

Sports News



NEWCASTLE UNITED FOUNDATION



On Thursday afternoons Lewis from the Newcastle United foundation has been coming into school. He brings bibs, cones and footballs.

We play a game of tag at the beginning as a warm up. It's a bit like stuck in the mud but there are different actions that you have to do to tag people on and off.

After the warm up we do another game which is to help us get better at our skills. Like there are some cones and we have to pretend there is a gate there and jump over it. Then we have a drink of water and start doing football skills. We have worked on dribbling and passing so far.

At the end of the session we have a game of football. Lewis picks the teams and there are five or six of us on each side. Each week the teams are different so we get to play with different people. Staff ask for volunteers to go in goal. I don't like to go in goals but James in Mrs Wear's class likes being in goal and he's a good goalie because it's hard to get the ball past him.

At the end of it we don't do man of the match but we talk about our behaviours for learning.

It has been really good, I have enjoyed it. - Layton, 9P



Layton and his friends warm up - 'stuck in the mud'

Sports Leader

This year we have introduced a new accreditation to our sixth form students, called 'I Can Lead'. In this the students learn about leadership, how to live a healthy lifestyle and how to teach a PE lesson. At the end of the course the students will be doing five hours of volunteering outside of school.

On a Friday morning with Mr Wood we do 'Sports Leader' lessons. We play some games like the cone game, red light and green light, and the shark attack game. We learn about leadership because we have to take turns of leading the games.

When it's our turn to lead we have to show our classmates how to do different exercises likes stretching and also skills in basketball like throwing and catching the ball. - Ibrahim, Ellie and Vitoria, 6th form



Ibrahim - Sports Leader

WELL DONE!

To Vinnie in sixth form who has shown more confidence in the pool this term. Vinnie used to be very nervous during swimming lessons, spending a lot of time on the poolside. Over this term he was able to enter the pool and move around the pool with less support. He has even had a try of putting his face in the water.



Answers!

1. Silent Night
2. Driving Home for Christmas
3. Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
4. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

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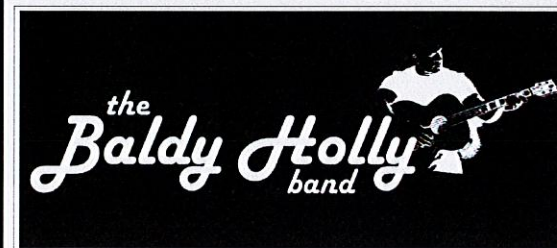
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School News



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Jamie Bell who is the lead singer of the Baldy Holly Band said he wanted to buy us a new

accessible minibus for about £70,000. He wanted to raise the money for us and the big thing he did was a bike ride. He went from Lands End to John 'O Groat's in just 10 days with some friends that he works with and goes to they gym with. He also did lots of singing for us to raise money too. He went to lots of clubs and told lots of people about us and they gave money for our bus too.



Official handover ceremony along with the BBC news crew

The bus came and it is really cool. It's black on the outside and you don't get many buses that are black. It's really fancy inside, it has a dashcam to see going forwards and backwards. It's also really good because there is a step that comes out by itself when you open the door and the step has lights on to make it easier to see it.

On the day that Jamie came to hand over the bus we had a big celebration. There were guests there and also the news people from the television. To make the bus special we decorated it with balloons and ribbons and there was some confetti canons (but Nick couldn't set his off!). After Jamie handed over the



Baldy Holly getting the celebrations started!

keys he sang to all of the school. A couple of days after the celebration, it was on TV. It was really good to see the bus, Jamie and our school on television. - Zara & Darcy, year 10

Student Facilitators



I decided I wanted to be a student facilitator this year so I wrote about what I wanted to do to help school. I said I was going to make school better by getting more stuff outside and getting fun games. All of the students who wanted to be a facilitator had their picture put up in assembly, then all of the students had to have a vote. In the next assembly Mrs Grahamslaw read the results and I found out I had been voted for! I felt very happy and I told my mam as soon as I got in. She was really pleased and said 'well done'.

At the first facilitators meeting we talked about 2's awards and tuck shop. We decided what would happen if people had lots of twos, like 10, 25 and 50. We also thought about whether the twos could be used to buy stuff in a tuck shop. We're still working on sorting that out because then we had to work on Christmas stuff. We were put in charge of sorting out the lunch hall for the Christmas dinner. We got some funding from Suez from a lady called Emma who nominated us. We used that to buy wrapping paper for the tables, pop, fairy lights and Christmas crackers.

In the new year I'm looking forward to finishing sorting the rewards out. I'm a facilitator for the whole year so I'll be thinking of other ideas too. - Thomas, 10Bk



Another important job of the student facilitator is finding out what the students in school think about different things. This is what some of the year 10's thought about this year's Christmas lunch...

- "I liked the Christmas crackers." - Sean C
- "The chocolate treats were really good." - Nathan O
- "The meal was even better than last year." - Robert P

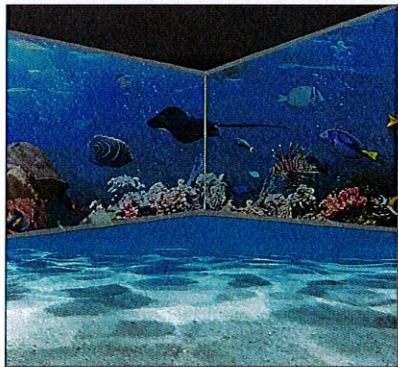
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Sir Charles Parsons School



Latest News from The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School

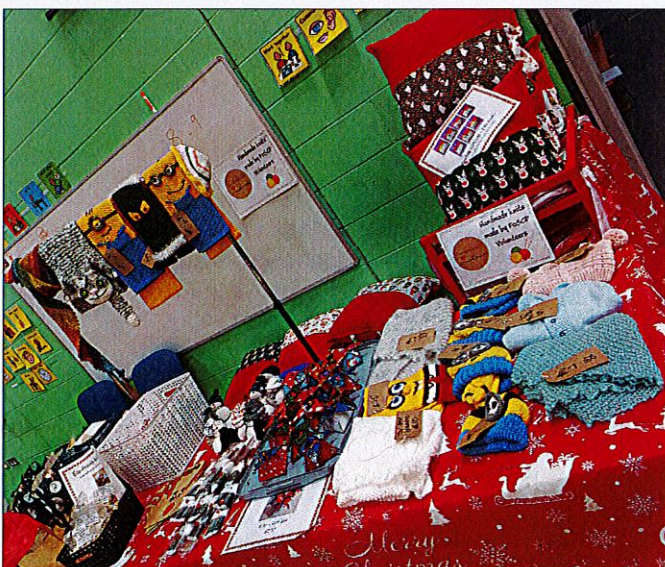
Not only did we get our new minibus, but we have been very busy launching our new fundraising initiatives which will see the school benefit from a brand new sensory and soft play space, complete with an ultra violet cave area. We are really lucky that Jamie Bell (from Baldy Holly) has once again thrown his support behind this project, pledging to raise the money for the soft play and sensory room.



An example of an immersive classroom, which we aim to install

In addition to this, we are in the process of exploring immersive classrooms, with the aim of creating one of these spaces in school too, over the coming year. An immersive classroom uses technology to create an interactive learning space, encouraging students to be more engaged in their learning.

So far, we have secured Great North Run spaces for both the adult and junior events, further details will be coming out about these spaces in the new year thorough our Facebook page. We have launched our 100 club with our best response so far. We sold 120 numbers which means that, currently, the winner will receive £60 if their name was drawn (with £60 going into the charity pot). However, the more people that enter, the bigger the prize pot. It's still possible to join in, just contact Helen Clarkson through the school office. We have developed a new link with Cheeki Monkeys, which will bring us a regular income whenever they hold events in our school (find out more about their sales on page 7). We have also been lucky enough to have held our most successful school fayre to date.



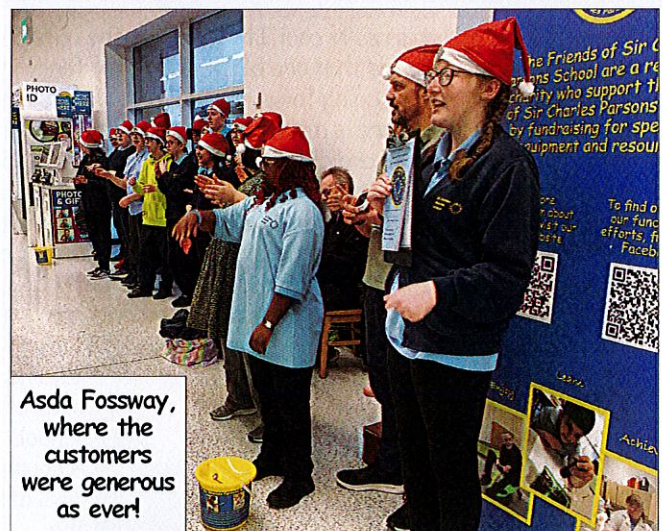
Our handmade goods stall was a big success with items supplied by Shirley, Trisha, Susan and Marion



Grainger Market shoppers had a big treat one Friday morning with our amazing Christmas carollers

Thanks to the many donations from staff, families and friends of our charity, we were able to host a number of stalls allowing us to raise around £4,500. A special thanks to Robertson, our facilities management team, who generously donated a Fire HD tablet to our Christmas raffle this year.

The festive period also brought the opportunity for our school's 'singing and signing choir' to get out and about and perform. They have visited more venues than ever this year. We are very proud of our students being so confident when performing, and are pleased that members of the public have been able to enjoy our young people out in the community at Morrisons Byker, Asda Fossway, Grainger Market, as well as a number of residential and care homes in the Walker area. The residents at Dr Ryan House, Treetops, Welbeck Green and Kingston Green were very generous, rewarding our students hard work with sweet treats. All venues also made donations towards our charity. At the time of printing, these events have raised over £1,000, with some performances still to take place.



Asda Fossway, where the customers were generous as ever!

It's been really positive to see our charity being recognised by outside organisations more recently too. We were thrilled to receive a donation from 'The Retired Fisherman's Club' in North Shields. They had found out about our charity after we were on the news, and also through links with Flow, and kindly donated £150 to the school charity to support our fundraising efforts. They have pledged to repeat this very generous gesture, year on year. In addition to this, we were very grateful to 'STAG Fitness' based in North Shields who raffled a signed belt from Tom Stoltman (the three times winner of the 'World's Strongest Man'). STAG managed to raise a fantastic £340 from the raffle from their members.



On Sunday the 17th November Cheeki Monkeys held their first event in our school. 43 stall holders were there, along with 165 shoppers, with the majority of these visiting our school for the first time.

Cheeki Monkeys is an organisation who arrange events selling preloved children's items, including toys, clothes and equipment. In addition to this there are some stalls which sell new items, such as handmade hair accessories. There was also a very popular sweet stall. Our charity volunteers held a stall selling hot breakfast sandwiches.

The morning was very successful. Our hall and dining room were bursting with bargains, waiting to head off to their new homes. Thanks to our volunteers on the morning, the charity managed to raise over £350.

The next Cheeki Monkeys event at Sir Charles Parsons School will be on the 16th February 2025, 10am until 2pm.



<https://www.facebook.com/CheekiMonkeysNorthEast>



Support from 'SoHo Skin'

A big thanks to 'SoHo Skin' who made an amazing donation of luxury skincare items to our school. We were able to use these to create some special hampers which were raffled at the last two fayres.

Advert designed by Kai, 11D



Lindsay's Sweet Mince Swirls

One of our regular charity volunteers once again made a huge donation of homemade cakes and bakes. Whilst Lindsay left our school to train to become an SEN children's nurse, she is still heavily involved with our charity. Her stall is one of the busiest at any fayre. This Christmas we asked Lindsay if she would share the recipe for her delicious sweet mince swirls, so people can enjoy them over the festive period.



Equipment:

- Greaseproof/baking paper
- Baking tray
- Rolling pin
- Kitchen knife
- Pastry brush

Ingredients:

- 1 roll of readymade puff pastry
- 20g brown sugar
- 1 1/4 tsp mixed spice
- 1/2 jar of sweet mincemeat
- 1 egg (white only)
- 100g icing sugar mixed with a few drops of water to drizzle over once swirls are cooled

Method:

- Heat the oven to 190 (fan oven) 170 (electric) Gas mark 6
- Remove the outer packaging (box and plastic) from puff pastry and leave the roll in the baking paper to reach room temperature (around 30 mins)
- Unroll the pastry, leaving the paper underneath, add the same sized greaseproof/baking paper to go over the pastry rectangle
- Roll the pastry slightly larger to fill the paper sizes
- Remove the top piece of paper
- Sprinkle with brown sugar and mixed spice
- Spoon over the sweet mincemeat
- Roll the short sides of the pastry to meet in the middle quite tightly, keep the paper to line the baking tray later
- Rest in the fridge for 30mins
- Use a knife to cut the rolls (short side) into 1cm portions (about an adult little finger width)
- Place on the baking sheet- keeping the paper underneath, brush with egg white and sprinkle with spoonful of brown sugar
- Bake in the oven for 8minutes, turn over and brush on the remaining egg white. Bake for a further 8 minutes or until golden brown
- Once cool, drizzle over icing
- Enjoy!



Just a small selection of Lindsay's homemade bakes



As well as our year 7 intake in September, we've also added some new staff to our team. We wanted to find out how our new year 7s were feeling at the end of their first term. Lillie in year 9 asked the new staff some nosy questions to find out more about them.

Ruby J

How did you feel before

you first came to Sir Charles Parsons? I was a bit worried and excited. I felt like I had butterflies in my stomach because it was a big huge school and I wouldn't know my way around.

Was there anything you weren't looking forward to? Not really. Other than I don't get to see my best friend Zac because he is still at my other school. Hopefully he'll be here soon.

What's your favourite thing about Sir Charles Parsons School? The school dinners are just delicious. They're very different to Hadrian because we get to choose everyday and sometimes we get to do a 'meal deal' with a sandwich and cookie. Also, you get to choose wherever you want to sit and you can sit with your friends.

What's your favourite lesson and why? Probably science with Mr Damo. We did an experiment where we made a volcano out of salt dough, and then we made it erupt. We put different substances in and then added vinegar and it all erupted out.

What do you like to do at breaktimes? I like having a little chill and reading some books. Sometimes I like to go outside and sometimes I go to ICT club. On a Wednesday I like to go to dance club with Rumana, we pick a song then we all dance to it.



What's your name? Chris
Do you have any children? I have two boys, Jarvis who is 7 years and Tommy who is 18 months.

What do you like to do in your free time? I like to spend time with my family and do different cooking.

What's your favourite food? I like Mexican food, especially a steak burrito.

Do you play a musical instrument? I play the guitar and I like to sing.

What's your favourite sport? Football. I support Newcastle United and my favourite player is Bruno.

What's your favourite colour jumper? A teal blue jumper.



What's your name? Jake
Do you have any children? No
What do you like to do in your free time? Lots of things, like watching films, rock climbing, playing video games, and running if I have time.

What's your favourite food? Carbonara pasta.

Do you play a musical instrument? A little bit of piano but not very well.

What's your favourite sport? Rock climbing.

What's your favourite colour jumper? A purple jumper.



What's your name? Joanne
Do you have any children? Yes, three children. Two girls aged 25 and 21, and one boy aged 14.

What do you like to do in your free time? I like to read and watch movies. I love Harry Potter.

What's your favourite food? Crisps. My favourite flavour is cheese and onion.

Do you play a musical instrument? No but if I did it would be the guitar.

What's your favourite sport? Football, and Messi is my favourite player.

What's your favourite colour jumper? A black jumper.



Mason G

Tell me about your class...

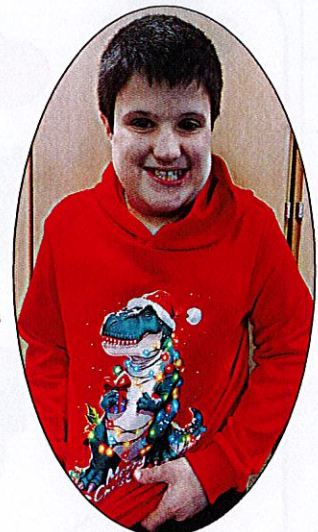
Mrs Giuliani is my teacher, everyone calls her Mamma G. Alison and Martin are also in my class. The other Mason is my best friend in my class, we were together in Hadrian. But I knew everyone else from Hadrian too.

How do you get to school? On the school bus with Nick the driver and Jackie the escort. I like the bus because they have music on.

What's your favourite thing about Sir Charles Parsons School? I love swimming because we get to play games at the beginning of the lesson to get warmed up. I'm learning to kick my legs. At the end of the lesson we play in the pool with the football.

What's your favourite lesson and why? I like maths with Miss Brown. I do some good number work and at the beginning of the lesson we sing 'Ten Green Bottles'.

What do you like to do at breaktimes? I go to Thrive and do some colouring in. It's nice and quiet there and not too busy. On a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime I like to go to ICT club to use the computers.



Students in sixth form on our green pathway have been learning about 'sculpture' as part of their Discover Arts Award work. They have researched and visited some well-known sculptures in our local

area including 'The Angel of the North', 'The Iron Man' in Newcastle City Centre and 'The Couple' in Newbiggin-by-the-Sea. Students enjoyed using the iPads independently to photograph the sculptures, and review their pictures back in school to help them design their own creation. In November the group were invited along by Claire and Mark to 'Flow' which is based in the Low Light, North Shields, for the day to take part in an arts workshop. Our students worked alongside facilitators



Shayne and Hannah were supported by Mark from Flow to work on 'Belly Man'



from Flow to create various pieces of artwork including our own 'Iron Man' - which they have named 'Belly Man'. The group thoroughly enjoyed the day and worked very well with Derek, Stephen, Matthew, Brian, Jimmy and Rosie. Everyone got on so well, our students were even invited back to join the Flow Christmas Party.

Sixth Form Art Award group exploring and photographing the 'Iron Man'

Fond Farewell

Our students have been very lucky to have had Heather the nurse looking after them in school. She has worked for the school nursing team for 19 years. We had to say a fond farewell to Heather in December as she has decided to retire. She tells us she will have a few months off but then she might come back and do some volunteer work...we certainly hope so! In January we will welcome back Sue Smith who will replace Heather's role in school.



Nyle presented Heather with some flowers from school, after being his named nurse for 15 years

Letter from the 'Acting' Head



It's Christmas!!!! (already). What an amazing autumn term it has been. It's been an incredible honour and privilege to be acting headteacher of this wonderful school. There have been so many highlights this term.

We all welcomed the new year 7 students who have settled incredibly well. There have been so many opportunities to come together and take part in whole school activities. Early in the autumn term we held our 'transition event', an opportunity for older students and their families to explore options for life after school. This year we had a record number of providers, colleges, and agencies who work with young people with SEND. Following the success of this, school hosted the spooky Halloween disco, and Christmas fayre.

These events have raised an incredible amount of money for 'The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School'. Thank you to you all who have attended these events, making them an enormous success, and spending your money! We are on the way to funding our sensory and immersive rooms.

On the theme of fundraising we cannot thank the amazing Jamie Bell, singer of the Baldy Holly group, enough. He managed to raise £65,000 for our much-needed school minibus. Hopefully, you saw Jamie, the school, and the bus on Look North! Jamie isn't stopping there. He is continuing to fundraise and support us in our quest for a sensory room.

It was heartwarming to have so many parents and carers come along to celebrate with us at the carol service. I, for one, was lost for words and shed a tear by the amazing singing, signing, piano playing and penny whistle playing. You could see the sense of pride and confidence on the students faces when performing for everyone. A special well done to year 7 - their first performances at Sir Charles Parsons.

Students haven't just performed in school. The singers and signers have been visiting lots of different venues in the last few weeks providing Christmas cheer everywhere they went.

Members of the public have been so complimentary of our students noting their 'enthusiasm, outstanding efforts and being truly inspirational'. Just before the summer holidays we had some visitors. Ofsted arrived and carried out their two-day inspection. The academic year started with a huge positive affirmation that the school is outstanding!

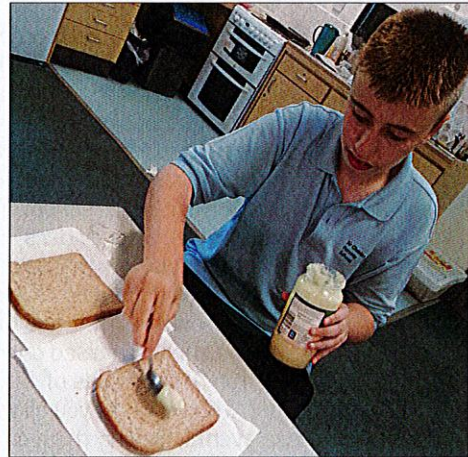
We are outstanding because of the efforts of you all; students, parents, carers, staff, governors.

I'd like to wish all of you a happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours, Karen Parker

Students from Year 11 has been very enthusiastic about their learning in French lessons. Here, Liam, has recalled his favourite bits from the last term. I have been learning about France on a Thursday afternoon. I have been eating French food and learning some French words, like 'oui', 'non' and 'bonjour'.

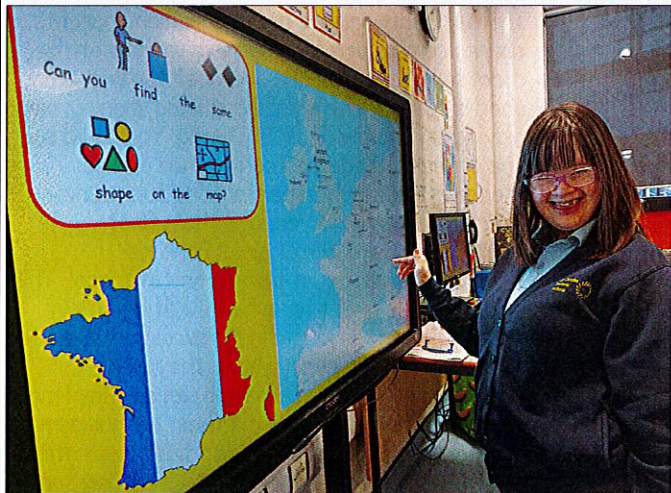
We got cheese, ham, cheese sauce and bread and put them in the oven to make Croque Monsieur. It was nice and easy to make. I didn't need much help. We raced some cars and we were learning about Monaco. We counted the cars in French 'un, deux, trois,



Liam preparing his 'Croque Monsieur'

quatre, cinq, six'. We tried French clothes on, I put on a beret which is a special French hat. The French flag is red, white and blue or 'rouge, blanc and bleu'. - Liam D, 11B

Mrs Anderson has been very impressed with Liam's work. He loves to share his knowledge with his classmates, and has been working really well with other students.



Ruby proudly shows her classmates where France is

Charlie's Café

Students have been working hard this term to further develop community links. They've had the pleasure of welcoming staff and residents from local care homes Ella McCambridge and Garden Lodge for lunch and a game of bingo. In was also nice to see some familiar faces when 'Journey Enterprises' and young people from 'Learning for Life' paid a visit. We look forward to continuing and growing these links in the new year. As a treat for all of their hard work, the café 'staff' worked together to prepare a cooked breakfast with the tips received.

LAING ART GALLERY



Year 11 Art Award 'Explore' group enjoyed a trip to Newcastle to visit the Laing Art Gallery

We went to the Laing Art gallery as part of our Art Award. Everyone from the red group went, and Mrs Wear took us with Barry who was driving the bus.

We went to see the pictures, sculptures and photos. The pictures we saw were painted. They were colourful and there were lots. I haven't got a favourite because there were so many and too many to choose from. We spent a long time looking at photos of the ship yards that used to be near school.

There was a big piece of wood on the wall that had been sculpted with dogs and horses and the people riding them. I think it would have taken a long time to make because there was lots of small bits.

My favourite bit was where you went upstairs there was a big circle in the floor. You could look down to see what was down there. It felt a bit scary because the floor looked far away and I am scared of heights. But it was safe because there was stone railings. - Evie, 11B

Evie's favourite bit of her visit to the Laing



SCOP KIDS ZONE

Can you guess the Christmas songs, using the emojis to help you guess.

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Nyles Christmas Crackers!

What did the snowman say to the aggressive carrot? "Get out of my face"
 How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing...it was on the house.
 What did one Christmas tree say to the other? Lighten up!
 What do you call a snowman with six-pack abs? An abdominal snowman!
 What do you call a snowman on a hot day? A puddle!

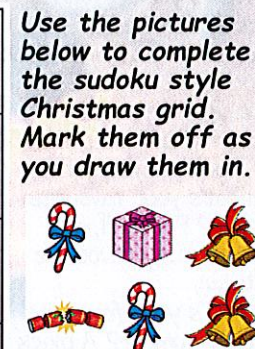
If you cross a shark with a snowman what do you get? Frostbite!
 What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsilitis!

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Can you find these winter news words hidden in the grid above:

- baldyholly
- lowlight
- joanne
- foundation
- facilitator
- ruby
- jake
- gallery
- sculpture
- mason
- chris
- carolsinging

Use the pictures below to complete the sudoku style Christmas grid. Mark them off as you draw them in.



How many festive symbols can you count?