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## Welcome to the Inscape newsletter!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am now in post as the Interim Head Teacher whilst Hannah takes her maternity leave. Hannah and I had a lengthy handover period during the Autumn term which was really productive and helpful.

The Inscape team have organised many fantastic events across the year and the carol service on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December was a real highlight. Careers events and partnership work with the Manchester United Foundation has continued and provided fantastic opportunities for our pupils. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of December we had a visit from Jacob a previous student and he provided a presentation to our pupils about moving on from Inscape and progressing into adulthood, this was very emotional and made us so proud to see how far he has progressed.

We have had success on the football field with our students topping the group in their interschool tournament. We have bought a fantastic new kit which the students are immensely proud of, and we also had a kit donated from Macclesfield FC which will be our away kit.

We have steadily transitioned into the festive period with a Pantomime on the

1<sup>st</sup> of December and a visit from the beautiful reindeers on the 12th of December. We will end 2022 with a Christmas disco and Santa's grotto on the 21st of December.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

**Richard Nancollis,**  
**Interim Head Teacher, Inscape School**

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Dear all,

What a busy and fun Autumn term we've had. Students and staff have been working exceptionally hard and we can see this in the great outcomes being achieved. It's been great to meet new staff starting and congratulations to those who succeeded to be promoted internally – including Richard, taking over the reins from Hannah, as Acting Headteacher. I hope everyone enjoys the seasonal festivities and enjoys a well deserved holiday – Merry Christmas to you all.

**Sara Bayley,**  
**Head of Service for Inscape School**

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## News stories

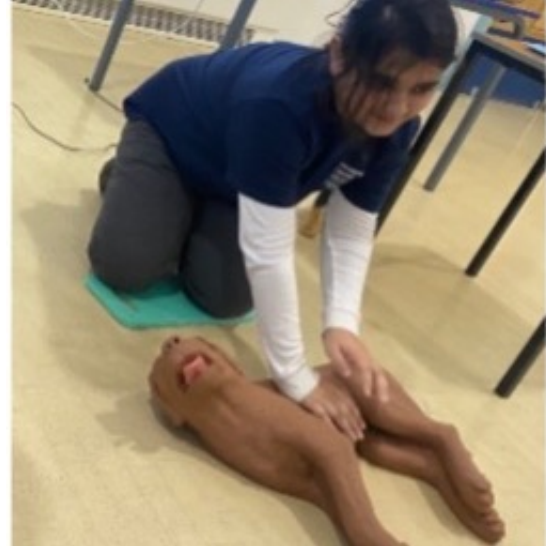
### **Inscape dog first aiders**

This term some of our students had the opportunity to complete a canine first aid course which provided training that covered a number of areas such as conducting health checks and full body examinations such as checking breathing, pulse, temperature, and behaviour.

Students looked at different emergency situations including seizures, bleeding, canine shock, burns/scalds and heat stroke. All the students completed emergency CPR on the practice dog and also developed the skill of bandaging a wound.

Lorraine from Cheshire Dog First Aid awarded all participants a qualification in Canine emergency first aid, which will help our students when they go on to establish a career pathway working with animals.

If you have a dog emergency, who are you going to call.....Inscape's canine first aiders!



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## **Animal assisted intervention (AAI) adventures**

Our AAI program is growing everyday with students enjoying and engaging within their personal and tailored sessions. Our students have the opportunity to engage with a wide range of animals from support dogs to baby tortoises.

We thrive to build on the opportunities of delivering AAI with different species of



animals. This now includes our work with The Manchester Donkey Sanctuary who offer 1:1 and group donkey AA courses, including Donkey Facilitated Learning (DFL), Wellbeing with Donkeys (WWD), Donkey Interactive programme (DIP) and Donkey Management programmes (DMP).

We cannot wait to grow AAI at Inscape further and we are grateful for the extended offer from The Donkey Sanctuary.



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## One step for Reindeer kind

To finish off this term we had a flying visit from the reindeers and our students got to interact with 'Rudolph' and his friend 'Dasher'. Next on the agenda was a meeting with our very own cheeky Elves who allowed pupils to have their pictures taken in Santa's own magical sledge before making their way to the hall to engage in reindeer themed activities. This allowed students to learn about reindeers, their environment, food sources and habitat. The event was a magical experience which we hope will be everlasting for our students.



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### **Unbeaten football team!**

The students over in Post 16 have been entered into a tournament at Eccles College by Emily Read (MU Foundation) playing against other SEN schools and Colleges. They are currently unbeaten and going strong.

The team have been playing in a kit personalised with the trust and school's logo. So far, they have won two games and drawn one so still unbeaten. The tournament continues in the new year and ends around April where the students are confident that they are going to bring the trophy home.



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## Inscape animal fashion

Not only did the students dress up for Halloween, Davey and Simba changed to become bats for the day. The Inscape animals encouraged the AAI students to carve animals from pumpkins with tortoises being a popular choice.

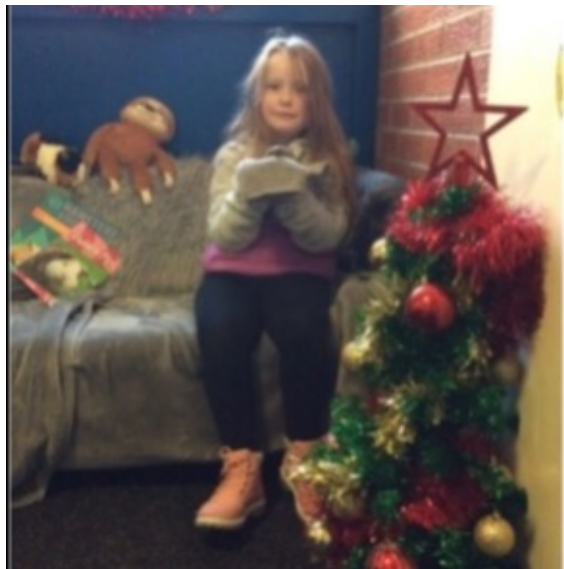
Rooney and Charlie helped our AAI students go 'spotty mad' for Children in Need by doing tricks on the coloured spots and transforming themselves into Pudsey bear dogs.

The fashion show continued with the AAI room becoming a Christmas grotto with two cheeky Elves greeting the pupils whilst they decorated a Christmas tree with the animals. AAI pupils even made their own Christmas dinner plate for the animals.

The Christmas magic spread to Rooney and Charlie turning into Santa and his reindeer, helping the pupils to find the hidden presents and activities.

From Danielle and all the AAI animals we like to want to wish our students a Happy Christmas!





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### **Nurture's cinema trip**

Nurture class took their annual trip to the Everyman Cinema to watch Elf! They were provided with Popcorn for the film and enjoyed pizza afterwards. They thoroughly enjoyed







## Inscape's Christmas Fair

By far we had the best Christmas fair to date, with every class designing, producing, selling, and running their own stall. We had a wide range of products from Christmas tasty bakes to animal Christmas tree treat bags. We had a silent auction, enterprise sweet cones, plants, Manchester United tombola, Christmas card stalls and Christmas decorations and of course the chocolate and bottle tombola. We would like to thank all the staff and students for all their hard work in creating the products that helped us raised a whopping £759 this year.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all our parents, carers, families, and visitors for attending the fair, creating a lovely atmosphere whilst raising money for our school and getting us in the Christmas spirit. A special thanks for the mature and quick response from all our students and families when the fire alarm went off unexpectedly, all students coped very well and were rewarded with a class Christmas party.

We certainly like to go out with a bang!



## Update from the library

The library has been a very merry place to be this term. Our pupil librarians have been busy decorating our library and updating our library displays to promote our festive reads!

Many classes have enjoyed

Christmas Storytime sessions; with Judith Kerr's 'Mog's Christmas' and Matt Haig's 'Father Christmas and Me' being amongst the favourites.



Students from across the school have demonstrated much enthusiasm in their entries to our Christmas Library Competition. The students were invited to write a story about Christmas Elves or put together a story using pictures. We have been inundated with stories ranging from kind and helpful elves to very mischievous elves; it is safe to say the prize for the naughtiest elf stories goes to our post-16 authors! Well done to all those students who participated. Richard has the challenging task of choosing the winners on the 22nd of December. Good luck everyone!

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## **Gymnastics Success!**

In an amazing achievement, one of our students, Jenson finished second in the National SEN Gymnastics competition. He has now qualified for the European Championships.

We are all super proud of Jenson and wish him the best of luck.





## International Day of Persons with Disabilities sports event at Seashell Trust

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Students from our Nurture Class visited Seashell Trust and took part in a range of sports activities with other SEN Schools to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

They took part in Blind Football, Baseball, Rugby, Cycling and Cricket. They all had a great morning and Jacob in particular, really enjoyed taking part!



## A trip to Total Ninja

For Manchester United Foundation's Christmas Party, students from M3 were invited to spend the day at Total Ninja! The students had lots of fun on the huge inflatable, bouncing around the course, running through obstacles, sliding up and down the inflatable slides and pulling each other over the walls. They also enjoyed taking on the Ninja Course, their arms were burning from attempting and sometimes succeeding at climbing across the hanging bars!



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## **Travel training in the community – thank you to the businesses that support our learners**

As part of their 'Towards Independence' ASDAN qualifications, learners in post 16 have been visiting Cheadle on a weekly basis. The interaction with people who work in the café and shops is one of the aspects of the trip our students enjoy the most.

Rachel (Manager of Full Filling Café) understands how our learners communicate, allows them time to find the money and provides them with a prompt if they need a bit of help and really enjoys her weekly catch up with everyone. Over this term, Oliver now goes into the café, organises his schedule, gets out his wallet and AAC and goes to see Rachel to order his drink and snack independently. He has learnt to use his AAC device whilst speaking and turns it round so Rachel can see the order.

Sometimes things do not always go to plan - the help and support Suzie and the team (Nail and Beauty Rooms) gave to Ryan and his friend was much appreciated. Joshua understood that we needed to get help and looked after his friend and both students returned the following week to thank Suzie for looking after them.

Thank you, Full Filling Café, and 'Nail and Beauty Rooms' for making a real difference to our learners.





**Pledge Together**  Challenge yourself this January and raise money for the Together Trust 

**Launching our brand new fundraising challenge  
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Challenge yourself this January and raise money for the Together Trust by either giving something up or picking up a new challenge or hobby.

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