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Dear Parent / Carers

Happy Friday everyone. I hope you are all well and keeping warm as the weather gets chillier!

The biggest highlight of this week has been the wonderful Christmas Carol Concert in Gloucester Cathedral on Tuesday evening. Mrs Evans and her colleagues from across the trust pulled off the most amazing night. Every child that took part performed beautifully, looked incredibly professional and were a real asset to the school, their families and themselves. Our choir sang a joyful rendition of Calypso Carol; they hit every note and sang with gusto! They also performed, along with hundreds of other Greenshaw students, an amazing rendition of Holy Night and Wake me up. There were tears in all our eyes because their performance was so moving. As well as the singing the night consisted of readings. Temi proudly represented Blaise from 7MWT as our reader. Temi performed a rendition of Talking Turkeys by Benjamin Zephaniah. He stole the show as he had gone the extra mile to learn all the lines off by heart so he could really perform his poem with actions and feeling. He had the audience laughing their socks off. A huge well done to all our performers, it truly was a night to remember!

Sporting news – This week we celebrate the Y7 girls football team who won 2:1. I am incredibly proud to say they were all an absolute credit to themselves and the school. They all had a great attitude and played really well as a team. There were lots of great passing, goalkeeping and shots on goal; Jasmine has a very powerful right foot and scored a cracking goal! Other honourable mentions go to Maisie, Layla, Angel, Poppy and Jasmine. A big thank you to Mr Flew who supported the girls and drove the minibus to their match, he really helped the PE team out.

Onto news from Ms Middleton in our wonderful library. Ms Middleton has been incredibly busy this week as we've hosted the Book Fair. It has been a great week with many students & staff have enjoying the opportunity to buy books & stationery at half price. Ms Middleton also presented the Bristol Teen Book Award in Year 9 assembly this week, immediately attracting more students into the library to read & vote on the fantastic shortlist celebrating diversity.

The mini-bus is booked for the trip in February to meet the 6 authors. The library has loaned out almost 1,000 books so far this term. So much reading is going on, our leading tutor groups for wordcount this term is 7SSA & 8AEP (6.5million words so far). Our leading word millionaires so far are Reece (7SMR), Isabelle (8AEP), Finley (7SSA), Stephen (8JGP), Jasmin (8JGP) & Thomas (8SHP). Who will win our trophies this year for Top Y7 & Top Y8 Readers? Next week will be busy again for Ms Middleton as she will be completing the interviews for the students who have applied to be Student Librarian.

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As I mentioned in my last newsletter I would also like to continue to promote upcoming events:

- Join our governor team! We are looking for staff and parents to take on roles in our Local Governing Board. The governing body is a key tool in the success of our school. The governing body is responsible for the strategic leadership of the school, for oversight of the school's financial and academic performance, and for holding the Headteacher and school's senior leadership to account. It is incredibly important to me that the governors have representation from both our parents and our staff as they are at the heart of our school. If you would be interested in applying or the role please find out more on our website here:  
<http://www.blaisehighschool.co.uk/information/statutory/governance>
- Join us for our annual Blaise High School Christmas Arts Evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This is an opportunity to see the exceptional talent of our designers.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher