

Dear all,

Teesdale Sixth formers raised over a £1,000 for cancer research at a special Christmas pizza and quiz night on Thursday 14th December. Over sixty guests enjoyed a home-made pizza and festive nibbles as well as competing to be quiz champions. Further funds were raised with a raffle of prizes kindly donated by staff and students as well as the Chocolate Fayre, Andalucia Deli and Coffee Shop, and the Old Well Inn.

Guests were entertained by some fantastic live music from Los Capitanes, who played a thirty-minute set for free. Thanks very much to them!

All of this was to help raise funds for a very important cause that is close to the hearts of the Teesdale School family. We wanted to show our friend, teacher and colleague, Katie Swinburne, how much she is loved and valued by her Teesdale family, and to recognise her courageous fight against breast cancer.

Katie was diagnosed with Lobular breast cancer in March, the second most common type of breast cancer but a really under researched area. The funds raised at the pizza and quiz night will be donated to the Lobular Moonshot charity that seeks to raise £20 million for a 5-year research project into the disease.

If you would like to donate to this important cause just search #lobularmoonshotproject

Thanks to all of you who have completed the parental surveys. It is really pleasing to read your positive comments and to be able to share these with staff.

We continue to enjoy the countdown to the festive season with our 12 days of Christmas. Classroom doors have been decorated, we have delivered elf messages and celebrated our Christmas stars. On Wednesday 20th we will be holding our end of term raffle. Students can use their positive EASI points to buy tickets and be in with a chance of winning great prizes, including an Amazon Echo Dot and Google Chrome TV.

End of term SEND reviews are now taking place and you will soon be able to read outcomes on the Edukey platform. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact our fantastic SENCO, Miss Nicholson.

Finally, as the wintry weather continues, please ensure that your son/daughter comes to school with a nice warm coat.

Kind Regards

Anna Cleckner
Head of School