

December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

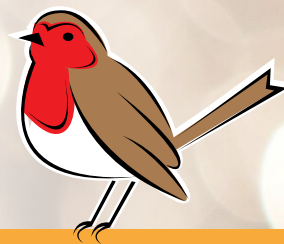
What a fantastic autumn term it has been and pupils have all made huge strides in achieving progress this term.

I would like to thank our amazing parents and carers for your part in making this happen, including your involvement in encouraging pupils to attend virtual lessons, the wonderful, diverse enrichment activities you have completed and contributing to group process.

Congratulations to our worthy winners of the Christmas card competition.

TCES Create in the Community wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Mr Stephen Hehir, Head of Service



CHRISTMAS CARD WINNERS 2022

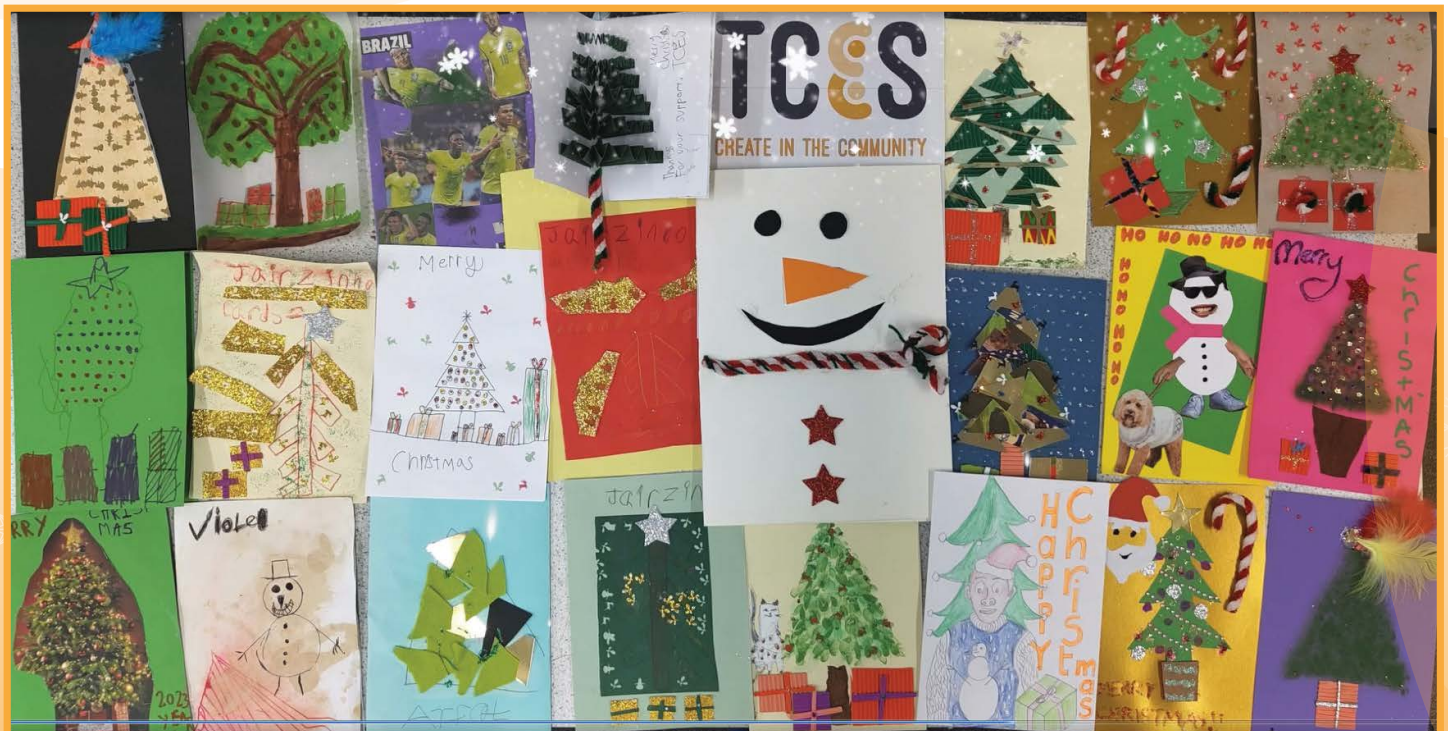
Well done to our Christmas card winners who were awarded vouchers for their entries. A big thank you to Mr. Alcon (Art teacher) who led the competition. The three winning Christmas cards were

printed and have been shared with our local neighbours.

On 20th December 2022 students and staff posted our Christmas cards to our Varley Road neighbours to say 'Merry Christmas' and to

introduce who we are. A big thank you to all students and staff who took part! Well done!

Designs for all the entries are below.



OUR NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL

TCES Create in the Community have launched a new way for students and their families to engage and develop new LIFE skills at home (inc. cooking, exercise and therapy activities).

The link is below for the whole channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKzDgoNOXnSFcQ9N-hVXKrw>

The channel is updated regularly so please subscribe!



Sporting & well-being activities for our students included golf, pool, visits to local gyms, cycling in the countryside and visits to Jumping World.



Learning activities focused on mathematics, English, PSHE (learning about me and how to stay healthy!)

Other activities included:

- Developing a love of reading by engaging students with age appropriate texts.
- Working around anti-bullying and how to care for others in need (e.g. homeless people, etc.)
- Vocational work experience activities that teach our students life skills of teamwork, employability skills, independence and hard work.
- Creative use of IT skills in their learning in the community.
- Catering/Cooking activities aimed to develop LIFE skills of our students – to develop their independence on how to cook healthy meals by themselves.



1:1 WELLBEING COACHING



WELLBEING DAY

For Inset Day, we organised a 'Wellbeing Day' on Friday 16th December in all of our schools and services. This provided an opportunity for staff to reflect, focus and strengthen their minds, bodies and attitudes. Wellbeing is defined as overall mental, physical, emotional and economic health. We cannot underestimate the importance of this for our pupils.

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

3rd January 2023: Parent/carer virtual meetings (your times should have been booked in already with your TEP/TIP)

Start of spring half term 1: Wednesday 4th January 2023 for students

22nd January 2023 – Chinese New Year

27th January 2023 – Holocaust Memorial day

3rd February 2023 – NSPCC number day

Last day of half term 1: Thursday 9th February 2022

February half term break (Monday 13th February 2023 to Friday 17th February 2023)

Start of spring half term 2: Monday 20th February 2023

End of spring half term 2: Thursday 30th March 2023

Easter holidays: (Monday 3rd April 2023 to Friday 14th April 2023)

INSET DAY: Monday 17th April 2023

Tuesday 18th April 2023: Parent/carer virtual meetings