



THE STOPSLEY NEWS AND MEDIA TEAM PRESENTS...

# THE STOPSLEY SOURCE

Friday 8th December 2023

**Hello and welcome to another issue of The Stopsley Source! This will be our last edition before the winter break begins, and we've got some great articles covering what's been happening at Stopsley here at the end of term.**

**First off, Katey tells us about the Festive Extravaganza, which took place last night, showcasing some of the wonderful talent of our students.**

**Then, Zuzanna gives us all the info on the Shoebox Set competition, which has run this term for the Year 7s to show off their creative skills.**

**Last but certainly not least, Priyan has the story of the Inter-Schools Chess Tournament which Stopsley hosted on Tuesday, including all the top results.**

**We hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter, and have a lovely festive break! See you in the new year!**

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## **Festive Extravaganza**

**The Festive Extravaganza was Stopsley High School's winter talent show, which took place after school on the 7th of December from 7pm to 9pm. It featured acts of all sorts, including drama, dance, music, and poetry. Over 40 students performed on stage, dressed up in Christmas costumes to celebrate the festive season. Mrs Stewart, Head of Drama, said, "Me and the team are very proud of all the students who took part both onstage and behind-the-scenes."  
-Katey O, Year 8**

## **Shoebox Set Competition**

**Earlier this year, Stopsley High School Year 7's were challenged to take part in a competition to see who could design the best shoebox set based on a book, film, game, or TV show. Students decorated their shoeboxes to represent a scene from a story they enjoy, using all sorts of creative techniques.**

**This competition was held so Year 7's can present their artistic and dramatic skills through something fun and enjoyable to do. Mrs Stewart was blown away by the amazing work the Year 7's did.**

**Voting is still open for the shoeboxes. There are 14 boxes to pick from and they are all on display in the library where you can vote for your favourite. The winner will be announced once all the votes have been counted.  
-Zuzanna H, Year 8**

### Chess Tournament:

In the world of strategic brilliance and tactical mastery, a thrilling chess competition recently took centre stage at Stopsley High School with other schools competing, captivating the minds of chess enthusiasts and spectators alike. The air was thick with anticipation as players from diverse backgrounds and skill levels gathered to engage in a battle of wits and strategy.

The recently concluded chess tournament garnered widespread enjoyment, bringing together participants from Stopsley, Queen Elizabeth School, and the Chalk Hills Academy. It was the second tournament to take place between these three institutions, following last year's competition, hosted by Chalk Hills.

In an impressive display of skill, Sithil J, a Year 7 student from Stopsley, secured the top spot in the competition, showcasing strategic prowess beyond his years. He beat Patryk M, a Queen Elizabeth School Year 11, who claimed the second-place honour demonstrating commendable chess acumen and providing strong competition in the upper bracket.

The third-place position went to Arthur G, a Year 8 student, adding another layer of success to our school's achievements in the tournament.

In the Consolation Tournament which ran alongside the main event for players who were eliminated in the first two rounds, first place was secured by Stopsley Year 10 Ahmet K. This victory highlights the depth of talent within our school's chess community.

Miss Wrigley, LRC Manager, who organised the competition, was extremely proud of every student chosen to represent Stopsley in this competition, as well as those students who helped to monitor and referee the matches. Well done to Thisal J, Ahmet K, Ignacy S, Edgar A, Priyan L, Kacper S, Arthur G, Roland T, Henrique A, and Sithil J for their fantastic efforts on the day.

Talks are already in progress regarding the next tournament, which will be hosted by Queen Elizabeth School.  
-Priyan L, Year 9

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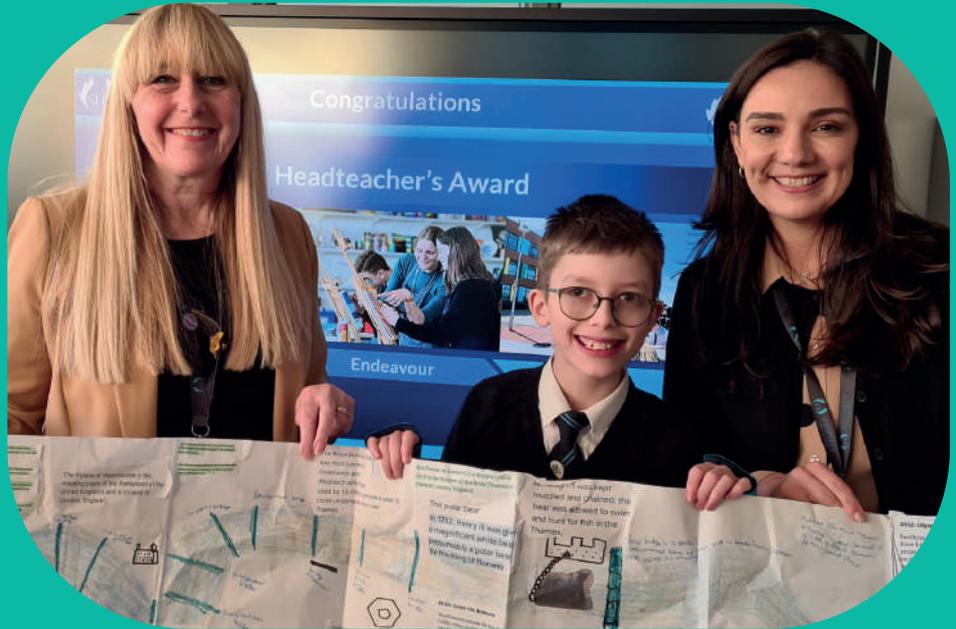


Year 11-Top 4  
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Sparx Champion





**Congratulations to Alina in Y7 and Andre in Y8 on receiving their Headteacher Awards.**



**Well Done to Amir Z, Ibrahim U, Andre N, Laila K and Harshit S on your certificates for Boccia.**



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**Dear all,**

**Students and staff are looking forward to participating in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December, which also coincides with the school Christmas Dinner. Should students wish to participate they can donate £1 to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their Stopsley High School jumper for the day. Their donations will be collected during form time the week commencing 11th December. A polite reminder that students will need to ensure the rest of their uniform conforms to Stopsley High School top class standards. For further details on what the menu will look like please [click here](#).**

**Thank you to all those families who attended the Festive Extravaganza on Thursday evening, as well as the students who performed and the staff who have rehearsed and coordinated the entire event. We are delighted to have such a multitalented community of students in school and staff that are willing to support, nurture and develop these skills. Special thanks to Mrs Stewart, Ms Lucas, Ms Coppinger and Ms Daubeney.**

**Congratulations to all of our Chess competitors. Ms Wrigley co-ordinated and hosted the event with students from Queen Elizabeth School and Chalk Hills competitively playing. Having observed some of the matches in action, I was really impressed with the level of focus and use of coll logic despite the pressure of making these decisions under timed conditions. I am even more delighted to share with you that 1st place was won by one of our very own students, Sithil in Year 7 with Arthur in Year 8 coming 3rd place and Ahmet in Year 10 winning the consolation tournament which ran alongside the main tournament. Well done to all for participating and representing our school and to Ms Wrigley for running the club and the tournament.**

**This week we also celebrated our Class of 2023 by hosting an Awards Evening which recognised the effort and achievement of students by departments but also our whole school awards too for Ambition, Endeavour, Success and Top Class Student of 2023. The School Hall was transformed and our students and their families received a warm welcome from staff upon their return.**





**The last day of the Autumn term is Wednesday 20th December. We will be having a staggered dismissal on that day. Students entitled to a Free School Meal will be able to collect a lunch bag to take home with them.**

**The timings are as follows:**

**Year 7 – from 11:30am**

**Year 8 – from 11:40am**

**Year 9 – from 11:50am**

**Year 10 – from 12:00pm**

**Year 11 – from 12:10pm**

**Have a lovely weekend all,**

**Ms Hand**

