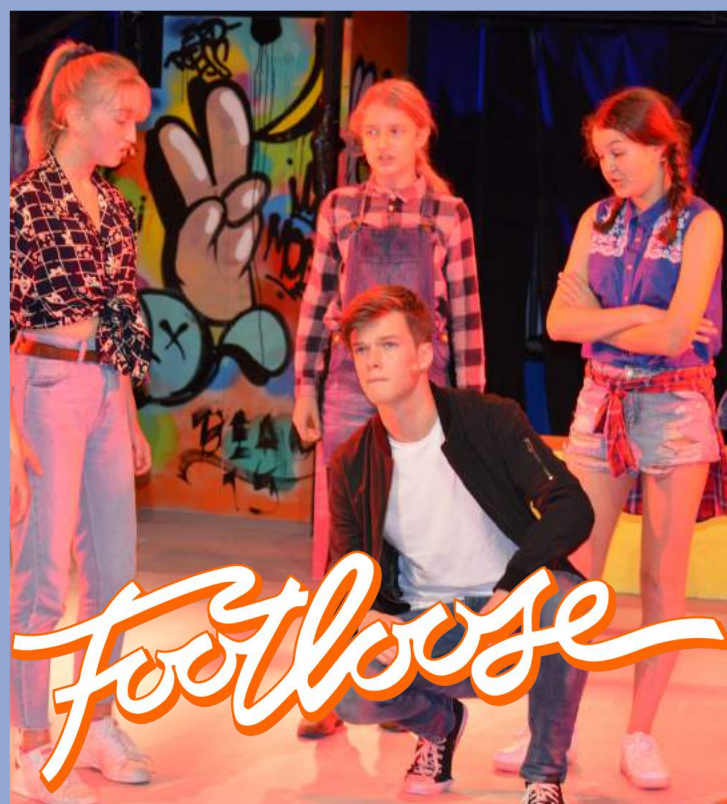


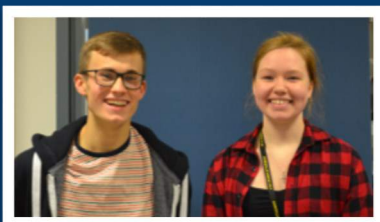
BUZZ

Beckfoot

Winter 2018



A Word from the Editors



Welcome to the new-look Buzz! As you can see, the Buzz team have been very busy, updating the look of the Buzz – we hope you like it just as much as we do! As well as the articles that you are used to, we have included some fun short stories by students as well as puzzles and quizzes too. Have a look – can you find Becky the Beckfoot Elf? If you would like to be involved in the Buzz, please email Buzz-Team@beckfoot.org, or ask in SR3, the office to the left of the LRC.

By Emma and Oliver -
Editors-in-chief

A Word from the Head



Welcome to the Winter edition of The Buzz. The new 'Buzz team' have done an amazing job in bringing together articles which not only demonstrate what a busy term it has been in school, but also the range of events in which our students have participated. Above all, this edition is packed full of smiles!

Enjoy!

Gill Halls, Headteacher

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Team Building Day



The Year 7 Team Building Day was good fun. We split up into tutor groups and took part in different activities across the day. It may have been freezing at first, but we all participated in the different tasks and had a blast! Some of the tasks were: Caterpillar, Stepping Stones, Skis, Global Warming and Building Blocks, they each challenged us in different ways. My team, at first, was laughably bad and we were constantly having to go to the beginning and start again. It was really funny to see somebody lose their balance and step off accidentally and the frustration of the team, but we persevered and made it to the end. I think it's an amazing idea to have Team Building Day because it does really help to make new friends. I developed my communications skills even more. I know that the Year 7s who are going to join Beckfoot next year will love it just as much as we did. Thank you to all the people who set up the activities, helped run the day and gave up their time for us.

by Imogen, Year 7



CHANGE FOR MY LITTLE SISTER LYDIA

Congratulations to Grace, Year 7 for her winning entry to this year's National Poetry Day competition!

Hello, welcome to the world
A pink little ball that suddenly unfurled
With your tiny fingers, and rosy cheeks
I was so happy, I started to weep

I was so proud of my mum overall
She now had a new-born baby, so tiny and small

Now all the family piled into the room
With hearts full of joy, boom, boom, boom

For the first time I held you, you were the best
As I cuddled you tighter into my chest

From then on you grew, and then grew some more
I really wasn't sure of what was in store

With screams and shouts along the way
You were so opinionated, you had lots to say

You are now finally seven, still bossy as ever
But now with you in the world life is much better

I love you Lydia, thanks for everything
you have done





SHOUT IT OUT

Children in Need 2018

We had a great day of fundraising for Children in Need on 16th November. Our charity group student leaders did a fantastic job

organising events including bake sales, the duck race and non-uniform day.

Beckfoot raised a total of **£2100**

Well done to everyone involved.



Beckfoot's Got Talent!

Saniša, Year 8 has auditioned to go on 2019 Britain's Got Talent! She started singing at primary school in the choir and now comes to Juno at Beckfoot.

She loves singing and was intrigued when she found out there were auditions at Broadway Bradford. Saniša said, "When

I was little I always wanted to go on Britain's Got Talent but I was too young. I was very happy to know that I could now audition!" Good luck from all of us here at Beckfoot! by Emily, Year 8



BSL Charity Work

The BSL charity group decided they wanted to help raise money for the Asylum

seekers and Refugee charity group based in Allerton. They decided the best way to help would be to collect clothes, food and basic essentials by asking all students to bring in anything they could to help. The response was amazing and the group managed to collect lots of products that will help lots of people. Well done!

by Rose and Grace, Year 9



Eleanor is a dance Superstar!

Since studying dance at DMA, Eleanor, Year 8 has been placed in many dance competitions. After she got in at Northern Ballet, through hard work and confidence she has now become an amazing dancer, who has recently won a ballet championship and been nominated for a IDTA scholarship in ballet!

Congratulations Eleanor from all of us here at Beckfoot
by Emily Year 8



Guides support Uganda

The 1st Bingley Guides unit is raising money for Uganda. Two of the guide leaders are going to Uganda and the

group are raising money to take with them. One way they have already raised money is through selling things at the Bingley Christmas market where they raised £360. They also have permission to hold a bake sale here at Beckfoot so make sure you bring some money for such a good cause. Please support us by buying a cake or two from our bake sale soon. It would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

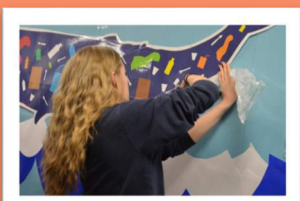
by Imogen Year 7



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

During Science club, students have been creating a display to raise awareness of plastic pollution.

Thomas in Year 7 said 'Sadly, billions of pounds of plastic can be found in the oceans. If you look at the beaches on Google, seeing the birds caught up in the plastic from the tin cans, and trying to eat the plastic then dying, it is very upsetting. At lunch time I am amazed how much plastic is used and thrown away, so I decided to get involved in the Plastic Pollution Project for all these reasons.'



Footloose

THE MUSICAL

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE CAST!

Rehearsals started back in February and since then we've been working hard to put the show together. As well as a 60+ strong cast, we had musicians, set-builders, lighting technicians and lots of support from school staff.

During technical rehearsals we worked with the sound, lighting and set teams to bring all the elements of the show together. This was my favorite part of the rehearsal process as this is where you can finally see the whole show coming together and really get a picture of what it will look like. We also performed to Year 7 which was a good opportunity to iron out any last-minute glitches.

On show night we were nervous for our first public performance but once the music for the opening number started we were so busy that we didn't have chance to stop and think about it.

We had a really positive response from the audience and we were all sad when the show finished. One of the best aspects for me was working with pupils across all year groups and making new friends. This was my first Beckfoot show and I'm already looking forward to the next one. A special thank you to Mrs Kyle and the creative team for all their hard work!

BY ROHAN YEAR 9



WRONG END OF THE 'STICK' COMIC BY PHOEBE YEAR 8



PHOTOS BY OLIVER YEAR 12



HARVEY'S REVIEW

Wow! Footloose was a fantastic show performed by Beckfoot students. In my opinion it was wonderful and throughout the performance I had a smile on my face. I thought the jokes were hilarious especially when delivered by certain members of the cast.

The actors were so good you would have thought they were professionals not students. The two main actors Harry as Ren and Abi as Ariel were outstanding in their roles. If they chose to pursue a career in acting I am sure they would go far, as would most of the cast.

My favourite part of the show was when the cast sang 'Holding out for a Hero'. I thought it worked really well as the choreography perfectly fit the song as did the fantastic costumes!

I thoroughly enjoyed it all and personally cannot wait for the next Beckfoot show. Congratulations to all the cast and crew for such a fantastic show!

Five stars from me! ★★★★★



THAT THING

Image created by Katie, Year 11

WRITTEN BY AARON, YEAR 9

Unable to move, I stood frozen like a deer in headlights, as that thing opened its mouth and screamed. I could see rows and rows of teeth, like those of a shark extending down its throat covering every inch of its mouth. The scream was piercing causing physical pain, every element of my body felt like it was on fire. When I started to scream too, the pain becoming too much to handle. It just stood there tilting its head at me as though it didn't understand why I was screaming. Then abruptly it closed its mouth, turned around, and walked away. I don't know how long I stood there, how long I watched as the thing walked away, walked out of my sight. All I could think about was how even though it was turned away and I knew its mouth was shut, I could hear the screaming, I could still feel the pain and I needed it to stop. I have no clue how long I stood there, fearing it would come back and use those teeth, but eventually, the pain became too much...I blacked out.



The Forest and the Doe

Written by Imogen, Year 7



Image drawn by
Sophie, Year 7

I wandered through the forest absent-mindedly. Birds sang from their perches while the adorable little bunnies scurried around my feet. The intoxicating fragrance of the flowers, which were covering the forest floor like a blanket, penetrated my nostrils and filled my lungs to capacity with an elating feeling. The golden sun smiled down on the forest, casting shadows on the floor from where the canopy of trees stood above me. I suddenly became aware that a doe had followed me. I turned around to look at it; it was the most beautiful animal I had ever seen. It had a coat of stunning, soft-looking fur with three white spots making a perfect triangle on either side. I longed dearly to touch it. Instead, I stared at it in the eyes, not harshly, but kindly. It gazed back into mine. I fumbled in my backpack for the carrot slices I had packed for a snack. I held one out to the stunning creature in the palm of my hand. It slowly, carefully bent its head down to take it, making sure I was trustworthy. It munched the slice slowly, not once taking its eyes from mine. It gestured towards its back. I softly clambered up onto its back and held onto its neck. Its fur was as soft as pillows and as brown as chocolate, I stroked its neck, feeling the luxurious coat of the deer. We set off into the mystical, wonderful woods together.



Top Ten Books to Read at Christmas!

1. A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
2. A Boy Called Christmas – Matt Haig
3. Hetty Feather's Christmas – Jacqueline Wilson
4. Horrid Henry's Merry Mischiefs – Francesca Simon
5. My Brother's Christmas Bottom's – Jeremy Strong
6. The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis
7. The Snow Sisters – Emma Carroll
8. Frankie Saves Christmas – Frank Lampard
9. Stanley's Christmas Adventure – Jeff Brown
10. Mistletoe and Murder – Robin Stevens

All of these books can be found in the LRC!

by Anber, Year 11





PUZZLES



Across

- 2 Found on top of a Christmas tree
4 Santa enters the house through this
7 We hang these near the fireplace
8 We hang these on Christmas trees
11 Wise men followed this to find Jesus, 5,4
12 A prickly leaf with red berries

Down

- 1 They have carrots for a nose
3 Mischievous fairy
5 Kiss under the ...
6 Something you pull for a surprise and a BANG!
9 Something we give and receive at Christmas
10 A play based on the birth of Jesus

Where in the School?

This is Becky the Beckfoot elf, every night she comes to life in the school but can you guess from the picture below where he is hiding.

Email where you think he is to

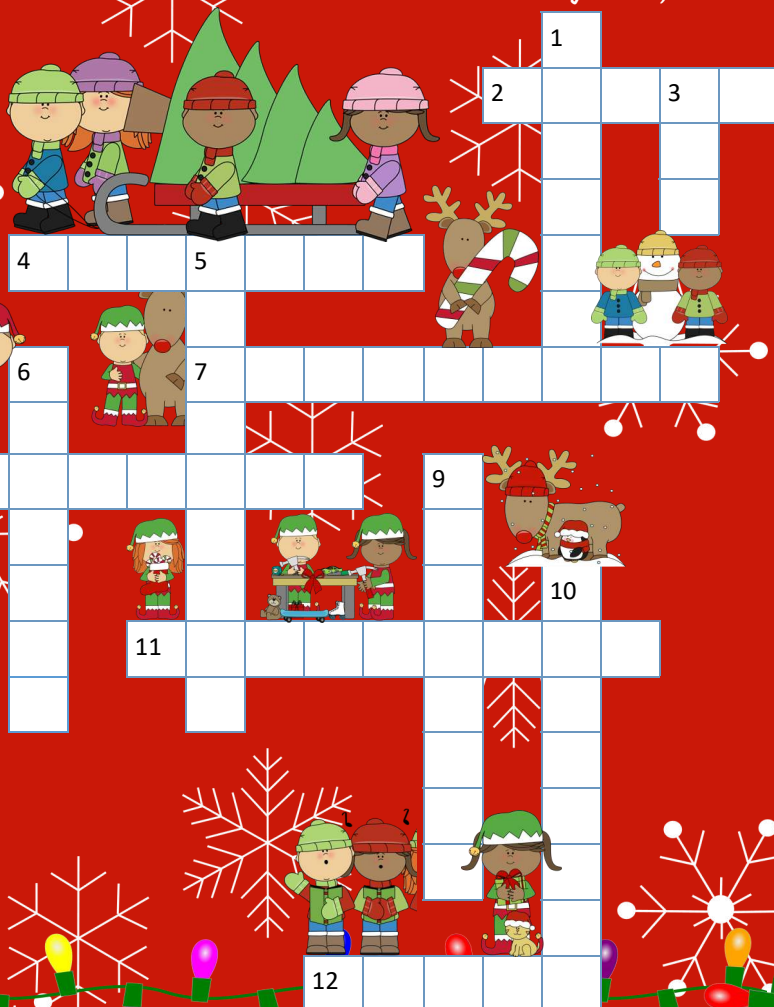
Buzzteam@beckfoot.org to be in with a chance of winning a £10 Love2Shop voucher!

The winner will be announced on the 18th January



by Aaron, Year 9

Crossword by Katie, Year 10



Riddle me this?

You will know that I am coming from the jingle of my bell, but exactly who I am is not an easy thing to tell.

Children, they adore me for they find me jolly, but I do not see them when the halls are decked with holly.

My job often leaves me frozen, I am a man that all should know, but I do not do business in times of sleet or ice or snow. I travel much on business, but no reindeer haul me around, I do all my travelling firmly on the ground.

I love the time of Christmas, but that's not my vocational season, and I assure that is because of a sound economic reason.

What is my job?

by James, Year 8

TEACHER FEATURE

MR DONLAN

What is the funniest memory you have from secondary school?

When my friend Stephen got his head stuck in a vice in DT. He was stuck for the whole of break time! We thought it was hilarious but I don't think Stephen did!

Who is your favourite teacher other than yourself?

I have never seen him teach but I think Mr Edmonds is really funny and Mr Cooley, now there's a man who can carry off a bald head and a beard!

Who is your favourite student?

Hard question! I think I'd have to pick a past student like Archie who has just left after finishing his A levels. I'd pick him because he started as a new student in Year 12. He came from another school but worked really hard and got A's. He was also very funny! I think you could say the same about Thomas, he was also one of my favourite students.

How long have you been working here?

Umm, I think I have been here six years, but actually working - about a month!

What's the worst part of your job?

Guillotining is pretty rubbish but sitting and sticking worksheets into books that students should have glued in during lesson time is what really bugs me!

What's your greatest achievement?

Passing my driving test first time. I didn't take my test until I was 25 and I'm still a rubbish driver now! I think the only reason I passed was because I complimented the examiner the whole time, it was probably cheating.

What's your favourite country and why?

I don't have a favourite country but I do have a favourite county and that's Yorkshire - I always say if it's outside Yorkshire it's not worth visiting!

If you weren't a Humanities teacher what would you do instead?

Well, (brings out props) I would love to be a farmer. I'd like to have my own sheep and pigs and most of all I would love my own cow! So yeah if I could do anything other than teacher it would definitely be farming!

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

I think super strength would be good or maybe being super intelligent! Does that count as being a superpower? If it does I would choose super intelligence because I would know the answer to everything!

What advice would you give to new Year 7 students?

Join loads of school clubs and get involved in lots of activities.

Interview by Caleb -Year 7, James-Year 8, Esme and Phoebe-Year 11

