

Christmas 2022
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Acts of kindness
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Winner- Y9 Alfie

The Spires Speaker



Runner up- Caitlin



Runner up- Tayla

Kindness is...

the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

How have students at The Spires College been kind this term?

At The Spires College, kindness is an attribute which we hold above any other. We believe that being kind is a large part of being a good and successful person and it can take you far in life.

Year 11 mentors in tutor groups

Volunteering as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award

Helping at primary schools (Tayla, Year 9), churches (Manni, Year 11), the Air Ambulance, checking on elderly neighbours, beavers (Chelsea, Year 10).
Miss Prince is "super proud"

6 form reading mentors have been helping Year 7 and 8s with their reading

Year 7 Halloween Disco helpers

Supporting Year 7 in **Safe Space** at lunchtime

What kind things could you do over Christmas and in the New Year?

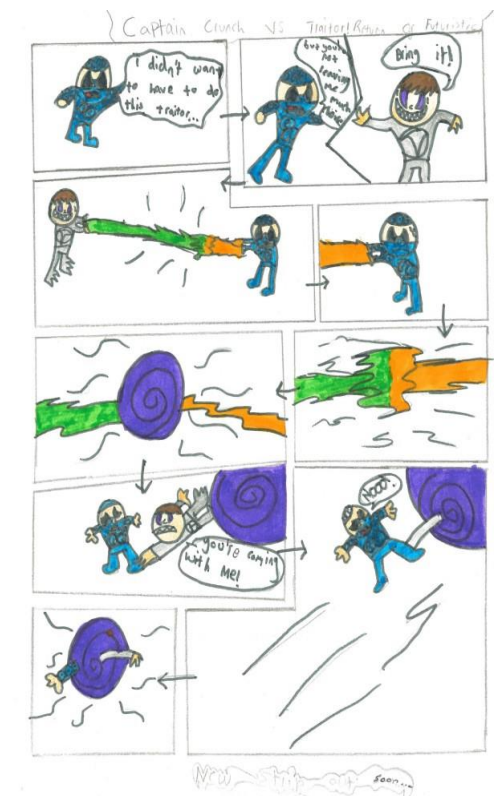


Christmas Creative Writing

Children resting in their beds
Hoping Santa will arrive on his sleigh.
Reindeers trotting on the rooftop.
'I hope I've been good enough this year!'
Said the children to their parents.
Tree lights glistening,
Mince pies laid out for the guest of honour,
Along with a glass of the finest milk.
Suddenly sleigh bells are sounding on the chimney,
A sudden thud in the fireplace...
By Millie T, Year 8.

Cartoon Corner

Artwork by Harvey K



Performing Arts

Mary Poppins



The show date is after February half term.

Tickets will be available in reception during and after school.

'Mary Poppins' is a family musical all about a nanny who looks after 2 children called Jane and Michael. Mary is lovely, kind character with a touch of magic.

The cast have been working hard to produce a fun-filled performance that is sure to be supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! Come along to enjoy The Spires College's finest singers, dancers and actors.



Rehearsals are going well: twice a week the cast are rehearsing hard under the direction of Mr Harris. Not to be missed!

By Ava

Music and Theatre Outside School...

On 16th October 2022, students from The Spires College and other schools took part in an event to help raise money for the homeless and formerly-homeless. These students joined the Royal Lyceum Theatre's Youth Choir to produce an amazing performance filled with drama comedy and singing. It was not just the students who got involved as some of the teachers from primary and secondary schools contributed as well. They sang songs from Sister Act, Dear Evan Hansen, Tick Tick Boom, Waitress and the Prince of Egypt.

On 10th December 2022 Unleashed Youth Choir will be joined by The Spires Singers to perform at the Royal Lyceum Theatre. Also at some point in the night they will be joined by the new inclusive choir which gives everyone the chance to sing, no matter what their disability.

This night will be filled with lots of comedy and lots of Christmas spirit!

By Lucy



Y8 Geography trip



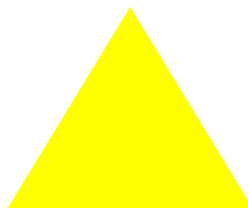
On Wednesday 5th October and Thursday 6th October, a respective half of Year 8 travelled to Plymouth with the aim of finding out 'To what extent is Plymouth a vibrant city?'. Each group was split into the four contained classes, headed by a geography teacher. The classes conducted surveys at each of four locations to work out what could be smelled, seen, heard or felt. They also monitored the ratio of chain to independent shops. At lunch, they had 25 minutes free time to buy food/drinks within a radius of the Sundial.

Mr Blacklock



Lucy writes...

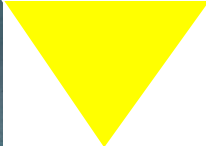
On 5th October the first half of year 8 made their way to Plymouth. We travelled up to Plymouth Hoe to conduct our final investigation. In doing so we learnt about the memorials and some of the history that took place at the coast. We were lucky enough to watch a cruise ship dock.



Remembrance Day

2022





DISCO

On Friday 4th November, there was a Spires spectacle to behold in the main hall of the college. To raise funds for a trip to Tanzania, some keen Year 10 and 11 students - and Miss Prince – planned and ran a Halloween disco for year 7. There was music (and requests), lights, an abundance of hot dogs, lollipops, drinks, sweets, balloons, glow sticks and many mesmerising costumes. The sound of 'I'm a banana', 'Cha Cha Slide' and 'Thriller' rang out through the haunting halls of the assembly auditorium. Over 100 terrifying year 7s waltzed into school ready to party...

There was a competition for best dressed year 7 student. Amelia from Mr Richards' tutor group had a resounding victory.

Students and staff put in a massive effort for the theme of Halloween! Head of Year 7 - Mr Veale - had this to say about the disco:

"The Year 7 Disco saw a 'spooktacular' array of costumes being donned in the first social event of the calendar year for our newest students. The cohort were excellently behaved, showed some enthusiastic dance moves, and treated the event in the spirit it deserved given the raising of funds for our college Tanzania trip in 2023. A great time was had by all and it didn't even take too long to pack everything away either! A big thanks to Miss Prince for organising such a fantastic evening."

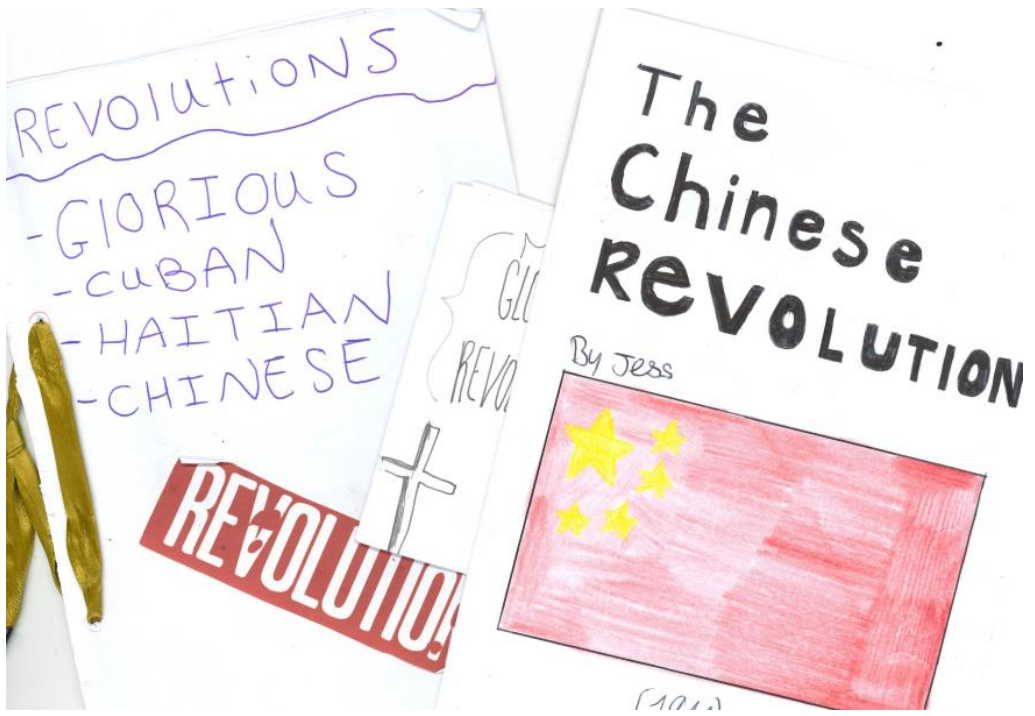
See some photos on the next page from the disco.

Mr Richards





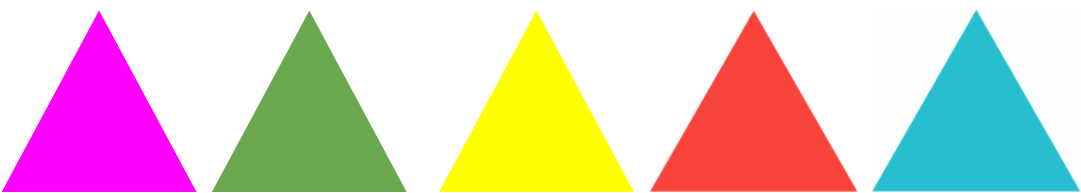
What's happening in History?



This term in History, Year 9 students have been working on our new topic, Revolutions Through Time. As part of this work, they were required to produce a project on a revolution of their choice: conducting research on the causes, events and consequences of the revolution in question. Mr Gool and Miss Scott were delighted by the quality and variety of work that students produced, which showed that students had spent considerable time producing their projects.

In Year 8, students have been studying the First World War. They have completed work on the effects and legacy of the First World War, which is particularly relevant with regards to Remembrance services taking place in November. Finally, in Year 10, students have been continuing their enquiry into life under the Nazis in preparation for our exciting trip to Berlin and Poland next summer.

Mr Gool



SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Match Report Year 9 Rugby Cup Match – 03/11/22

The Year 9 rugby team have been demonstrating amazing resilience and diligence in the lead up to this well awaited first game of the season. Due to cancellations and availability, the 9s have trained tirelessly every Thursday in preparation for tonight. The game was a tightly contested affair against Teign School with The Spires College winning the game by 5 points. The boys played extremely well and for many it was their first experience of competitive rugby for over a year. The game was played in the spirit it should be and I was extremely proud to have a group of young people who took such pride in representing the College. The tries today were scored by Ryan B (4), Aston W (1) and Behar I (1). The conversions were tricky with a few players trying their luck but in James A I think we have found our kicker as he successfully slotted 3 conversions. We move onto a friendly against Torquay Academy next week and we await the results of the other rounds to see who we have next in the cup.

Mr Smillie



Match Report Year 8 Rugby Friendly – 20/10/22

The Spires College Year 8 Boys' Rugby team made the short trip down Westhill Road to play St Cuthbert Mayne this evening, a game played in the right spirit and in glorious sunshine! The team had had some tough games in last weeks' tournament, so it was encouraging to see that 17 students had turned out to represent the College in another fixture so close to last week's matches. The game finished with all the boys from both teams representing their schools in an exemplary manner, with The Spires College try scorers Josh(2), Marco, Finn , Rowa, and James helping the team to a well-earned victory. Congratulations
Mr Veale

Year 7 Rugby CVL – 18/10/22

The Y7 rugby team went to their second central venue event in as many weeks. The boys involved performed well again and it was great to see them demonstrating many of The Spires College attributes throughout the afternoon. The team played against teams from TBGS (A and B), Torquay Academy, Churston Ferrers Grammar School and Paignton Academy. The team won three and lost two games and were very competitive in each game. The team scored 11 tries in total in the 5 games and the try scorers were: Josh (5), Boe (2), Finley (2), Harry (1) and Oscar A (1). Training will continue for the Year 7 rugby team on Thursday after College at Quinta, new players are more than welcome to come and join.

Mr Smillie



Year 8 Rugby CVL – 13/10/22

The Y8s travelled to Churston Ferrers Grammar School this afternoon for their first competitive central venue event this season. The team was made up of a mixture of club players and some who were playing their first ever rugby match outside of PE lessons. The boys worked hard and played against some tough competition in the form of Torquay Boys' Grammar School, Churston Ferrers Grammar School and Paignton Academy. As the games progressed a number of the players grew in confidence and started to take the ball forwards and engage in contact, creating some good phases of play. Tonight was a great stepping stone for many of the students to continue to develop their rugby skills and game awareness.

Mr Smillie

Girls' football

Our U14 girls' football team took on Torquay Academy in the ESFA cup competition. Our team was made up of a mixture of year 7, 8 and 9 students, some of which had never played in a full game before. The Spires College were under a lot of pressure from kick off and conceded 2 early goals. This could have caused the players to give up, but the team regrouped and showed some superb defending to stop Torquay Academy from scoring soon after. The Spires College started to get higher up the pitch and managed to create some chances of their own. Against the run of play, Torquay Academy scored a third. This didn't deter the girls and after some superb play, Esmae broke through the defence and scored a well-deserved goal. In the second half, the girls came out determined to score the next goal - and they did! Esmae managed to curl in a wonder corner to the back post and into the goal. With the score sitting at 3-2, The Spires College knew they needed to push for the equaliser. This caused gaps at the back and with a couple of minutes to play, Torquay Academy scored their fourth and secured the victory. All students involved were exceptional - their team spirit, sporting etiquette and resilience was second to none. We wish Torquay Academy luck in the next round of the cup.

Ms May



Year 7 Rugby CVL Tournament – 11/10/22

Today our Year 7 rugby team competed in their first Central Venue Tournament. We had a mix of experience with some club players but also some boys who had never played a rugby match before. All of the players involved were a credit to the school and played the game in the right manner. We started off slowly with a narrow defeat to Torquay Boys' Grammar School, in the second game a close contest between ourselves and Churston Ferrers Grammar School found us on the winning end of a one try game. We played two teams from Paignton Academy and managed to win both. We also had our strongest game against St Cuthbert Mayne School with a number of good tries being scored. All of the boys who came along tackled, passed and listened brilliantly. On the day Josh L scored 5 tries, Noah B scored 2, and Boe B, Kaleb D, Lucas E, Finly S all scored a single try.

Mr Smillie



Year 8 Netball CVL Tournament – 05/10/22

On Wednesday afternoon a team of Year 8 netballers along with some Year 7s who have shown dedication to training attended a tournament at Paignton Academy. For a new team that hadn't yet played together they did amazingly well, showing excellent teamwork and some great netball skills. The shooters in particular, did a fantastic job at turning our strong attacking play into points. They had three games, and these were the results:

KEVICS 3 - Spirees 4 /SCM 0 - Spirees 4 /Teignmouth 3 - Spirees 1

We were also supported by two year 10 netballers who did a wonderful job at managing the team - conducting the warm-up, organising a rotation of players to ensure everyone got to play and giving feedback on their game play. A big thank you for their help - hopefully they'll come along in the future too!

Library Christmas Decoration Competition Winners!



Mrs Badcott has teamed up with KS3 to create some amazing Christmas decoration, here are some of the winners: Seb, Calleigh and Caitlin.



This edition has been put together for you by:
Lucy, Kayla, Ava, Sophie- All Year 8
Mr Richards, Miss Worden and the PE team, Mr
Gool, Mr Blacklock, Miss Hutchings, Miss Connolly,
Mrs Badcott and Mrs Cane.

**We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!**



Where is Mr Blacklock?



If you know where he is, go to Mr Blacklock's classroom and let him know!



In Geography we have been exploring recent news stories and thinking about their link and relevance to us as Geographers. How do the events of the world effect me and how can we use this knowledge to improve our responses as Geographers? So far, stories have included COP27, recycling and wolves in cities! If you find a story to discuss, bring it to your next Geography lesson!!