

Christmas Concerts

Over 300 students enthralled parents and members of the local area with their musical talents in a series of musical concerts.

On Thursday December 6th, they kicked off the season with the school concert in front of a delighted audience of 300. Various musical groups performed Christmas standards old and new, finishing off with a rousing "O Come All Ye Faithful" with audience participation. There was a cake sale of delicious bakes, raising money for a local charity.

The following afternoon, over 100 local senior citizens were welcomed to a special concert. This annual treat sprang up because the school couldn't get to all the residential homes that requested a visit from our musicians. Instead, a concert is held for senior citizens to celebrate Christmas with Big Band tunes and songs from the time of the audience's youth. Tea and cakes, and a gift to take away, were also provided. As always, it was a huge success.

On Tuesday December 13th, students performed their carol concert in St Mary's Church, Woodbridge. The audience of 300 comprised parents and members of the public in Woodbridge, who enjoyed the music and talent on show.

The annual visit to Haughgate House, a nursing home in Woodbridge, was on Thursday December 15th, to see the residents who were unable to come to the concert at school. This is always a lovely occasion, with the students stopping to chat to residents after their performances.

More than 900 people have been thrilled by the experience of teenagers spreading goodwill in the community and being a great advert for the next generation.

A charity collection held at the carol concert and the bake sale raised over £550 for the John Le Vay Support and Information Centre. The money will be used to pay for two art days where 50 people, current cancer patients, carers and survivors, will attend a day of creativity. These days are greatly appreciated by the participants. One lady said that whilst she was concentrating on the art she forgot she had cancer. Debbie Logan, the Centre Manager, said "We really appreciate you and the school supporting the John Le Vay Cancer Support and Information Centre. It is because people/organisations like yours that we are able to offer such a wide variety of supportive initiatives. We estimate that we spend about £19,000 a year on these and most comes from the generosity of local people, to whom we are very grateful.

I would like to express huge thanks again to parents and students for their support during the Christmas season, we couldn't make the same magic without them.

Ms Martino