

The Franklin Voice

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Inter-House Drama 2015

Welcome back Franklin to a New Year and new term! The last few terms have been especially busy for everyone involved in the Inter-House Drama Competition preparations as well as the Christmas Concert but the house did not disappoint. Although unfortunately Franklin did not come in the top three, the Inter-House Drama Competition was a huge success and it was clear to see that there was a great amount of hard work and dedication from everyone involved, whether that was the script writers, the actors on stage or those helping backstage with sound and light. It was also encouraging to see such a range of year groups getting involved and after all the stress and rehearsals, everyone involved was rewarded by the atmosphere on the night, which was unforgettable. A special thank you goes to Emma, our Drama Leader and Brogan, our House Captain who wrote and cast an amazing drama which was thrilling to watch. Congratulations to Seacole, whose drama called 'The Dolls in the Dark' won and to Keller and Roddick who took second and third place!



[Photos from the night can be found on page 3]

House Charity

A lot has been happening this term surrounding our house charity, Mencap. As forms will be aware Shannon Bridger-Smart has organized the Grammar School Challenge that every form in the school took part in. The quiz, which contained questions on a range of subjects, was presented in form time for everyone to get involved in. Then the top forms who got the most questions correct, moved on to the semi-final and then the winning forms would move into the final. Mrs. Evans stated that she thought the quiz was "a valuable experience because through our Grammar School Challenge, every form in the school was involved and it has been really inclusive and allowed our house charity 'Mencap' to be advertised and students have gained awareness of this worthwhile cause". She also commented that "our students at the school are fortunate to be intelligent people whereas Mencap is an organization to support those with learning disabilities. With that, we feel our students have responsibilities in society to support people with fewer life chances and more restrictions. Through celebrating intelligence in the form of the challenge, we have been able for students to understand their responsibility in society. Shannon is our charity leader who has put this challenge together in a highly organized and enthusiastic manner. She should be proud of how she is raising awareness for this charity and how everyone in the school has become involved". Finally, Mrs. Evans announced that "the most successful forms through the rounds who have reached the final are S2 and C2. Congratulations to the finalists".



Inter-House Benchball

Franklin has already been off to a great start in inter-house sporting events with the success of the rugby last term and is expecting to continue this success. All support is greatly appreciated, whether that's playing in the tournament or just showing your support from the sides. Getting involved is great fun, as well as a great way to show encouragement for your house! Even if we don't win, the participation is just as important!



Well-Being & Mindfulness

Our well-being leader Megan Binning recently presented an assembly to the house that was aiming to teach students on how to reduce stress and cope with the demands of life, especially during the examination season. Megan's assembly suggested a range of methods to try and help organize your workload and reduce stress. These methods may become very useful to years 11, 12 and 13 as they move into next term, when examinations will start. If you are finding that you are under a lot of stress and are struggling to cope or if you are trying to find a revision method that works the best for you, Megan is happy for students to contact her and seek advice by sending her an email or talking to her in person.

House Points

This term Franklin have dropped down in the house points and we are currently 4th place with Eliot, Chanel and Seacole ahead. Form Monitors need to make sure they keep on top of collecting the House Points. Currently in the lead in Form House Points are F4 with 688 points, 2nd are F3 with 684 points, 3rd are F2 with 620 points and F5, F1 and F6 in 4th, 5th and 6th place. As we are going to be going into the final few terms soon it is important that we keep up to date with house point collections and work hard to accumulate them in lesson!

Assemblies

Last terms assemblies went brilliantly for Franklin, with each form bringing in a different aspect of what they were interested in. The themes ranged from music to feminism in certain industries and were great to watch. They were informative as well as fun and it was clear to see that every form had put a huge amount of work into them, so well done to those who were leading their forms. The assemblies for this term have been based on media and journalism as a possible career choice. Forms have been asked to prepare a presentation similar to a BBC News report on an issue they are interesting in. Again F1 started off the assemblies and their assembly was a news report looking at the debate over the pros and cons of single-sex education. Other assemblies by forms have included focusing on the issues of antibiotic resistance in our current society as well as the pros and cons of leaving the EU and have so far been very thought-provoking and educational. It will be interesting to see what message the next form's assembly will convey to the house.



This Term in Photos



If you are interested in writing an article for next term's newsletter, please e-mail either Mrs Evans or Emily L (Year 12) with more details.