

Top of the Term

Christmas Edition December 2023



Merry Christmas

Welcome back to our Top of the Term Newspaper. We hope you enjoy this festive issue. It's full of amazing things to do, see and learn about.

We all hope that you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Christmas Carol Concert

On the 12th December, Deyes High held its Christmas Concert, which consisted acts including rock versions of well known Christmas songs by the rock choir and Deyes Voices, A Christmas Carol performed by the Deyes High Drama Club and ensemble performances by the Deyes Woodwind Ensemble.

We'd like to say a massive thanks to Mrs Byrne, Mr Patten, Ms Neill, Mr Moore and the wonderful woodwind teacher Mrs McArdle, St. Andrews church for allowing us to use their facilities, the parents and children who attended the show and of course the many pupils who were involved in the performance and put together the show.

There were 22 acts on the night. Deyes Voices had 13 performances with the Combined Choir, Heavy Metal Band performed two pieces, A Christmas Carol performed by Drama Club, three songs performed by the Deyes Woodwind Ensemble, two soloists-Lucy Graham and Olivia Baker, and we closed with the Sixth Form Band and Combined Choir.

All the money that was raised through ticket sales, food, and refreshments has been put towards the fund for our new school build. Thank you and well done to all students and staff involved!

By Macie Murry



Liverpool Christmas Market

Open until 24 December

Want to experience the magical, picturesque Christmas that you see in 'Santa's Village'? Well, Liverpool has recreated just that, all around St. George's Hall. The magical lights illuminate the site at night, making it even more full of that special Christmas magic.

Christmas Market traditions come from all around the world in the late middle ages, when regular markets were held. In Europe, they often greeted the market by welcoming the Christkind (Christ Child). The first recorded Christmas market was in Vienna, Austria in 1298. They often used to call the 'Christmas Market' a 'December Market'.



Most years, they introduce things from around the world, e.g., Churros, Paella, Beef Scouse, Hot Chocolate and they also sell clothing, jumpers, scarves and gloves to keep you warm! There really is something for everyone. I recommend the Churros and the fries! (yum). There are also a few fair games and some small funfair rides.

By Megan Petrie



Vienna Christmas Market





All About Christmas

What it's all about?

Christmas is a time for giving and making memories, spending tine with friends and family. Looking at what Christmas means, its a magical time of the year to be happy and jolly. The decorations to the mistletoe to the fires, shopping, crafts and stockings enjoy Christmas to its full affect! joy to the area, gifts and presents Christmas spirit to for fill.

CHRISTMAS IDEAS!

Visit Town in Liverpool, the shelves bursting with festive items.

Visit the cinema to watch the newest or classic Christmas movies.

Ideas For Christmas

- Christmas Crafts
- Secret Santa- Family or Friends
- Christmas Jumpers
- Santa Lunches/Indoor Picnic
- Christmas Songs
- Silent Christmas Disco -Headphones

The Real Christmas

Christmas is a magical time of the year. Its a great time to spend with family/friends to be happy and jolly! The decorations to the mistletoe, the trees to the stockings. Enjoy Christmas like no other holiday.

By Megan Petrie





What is your favourite part of Christmas? Let us know at schoolnews@deveshigh.com

New School -Interview with Mrs Beaney



In June 2022, planning permission was granted to build a brand new school funded by the DFE. Kier won the bid and work is now well underway. Our brand new 10,000m² three floor school building will open in Spring 2024. The second phase of the project will be completed in Spring 2025.

All the classrooms will be under one roof but the College@Deyes building will stay as it was only built recently. As all classrooms will be under the one roof, you will not have to get soaked coming from class to class!

There will be lots of extra space for drama and dance. There will also be more additions to the list of clubs to attend. We're really looking forward to moving into the new school next year!

By Conall Davies, Lorelei Alexander and Logan White

Christmas Playlist

One of the best parts of Christmas is the music so this is an incredible Christmas playlist to get you in the spirit:

All I Want for Christmas Is You-Mariah Carey

Last Christmas-WHAM!

Its Beggining to Look a Lot like christmas-Michael Buble

Jingle Bell Rock-Bobby Helms

Snowman-Sia

Underneath the Tree-Kelly Clarkson

I Wish It Could Be Christmas - Roy Wood, Wizzard

Merry X-mas Everybody-Slade

Santa Baby-Kylie Minogue

Feliz Navidad-Jose Feliciano

Silent Night-Mariah Carey

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas-Blondette

Driving Home for Christmas-Chris Rea

Brought to you by Lucy Perry

Amazing Animals

Sea Butterfly vs the Sea Angel

A new discovery is astonishing people around the world! First introduced in Planet Earth III, David Attenborough describes this magnificent creature as transparent. This underwater phenomenon is called a sea butterfly. Often described as a "flying snail" it is almost see-through.





Surprisingly, its predator is a Sea Angel. Also see-through, this creature is like nothing anyone's ever seen. A Sea Angel quickly becomes a Sea Devil when hunting. It turns itself inside out revealing six long tentacles which can grab from far distances.

Although these animals are very smart, they are both blind which is a problem when escaping from predators or when trying to eat prey. But anyway at the bottom of the sea its that dark that they wouldn't be able to see so it really isn't a big problem. What do you think of these new discoveries?



By Sophia Bird





Different Views On Christmas

Everyone has heard of the same old nativity story that gets read and performed in schools around the UK . But this is not what everyone believes...

Christianity

How Christianity sees Christmas is what people see as your classic nativity story. They celebrate to remember the birth of Jesus Christ and the story of Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem. The name 'Christmas' comes from the mass of Christ which is the service held where Christian's remember that Jesus died for us and came back to life.





Judaism

Judaism does not celebrate Christmas in a religious way but around the same time, they have the celebration of Hanukkah. Hanukkah is a Jewish festival that represents joy. People often remember Hanukkah with a menorah- the candle with eight flames to represent the eight nights that Hanukkah is celebrated on.

Buddhism

At Christmas, Buddhists focus on helping the needy and giving back to others. Christmas falls during their celebration of Bodhi day which lasts for thirty days through December



Islam and Hinduism do not celebrate Christmas but they allow those who do to enjoy their celebrations.

By Lucy Graham

Student Success @ Deyes

Top of the Term Sport Report



SCHOOL FOOTBALL

School football has been a magnificent success throughout the past few years from winners to champions and Sefton Cup to National Cup. Comebacks have been common for the boys, who became even more determined to win every time they occasionally conceded. The girls have lost very few matches and are very strategic in the way they play. This has led to consecutive wins and celebrations all round for Deyes. Well done to all!

By Caitlin Norris





Final Thoughts...



We'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas!