Sports News



Whole School Achievements

This year has been a good year for sport at Sir Charles Parsons School. There has been many different students going out to different events across the North East, and competing against other schools. The year began with a Talent ID day that involved students taking part in different Athletics events including long jump and high jump. Many of our students performed so well that they got through to the next stage which was the regional event and included Jack, 11T for the high jump and Torigul, 10W for running.

During the year as part of their PE lesson our sixth form based at Walker Tech. experienced half a term of dance through workshops ran by Dance City. This involved students learning about different dance styles and practising and performing dances to various types of music.

A number of students went out to take part in this years panathlon. The panathlon involves a variety of sports including table cricket, boccia and new age kurling. Sir Charles Parson School were teamed up with Percy Hedley and even though the competition was extremely tough, they managed to beat all the other schools and come in first place.

Students from across the school were chosen to take part in a Swimming panathlon at Killingworth lakeside centre in June. These students were Daniel -WT, Connor -9W, Max -10CA, Kyle—9W, Anthony 11B, Tony Cooper and Amy O'Connor WT. The students took part in different events including 10m push and glide, 25m freestyle, treasure hunt and a raft race. Through grit and determination as well as excellent team work and all their hard work in their swimming lessons previously, they all managed to achieve first and second places in their races and won the competition over all. All students went home with a gold medal.

During the final half term of the year a number of students took part in a football tournament and a tennis tournament. The football involved students from across different year groups going to the Blue Flames centre and experiencing what it was like to play against other schools. A different group of students took part in a tennis tournament where they could improve and show their tennis skills off in a one on one tournament. Students won the majority of their matches and therefore came second overall.



Walker Tech. Dance



Panathlon Challenge



Members of the winning team, Anthony, Daniel & Tony

Well done to everyone this year who has taken part in a sports event in or outside of school. Keep up all the good work in PE and Swimming and we hope to have another successful year next year.

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Summer 2016

Contact us on — Tel: 0191 2952280 email: admin@scp.newcastle.sch.uk



This term has seen our first Parent Teacher Association known as The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School, get up and running! Work can now begin on fundraising to support any initiatives the committee, informed by the whole school and wider community, will undertake.

So far we have set up a Faceboo<mark>k page which will aim to keep</mark> everyone informed of our current and ongoing projects. If you haven't already done so please 'like' our page which will also have links that parents and carers may fin<mark>d useful.</mark>

We now have a registered charity number (1165658) which enables The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School to apply for sponsorship from companies to fund, match fund and donate to specific projects we will BT undertake in the future. We have also registered for a 'Gift Aid' declaration issued by HMRC that mydonate will allow us to claim back 25% of donations from

UK taxpayers, raising further much needed funds. We have our own 'My Donate' account with BT so that some of our fundraising campaigns can be supported with online donations and shared using social media. Our 'My Donate' account can be found at https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/

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for anybody who would like to undertake a fundraising event to help raise funds for our school.

There is still a lot of work to be done, and undoubtedly lots of fundraising ideas that we won't have even considered yet. We would readily welcome any support you can give. This may be offering fundraising ideas, sharing our Facebook page to raise awareness of our charity, or even helping at events.



Well Done to Jordan - 6H who's design won our FOSCPS Logo Design Competition.



Advert by Connor -7M

The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School would like to thank you for the donation made by Robertson Facilities Management of a 'Samsung Galaxy Tab A' as a top prize in our summer coffee morning



The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School

Dear Parents & Carers

We now have a parent and teacher association known as 'The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School.' Our committee members include a group of 15 staff, parents and carers as well as school

We would like all parents and carers to consider and vote on what you think the first fundraising initiative for 'The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School' should be. We would ask that you tick your preferred choice below and return this slip to school at your earliest









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The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School would like to thank everybody who returned their voting slips on what they thought our first fundraising initiative should be. Parents, carers and school staff were asked to vote between outdoor play equipment, a new school minibus and sensory room equipment.

We received 117 responses, although three of these were void as people found it so hard to choose! Out of the remaining votes, 72 people selected outdoor play equipment, with sensory room and a new minibus receiving 21 and 24 votes.

We have started this project, with our first task being to gain student opinion about the play equipment they would like to see. The student facilitators have worked hard visiting several parks in Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland. They have taken numerous pictures and videos of the play equipment in use and will use these to consult with students across the school about which equipment is preferred.

We will keep you updated on our progress over coming months on our 'Friends of' Facebook page.

Everyone is invited to join our new 100+ Club. By joining the 100+ Club

you can help The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School raise money towards new playground equipment whilst having the chance to win a cash prize every month. You, your family and friends can buy one or more numbers at a cost of £1 per number per month payable annually. more information on

the 100+ Club will be sent out at the beginning of the new term in September.

Sir Charles **Parsons** School



In enrichment programme year 10 students have been learning about the culture and traditions of Spain. We went on a visit to a Spanish tapas restaurant called La

Tasca, When we first arrived the waitress show us to our table and asked what we would like to drink. Then she gave us a



Wendy and Josh try out the tapas Spanish menu to choose what we would like to eat.

When the food came it was in lots of little dishes for everyone to share out. We ordered some olives first for everyone to try, they were called 'aceitunas', but we weren't too keen on the taste, they were very salty. Next the 'chorizo', which is Spanish sausage, the 'champiñones', which are garlic mushrooms and Josh's favourite the 'calamares' arrived. We shared them out and everyone enjoyed these tastes, the crispy squid looked like onion rings. The waiter brought over 'tortilla', which was an omelette with potatoes and onions in it and the 'patatas bravas' that everyone



he brought a big pan of Paella; he warned us the pan was very, very hot. The Paella had rice, veaetables and chicken in

loved. Finally

Nathan & Brandon really enjoyed all of the dishes it.

We cleared all of the plates, it was delicious. The restaurant had lots of Spanish posters and pictures on the walls, there were pictures of ladies doing Flamenco dancing in traditional red dresses. There were also pictures of bull and bull fighters. When we visited the toilets they had Spanish names on the signs. Toilets is 'aseos' in Spanish, the ladies toilet had 'Señoras' written on the door and the men's toilets had a sign saying 'Caballeros'.

The staff were all really friendly and we enjoyed our visit very much. Nathan and Brandon-10CA

To celebrate Euro 2016 each class was given a football team. The class whose team won the competition got a prize and the class who made the most effort to support their team also won a prize.

Our class was supporting Germany. At the beginning we were disappointed because we wanted England or Wales but we were soon excited because Germany did so well.

We did lots of fun things to support our teams.

EURO2016

Miss Tuck was in charge of choosing the winner of best supporting class so we have been trying very hard to impress her by speaking to her in German whenever we see <mark>her. W</mark>e have been saying 'guten tag' which means good day. We also earnt the words to 'happy birthday' and went to sing it to her on her birthday.

We have tasted some of the different food which people in Germany eat. We have had frankfurters, black forest gateau and battenburg cake. One day we gave Miss Tuck a bottle of German beer but we weren't allowed to try that! The girls in the class have painted their finger nails black, red and yellow

> because these are the colours in the German flag.

Tom was even persuaded to let Mrs Gullon paint his toe nails the same colour! (left) Other classes also made a lot

of effort to support their teams by decorating their rooms. 7M were supporting Belgium and tasted waffles <mark>an</mark>d Belgian chocolates. 8P made badges with the Swiss flag on to show people that they were supporting Switzerland, 10A were supporting France and held a class sweep stake with prizes for the student with winning team,



most accurate predictions and student of the tournament. We have had lots of fun supporting the teams and have learnt a lot about different countries.

Class 7M

And can you guess what? Our class won!



Voices for choices are a group of looked after children

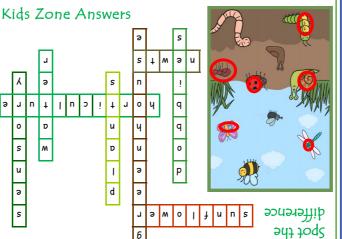
and members of the Children in Care Council for Newcastle upon Tyne. They help us understand the views of children and young people who are in

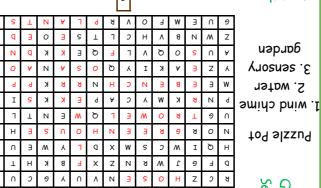
Newcastle City Fostering Service asked some of our students to help them to make their young peoples pledge more accessible to all. Ryan and Jamie worked with staff to think of better, easier words to use and also to add symbols to help people who find reading difficult. Once they had finished this work they met with Councillor Joanne Kingsland, Councillor Ben Riley and Michael Briggs from Foster a Future to present their version of the pledge. Both boys worked hard on the project and were invited to The Celebration of Achievements Awards on July 8th at Falcons Rugby club.



Jamie and Ryan worked hard to help others

The new user friendly pledge will now be used throughout Newcastle's fostering service to allow as many young people as possible to access this important information about their future.





Gardening Search



Flow is an organisation which is committed to facilitating, promoting and enhancing the future for young people who

have additional needs by providing creative and vocational opportunities. These young people in turn, lead and facilitate creative opportunities for others in the form of workshops based in Flows' amazing location on the top floor of the 'Old Low Lights' on North Shields Fish Quay overlooking the mouth of the Tyne.



Sixth form students recently had the opportunity to visit Flow for the day to take part in a series of art activities using natural materials they collected from the beach that morning; shells, pebbles, driftwood, glass and even bits of old rope were found washed up and were used to create very imaginative 'octopi', fish, wall plaques and messages in bottles! A local fisherman, Henry also came along to show the students how to make designer 'fish net' clothing using traditional stitching methods. All of the work the students helped create on the day was included in Flows Summer Exhibition which took place 11th June - 16th July in the Old Low Light, North Shields Fish Quay.





Pasindu used tools to create a wall plaugue

Alex with octopus made from materials he found

If you would like to know more about Flow or feel your son or daughter may benefit from joining the team of facilitators please contact:

Claire Gladstone tel: (0191) 2579099 mob: 07809 617 633

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: @Flow-NE-CIC

So Long, Farewell....

We have some staff leaving us at the end of July. Christine Lynch (our physio) and Chris Harrison (school nurse) are both retiring. Callum, 10A, interviewed them to find out their favourite memories from working at our school.



Christine Lynch
- Physiotherapist

Chris Harrison
- School Nurse



How long have you worked here?

Around 16 years.

Ten years.

Why are you leaving?

Because I am very old and I have worked too long.

I am retiring.

What is your best memory from school?

Doing the 'lift' from the film 'Dirty Dancing' with Andrew in the hydro pool a long time ago!

My first prom, seeing everybody looking beautiful and handsome.

What will you miss the most about school?

All of the lovely students and staff.

All the good jokes everyone tells me!

We will miss you lots, will you come back to visit us?

A big YES Please!

I will come back when I am invited.

Callum - You are welcome anytime!



Also leaving us are Catherine, one of our humanities teachers who will be starting her new job at our trust partner school, Thomas Bewick in September. Lyndsey who supports in sixth form, has finished her secondment with us and will return to her role as heathcare assistant.

Newburn Activity Centre



We went for our class visit to Newburn Activity Centre. All of the class wanted to do different activities, so we went to a session where there was lots of different things that we could choose from.

When we got there we paid our money. We then went into a big hall where there was bikes and go karts, a trampoline, a bouncy castle and archery. First we all went on the bikes and go karts. Because it was good weather we could take them outside. After a drink we all went on the trampoline. Me and Megan had a go at archery, and Dillon went to the sensory room and the interactive room. He preferred the sensory as it had a water bed. Before the session finished we all went on the bouncy castle.

Because we were so tired out and thirsty afterwards, we all went to 'Lew's Place' (which is run by the 'Smile for Life' charity) to have a drink.

We then enjoyed our packed lunches in the sun and ice creams and lollies.

I really enjoyed the sessions and all the staff were really nice so I would definitely go again. I loved the archery and my friends loved the other things so it was good because we all did something we liked.

The sessions run every Tuesday from 10am until 12.30pm and cost £4. Call Newburn Activity Centre on 0191 2640014 for more information.



Mohammad enjoying being chauffer driven on the adapted bikes.



Year 7 Visit The Gurdwara

We have been learning about Sikhism in our RE lessons with Mrs Whincup. We visited a

Gurdwara. We saw the Guru Granth Sahib. It's a book so special it has its own bedroom! We all had to wear headscarves and take our shoes off, as a sign of respect. The man there, Cloud Singh, was very kind - he gave us all juice and biscuits in the Langar (the kitchen at the Gurdwara).



Cloud Singh, North East Sikh Service said 'Todays treasure from Maharaj was a visit by students and staff from Sir Charles Parsons School, Walker. What to say? Lovely caring students, unafraid to take risk and ask questions - or is that actually lacking in Ego? We adults have such a lot to learn from Children. Beautifully behaved, respectful and SO full of the joys of life. Caring sensitive adults with them and a Sangat around that was, as always, welcoming and warm and supportive. Waheguru! Waheguru! Waheguru!

We had our own Sikh wedding in school. Amy was the bride and Lukas was the groom. The girls had to go to Mrs Whincup's class to get ready and the boys to Mr Isaac's. Before a wedding the girls and boys stay separate. All of the girls helped to get Amy ready. Amy said "They decorated my hand with henna and gave me lots of bracelets and necklaces to wear. Then they wrapped me in a big red scarf (called a dupatta)." They made rangoli patterns. In the boys' room Lukas was helped to get ready. Some of the girls washed Lukas' feet to make him clean before the service, he was then dressed in orange robes and a hat called a turban. Both students then met to get married. During the service Amy and Lukas had to have their arms tied together and flower garlands put on their neck and wrists. When the bride tried to put the flowers around the groom's

neck, he had to try and duck out of the way, as a joke! To show they are married as Sikhs, they had to walk around the Guru Granth Sahib four times. They also got



Letter from the **NEW** Head!



Dear parents, carers and friends of the school.

My first newsletter contribution as Head Teacher of Sir Charles Parsons School rather than as acting Head: 'the real head teacher' as the students have described it!

I have been overwhelmed by everyone's support over the past two terms. The positive comments from staff, students, parents, carers and governors since I was appointed have been incredible. In the past Mr Sharing has often commented on the strong community feeling within school, which holds us together, supports us through difficult times and helps us to celebrate the good things. I have hugely appreciated being part of a whole school community which has been there to support me when things are difficult and has helped me to celebrate my recent success.

I feel privileged to be part of this community and hugely honoured to have been appointed Head teacher. I am really looking forward to the future, of continuing to be part of such a great staff team joined by caring and supportive parents, carers, governors and friends all working together to achieve the best we possibly can for the students. The students are the heart of our school community. Their warmth, caring natures, curiosity about the world and eagerness to learn and be a part of things are commented on by everyone who comes into contact with them. They are the reason my job is the best job in the world! I'd like to thank you all again for your support for me, the school and the students. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone again in September. Best wishes and good luck to those staff and

students who are moving on to new things or retiring. I look forward to seeing you all again in the future when you visit us to tell us about your adventures and experiences as you move on with life.

Thank you,

Karen Hamilton

The Lawnmowers Independent Theatre Company is a unique company run by and for young people with learning disabilities based in Gateshead. As well as

running day time groups for adults they also have youth groups including a Hip Hop Dance school and youth theatre for 11-17years olds taking place on Saturday mornings. If you would like to know more get in touch via the details at the bottom of the page.



On Friday 22nd April we had a visit from The Lawnmowers Theatre Companys' Hip Hop Dance Crew who came to run a taster workshop for us. The group leader, Doke is from the top breakdance group 'The Bad Taste Crew' who have performed all over the world and won lots of competitions. 25 students from our school took part in the workshop in the school hall and most were pretty nervous to begin with but the minute the music started and Doke started clapping everybody soon joined in and started dancing! First we did a warm-up, copying the crew then we added our own moves. We all worked really hard to make up our own routine up and learned some cool new

breakdance moves. We all had a brilliant time. - Joe & Jordan 11B



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Nestle, Fawdon, who kindly

Thank You!

donated bags of confectionery for our Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School Summer Coffee Morning. We used the chocolate and sweets to make up 'sweetie jars' to sell and managed to raise over £50!



Year 9 students got 'up close and personal' with some little (and some not so little) critters recently while

learning about the 'Rainforest' during humanaties lessons. Guy, from wwww.bugsandstuff.com came along to school and brought along a whole range of creatures from all around the world! Many of the insects originated from the rainforest. During the hands on session students were able to chose where they wanted to sit in relation to Guy etc. and also to fold their arms to indicate they didn't want to touch certain insects.







(top left) Giant African land snail (top right) Cameron bravely allows the Millipede to explore his arm. (left) Kyle feels the Python. (below) Harris touches a scorpion whilst the Dylan has a close look at a Madagascan Hissing Coackroach.





Cameron said 'I liked the millipede because it was nice and calm and it tickled on my arm. The spider was soft and smooth. I wanted to touch lots of the insects and if I was a little bit scared the staff helped me. I really liked the big



snake and the bull frog. Lorraine had to go outside the room! '

Guy also brought stick insects, a gekko lizard, a south African bull frog and a scorpion alongl.

When he left he presented us with a very unique kind of present.... A shed snake skin from one of his pythons, which is 8 and a half feet long!

Sensory Garden Help







Students in sixth form and year 11 have been working very hard this year to improve our outdoor space by creating a sensory garden. To begin with they thought about what a sensory garden should look, smell and feel like. It was decided that the garden should contain lots of colourful plants and flowers as well as herbs to smell and different



Alex & Aileen with sixth form students Caitlin, Curtis, Ryan, Dillon & Saquib

textures to touch. As there was very little money to spend on plants the staff and students weren't at all sure what to do....

Luckily, Dobbies Garden Centre, Ponteland heard about our plans and got in touch. Aileen & Alex, who are Dobbies Ponteland Community Champions, came along to visit us and to find out more. The students gave the ladies a tour of the garden and explained a bit about what kind of space they hoped to create. Aileen and Alex were impressed with our plans and decided to award us an in-store shopping spree worth £750.00!

Sixth form went along to Dobbies with their shopping list and chose; bamboo to cast shadows, different grasses that will 'rustle' in the wind, contrasting yellow and white flowers which are easier to see for our students with visual impairments, herbs with different smells and tastes, shrubs with different textures such as 'lambs ears' (Stachys Byzantina) as well as a wooden archway with climbing plants to provide shade and shadow. They also have wind chimes, wind mills and objects to reflect light as well as bird feeders and boxes ready to add.

We are extremely grateful to Dobbies for their generous support. The garden is now looking great with further fundraising planned which will enable us to create a sensory track through the trees which will have different surfaces to walk or be pushed along.



We held our Annual Leavers Prom on Wednesday 13th July this year. The event was, as always very well attended by both students and staff!















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Family Support Worker -Jo Gyger

Dear Sir Charles Parsons friends, many of you know that I started my new job as Family Support Worker this year in January. Since then, I have had the pleasure of meeting a lot of you. Time flies when you are having fun! Since January, I have worked with lots of families and students and have been able to offer my support. We have

had great success in accessing out of school activities for some students as well as accessing additional funds for much needed household items or that special family holiday. I am sure you are aware that I arrange a monthly coffee morning held in school in conjunction with Pass it on Parents who offer great support. Please check out our website for further details.

Despite only being a member of Sir Charles Parsons school since January, I feel like I worked here for a long time as you have all made me feel very welcome from the moment that I started, so a big thank you for that.

If you'd like to contact me I'd be delighted to hear from you. Please get in touch on 0191 2952280. I hope that you all have a fantastic summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Bye for now

Hassan, Brandon and Josh, students in year 7 have spent some of their own time during

lunch looking at the wildlife in our school pond. The boys have done a great job of learning how to pond dip and handle

the wildlife with care and respect. They have even taken the opportunity to show some other groups of students the different things they have discovered. The pond has lots of interesting mini beasts and wildlife



living there. We found pond skaters and lots of water boatman, close to the surface of the water. Stuck to the plants and weeds were pond snails and flying amongst the reeds were beautiful dragonflies. One of the most special discoveries that we made was that some newts had moved in and made our pond their home. It was really important to leave them to enjoy their now home in peace and quiet without moving or disturbing them. Brandon said 'I have found learning about all the different species really interesting'

The Revenge In English we have made a movie called 'The Revenge'.

We were learning about genres of movie and we all quite enjoyed horror movies and stories so we decided to make our

We worked as a class to plan the story. We decided that it would be about a boy who got bullied and he wanted to get revenge on the bullies and the teachers. After we decided the main bits we then had to break the story down into different scenes in the movie, and also decide on characters



All of the film is fake, none of it is real. In the film you see a group of students bullying one student, but it was all put on. We think it's important that students learn that bullying is not right and it's not kind. Also if you are being bullied you should get help from a member of staff. If you see someone getting bullied you should tell a member of staff to try and help them.

We showed our movie in a whole school assembly on Friday the 8th of July. Students were given 'cinema' tickets to come to the hall and watch it. To make it more like a cinema movie we also made trailers. These were quite funny because students were pretending to shave for a Gillette razors

advert and also do the Just Eat Backstreet boys advert. Students also got popcorn on arrival when they handed in their ticket and got shown to their seats by ushers.

We have really enjoyed making the movie. We have put a lot of time and effort into it but have really enjoyed acting and playing different parts. Stu has done loads of video editing to get all the sound effects and songs on that we want.

- By Casey and Scott 11CW

Credits Cast Anthony 11CW Bayle 11T Casey 11CW Dee 11B Jordan 11B Jack 11T Joe 11B Kye 11B Scott 11CW

The Revenge

ONE DAY THE RMY CAME TO SCHOOL

On 7th June 26 soldiers from The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers came along to visit. The regiment are based at Tidworth Garrison. Callum from 10A tells us what he thought of the day....

It was a big surprise for all the students. My class were in our pastoral room when we spotted soldiers getting out of buses at the front of school. We didn't know what was happening and Josh was getting very excited. After that Trevor asked me if I wanted to play football against them. There were two school teams and two soldier teams. Each team played three matches. My team won against year 11's and the soldiers. We



Drum Major Heart led the band as they played 'The Blaydon Races' and other tunes.

Emma had a go playing the

had a drink to cool down and the army gave us some bands for playing well and some people got books about being in the army. Next we all went into the hall to listen and watch the

army play instruments. They played little flutes and drums. The music they played wasn't pop music it was army tunes. Some of the drummers could do tricks with their drumsticks whilst the played along by hitting them off the next soldiers drum, I loved that bit. Everyone en-



joyed the music and clapped, some people danced. Then when they played 'The Blaydon Races everyone sang along. After they had played for us some students got to play the drums, hold the flutes and wear the big furry hats.

I really enjoyed the morning and I hope they come back again next year!



Great North Snowdogs is a large-scale, mass appeal public art event designed to communicate the best of our region's art, heritage and culture to the widest possible audience. Packs of Snowdogs and mini Snowdogs will be on display across the region during the

Autumn and Winter of 2016 - showcasing artists, community groups and young people's extraordinary creative talent.

From September 2016, large sculptures sponsored by businesses and painted by artists, and mini Snow dogs created by different schools will take over Tyne and Wear in

Mrs Bhatti & Justin work on Snowdog 'Charlie'

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and beyond can enjoy.

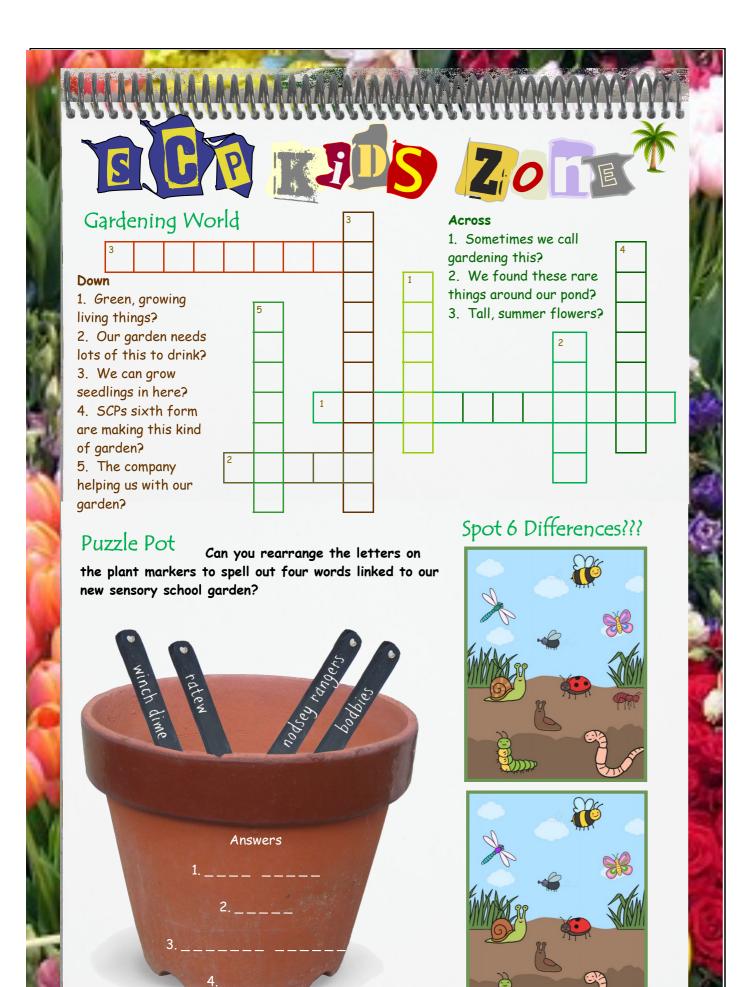
At Sir Charles Parsons we wanted the design of our Snowdog to reflect our school, both in identity and through our school ethos of being all inclusive. The design is in the school's colours whilst the tree represents growth and life. Simple shapes were selected so that all students would be able to contribute to the art work.

Our finished Snowdog begins his journey to go on display across the region, he will return to SCPs in the new year to be a permanent art installation.



We have named our mini snowdog 'Charlie'. Wild in Art is working in partnership with St Oswald's Hospice to present this spectacular event.

To find out more about Great North Snowdogs and where the art work will be displayed visit http://www.greatnorthsnowdogs.co.uk/





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Copy the picture of the

sunflower using

the gridlines as a guide. It's a

good idea to

copy one square at a time

and make sure you count

(start with the brown pot)

brown, green and yellow

coloured pencils or felt

the squares carefully!

You will need black,

tipped pens.

Use black, brown, green and

Now can you find a big

and small flower, a pair of

lips, a palm tree and some swimming trunks in School

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yellow pencils or pens

Advert by Justin, 10CA