

Horizon Pride



As 2008 draws to a close, we would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication throughout this year. We are looking forward to next year and the opportunities it may bring, and hope that you will continue to share in our success!

We wish you all a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Phil and Amanda

Winning Card Design!

Thank you to everyone who submitted a Christmas Card design for our annual competition. They were all great but Natalie from Derrylee Cottage was this year's winner and her card design has now been printed and sent out, Well Done!

Natalie will be awarded a £10 voucher and all runners up will receive a £5 voucher.



School Projects

At the Stafford School pupils have designed and produced a graffiti 'tag' style piece of art work for a literacy 'graffiti' topic. They have also produced a Solar System display, they have been working the topic 'Earth and Space' and Karl and Philip have both recreated the solar system using relative sizes for each of the planets. Lots of research has taken place, exploring the characteristics of each planet in our solar system.

As part of our World War II topic, Karl and Philip designed and created a safety propaganda poster. This work was completed during the school's recent Ofsted inspection, and the inspector and I were particularly pleased with the effort the pupils gave and the quality of the work produced.

The pupils at Stafford school are all enjoying using Education City games to further their understanding of the core subject areas. Pupils play games relevant to the topic they are studying and scores are saved so that progress can be monitored. The pupils are very enthusiastic about using this resource.

Since Philip joined Horizon School he has had 100% attendance for his morning timetable and has completed

and returned every piece of homework set!

Although Shannon only joined us a week ago, she has settled quickly and is working very hard to prepare for her up and coming SATs tests. Karl has been coming to school regularly and is participating well in all curriculum areas. Karl completes homework set. On occasion Karl has been known to complete 13 pages of maths homework over the weekend, super work!

At the Bury School, both Aaron and Nicia have completed work towards AQA unit awards and are waiting for their certificates which will look impressive in their records of achievement. Natasha has recently started attending the school and is doing extremely well. Her and Blake are both progressing well with their 'toe by toe' reading scheme.

Both schools break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 19th December and school opens again for the Spring term on Monday 5th January.

NVQ Training

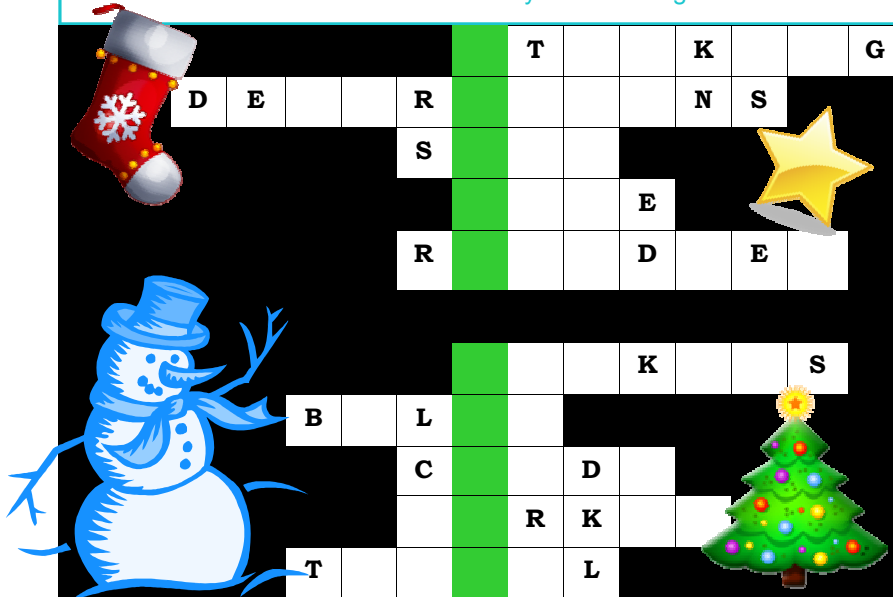
In the New Year we will be beginning to use a new training provider for our NVQs called Branas Isas. This will be starting for a few candidates from Staffordshire and the North West. The training will involve attending five workshops on a monthly basis at the Horizon Care Schools, in which candidates will build up their portfolios. There will also be an observation session which will take place at the Homes at the end of the course. This is a much faster way of completing the NVQ 3 in Children and Young People and we are hoping that this will help us to achieve the National target for qualified staff.

Welcome...

Sue Riley as Manager, Zoe Tipton and Rhonda Ramsey at The Arches. Tammy Bilton at Oaklands. William Carrington at Parklands. Liz Holden at Railway. Kaye Thompson-Cropper and Deborah Allen at Chaseley House. Lynsey Fowles, Lucie Wilson, Julie Waldron-Dorrell, Natalie Darmon and Edel McCarroll on our Bank.

YP Competition

Solve the puzzle below and send your correct answer to Head Office before 1st January to win a £5 gift voucher.



1. Shaped like a sock and filled with presents on Christmas morning
2. Used to make the house look Christmassy
3. You can use this to make a snowman
4. This is green and you cover it with baubles
5. The animal Santa uses to pull his sleigh
6. Yummy biscuits, usually chocolate chip flavour
7. These are what makes Santa's sleigh jingle
8. You send these to wish people a Merry Christmas
9. Most popular meat to eat on Christmas Day
10. Sparkly decoration for the Christmas tree

Special Mentions

- Lisa at Ford has achieved her Manual Handling Certificate and is doing well on her Active 8 course (pre E to E)
- Toby at Ford has recently been awarded 'Pupil of the Week' and 'Class Pupil of the Week'
- Congratulations to Vicky McLean on becoming Senior at Oaklands.
- Oaklands has now been Kayleigh's home for 2 years!
- Welcome to Matthew who will be living at Railway Cottage.
- Goodbye and good luck to Danny at Railway Cottage!
- Well done to Anthony at Railway Cottage for attending school every day!
- Well done to Shanice for sitting her GCSE Maths exam one year early, and for the A she achieved for her report on The Dark Knight for an English project!
- Happy Birthday to Aaron who has reached his Sweet 16!

New baby!

Congratulations to Megan and James on their new baby boy, TJ! He was born in November and weighed 9lb 8oz.



Merry Christmas!



Poets Corner

Parents Problem!

Mum and Dad demand respect,
They say they are my betters.
But I can make them dumb and mad,
By changing round two letters.

By Shanice
Railway Cottage

