



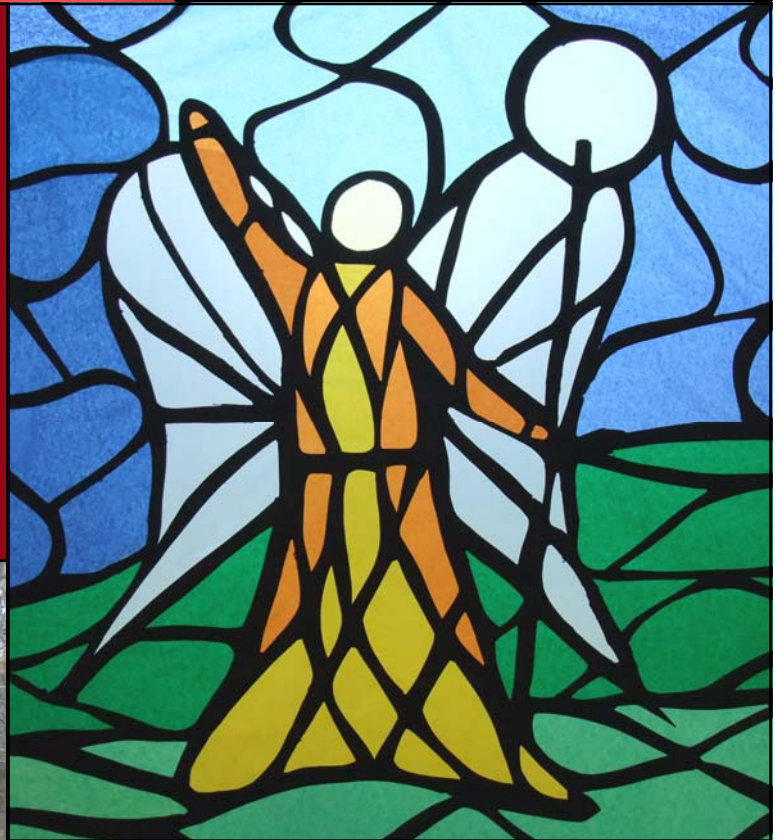
Sheiling School Ringwood - Newsletter Christmas 2011

Wishing all our Families, Colleagues and Friends a Very Merry Christmas and A Peaceful 2012



The Path of Advent

- The Annunciation
- Sunday Morning Singing
- Advent Garden & Lemniscate
- Saint Nicholas
- Voices of the Forest Choir
- The Salvation Army
- A Christmas Carol
- Christmas Pageant
- The Shepherds' Play
- The Nativity



Clockwise from top:

The Annunciation in eurythmy, Saint Nicholas on his journey to visit the children, Archangel Gabriel, Mary and Joseph journeying, The Annunciation, Advent candle



Overleaf: MP Visit, Christmas Bazaar, Pantomime Trip and a new Logo for the Sheiling...

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Welcome...to the Christmas edition of the newsletter. Unfortunately Pete Harper is unwell—we wish him a speedy recovery—so I've returned to edit this edition. Advent and Christmas are always special at the Sheiling. This year is the first when our termly boarders will not stay over Christmas—the end of a long and valued tradition. But the celebrations of Advent have still taken centre stage and we highlight some of the events and images throughout this newsletter... *David Morley*



Photos: window transparencies from Sheiling House; chutney making; more transparencies; Panto

Making Gifts...to sell for the Christmas Bazaar: All of the senior students took part in different activities to create wonderful Christmas Gifts to sell at the Christmas Bazaar. They ranged from Candle Making, Christmas Stockings, Gift Bags, Wreaths, Chutneys, Sweets, Christmas Puddings, Decorated Soaps and many more.

It was a wonderful sensory experience with all the various smells, textures and tastes that each student was able to fully participate in. All were proud of the beautiful products that they helped to produce.

Julie Vickery – Life Skills Co-ordinator



Visit by Christopher Chope, MP for Christchurch...We recently had a very successful visit from Christopher Chope MP who was accompanied by his wife Christo. Although it was a flying 1 hour visit, it was very busy and engaging! We were all surprised to hear that Christopher and Christo are relatives of one of our older students, George.

We had a quick tour of the school and discussed en route what was so special and unique about the Sheiling. We visited Tobias Hall, Raphael Therapy Centre and Watchmoor House, meeting students and staff along the way. Our visitors were very interested in the school and what we did.

They met with some members of the Pupil Council. Rachel, one of our Speech Therapists, worked with the students on questions which they all delivered beautifully. Mr and Mrs Chope were so responsive to the children and overall there was a wonderful atmosphere. We were very proud of all the students concerned. When Christo asked the students what they talk about at the Pupil Council, they mentioned the new logo (*see below*) and wanted to share it with them! Christopher suggested our logo would look great as a tie pin and that maybe Mr Cameron should adopt our colours having read the briefing paper prepared by the designer!

They were very interested in the proposed college and offered support regarding our registration with the YPLA. Both left with tea towel Christmas presents (designed by the pupils) as a lasting memory. I have said a huge thank you to all the staff, students and community members who helped create such a wonderful visit for Christopher and Christo.

Paula

News from the Surgery...we have had a busy but productive term, and I am pleased to say that on the whole the students have mostly escaped the coughs and colds that have been going around. This time of year is flu jab time and we are gradually working through everyone. The students have been brilliant about having their jabs; thanks to Sarah for writing a lovely social story to help with this.

We have had Lucy, a student Learning Disability Nurse, with us this term. Lucy was based in Watchmoor and really enjoyed her experience here at the Sheiling, so much so she will be back for 6 weeks in the New Year. We look forward to the new year where we hope to play bandaging with the students and teach personal care.

Carol and Juliette

A New Logo for The Sheiling...to reflect our broadening provision and the prospect of becoming a separate charity, we have been working on creating a new logo for The Sheiling—to encompass the school, specialist college and other provision and services we offer. This is a first glimpse of the proposed logo (*right*) and we welcome your views and feedback before the design is finalised in the new year.

Please email comments to lesli@sheilingschool.co.uk

Christmas Bazaar...a big thank you to all parents, staff and pupils who assisted with this year's Christmas Bazaar. A festive mix of music, crafts and food was enjoyed by all. The £1,400 raised will most likely go towards additional play equipment—tbc.

To The Pantomime...last week several of the Seniors went to the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to see Cinderella the Pantomime. The eagle-eyed amongst you may have spotted Tony, our erstwhile groundsman, sitting in the audience (*left*). The trip to the pantomime was made possible by Tony selling seasoned logs cut from the felled trees on the school estate. He asked the Seniors if they had any ideas about how to spend the money that had been raised and between us we came up with the idea of going to the Panto! Some students went last year to see Peter Pan and it was a very enjoyable and successful trip, so it was decided to do the same again this year.

Tony raised £150 so this was enough to pay for all the students (staff went free of charge) and supply some juice break goodies. Thank you Tony!

Estelle



Photos in this edition: Lorraine, Julie, Sarah and David