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*Hopedale offers a holistic, family-oriented, therapeutic approach to bringing children inner-peace and contentment, enabling them to access education, and become positive, valued members of society.*



## Autumn (2) Newsletter 2024



What a super half term it has been!

We are all ready for a well-earned rest over the Christmas break.

We finish on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024** for the Christmas holidays and return to school on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

### Hopedale 50

The pupils have been very busy over the term ticking off their Hopedale 50 activities.

We welcome you to send photos of activities completed from the Hopedale 50 outside of school. You can do this by emailing them to: **[office@hopedale.org.uk](mailto:office@hopedale.org.uk)**

We would love to add them to our Facebook page.



Great job!

**Hopedale School** is a member of The National College – a multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents.

**What does this mean for you?** As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers – particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

**Sign up is easy** - Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow Online Safety Guides & Resources for Parents ([nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com)) and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

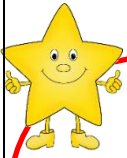
**Download the app for free** - Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want.

You can download the National Online Safety app using:

- App store
- Google Play

**They're always here to help** - The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their help centre provides a comprehensive bank of answers to most FAQs, but if you still can't find the answer you're looking for, you can always get in contact with them.





## Enrichment Days this half term

During anti-bullying day there were a lot of discussions around school about what bullying is and how to be kind to other people. The pupils also wore odd socks and some of our younger pupils decorated odd socks.

Our pupils spent the day carrying out activities about Children in Need. The older pupils delved into the history of Children in Need, who set it up and what people do to help. Across the lower school our pupils made pompoms, decorated biscuits and created Pudsey colourings.

Our first 'no pens day' was a great success. The pupils in upper school discussed Macbeth, debated parenthood and carried out some team-building exercises. Our younger pupils listened to various social stories, took part in role-play activities and used Numicon in maths.

For road safety week, our pupils considered the Green Cross Code, discussed how to cross a road safely and designed their own road signs.

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Panto, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at Buxton Opera House. The Christmas markets were the highlight of the half term, where our pupils created some excellent products to sell on the stalls including bracelets, cheesy oatcakes, Christmas cards, Christmas tree decorations, chocolate reindeers and reindeer food. There were also raffles for excellent prizes.



### A message from the Headteacher:

What a busy half term it has been with lots of fabulous work going on across the school. Our pupils continue to make us extremely proud in everything that they do and in particular when representing the school on the huge array of offsite visits that take place. A highlight for me has been our link with the local elderly care home, where we have visited to play games and sing carols; the residents love the visits from our pupils just as much as our pupils love to visit them.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break. Vicky 😊