

House review – autumn term 2023



(Screenshot from the instructional video for Frisbee Four Corners)

As I shared with you at the end of last term, this year houses have been split up into small groups to work on house tasks which were completed just before Christmas.

Two groups from each house were tasked with inventing a new sport. We had some very interesting submissions and the runners up were Beningbrough who invented 'Battle for the Basket' and Newby who invented 'Bounce Ball'. The winning group though were Harewood, who invented a new sport called Frisbee Four Corners and produced an instructional video as well as a full rule book. Later on in the year, we will be running the very first tournament of this new sport with an inter-house competition.

Two groups from each house created a board game for pupils in year 3 and 4. These games were taken down to the Prep School and, after playing them, those pupils voted for their favourite games.

They selected two runners up: Monopoly Gateways Edition which was created by Harewood and Gateways Cluedo which was created by Beningbrough.

The winning game though, selected by the pupils, was Newby's Snakes and Splash game!





Other groups wrote Christmas stories aimed at pupils aged 4 and 5. The books were written, produced and then read to our reception classes who voted for their favourites. The runners up were both produced by groups from Beningbrough house who wrote 'Sprout's Christmas Eve' and 'Santa's Story'.

The winning story, titled 'Cherry Saves Christmas' was written by Harewood.



The final task was to produce a Christmas music video. These were a lot of fun to watch – take a look via the links below!

The results were:

Runner Up: **Newby** with '5 Days of Gateways Christmas' - <https://youtu.be/J-aZaluRiG4>

Runner Up: **Harewood** with their version of 'Nazareth' from the film Nativity!
<https://youtu.be/EpYms0-aRw0>

Winner: **Harewood** with their version of 'She's the Brightest Star'
<https://youtu.be/glrCQ9aKVA>

Also in the last half term, there was an essay writing competition where pupils were invited to submit an entry in response to a question posed to their age group. We had lots of very thoughtful entries which I really enjoyed reading, all entries earned points for their house. The results were as follows:

Prep: Can you be friends with someone you don't like?

Runner up: Willow (Newby)

Runner up: Poppy (Harewood)

Winner: Oliver C (Beningbrough)

Upper 3 – Upper 4: Should you be punished for not doing your homework?

Runner Up: Adrian (Newby)

Runner Up: Hareyn (Harewood)

Winner: Balraj (Beningbrough)

Lower 5 – Upper 6: Should male and female sports stars be paid the same prize money?

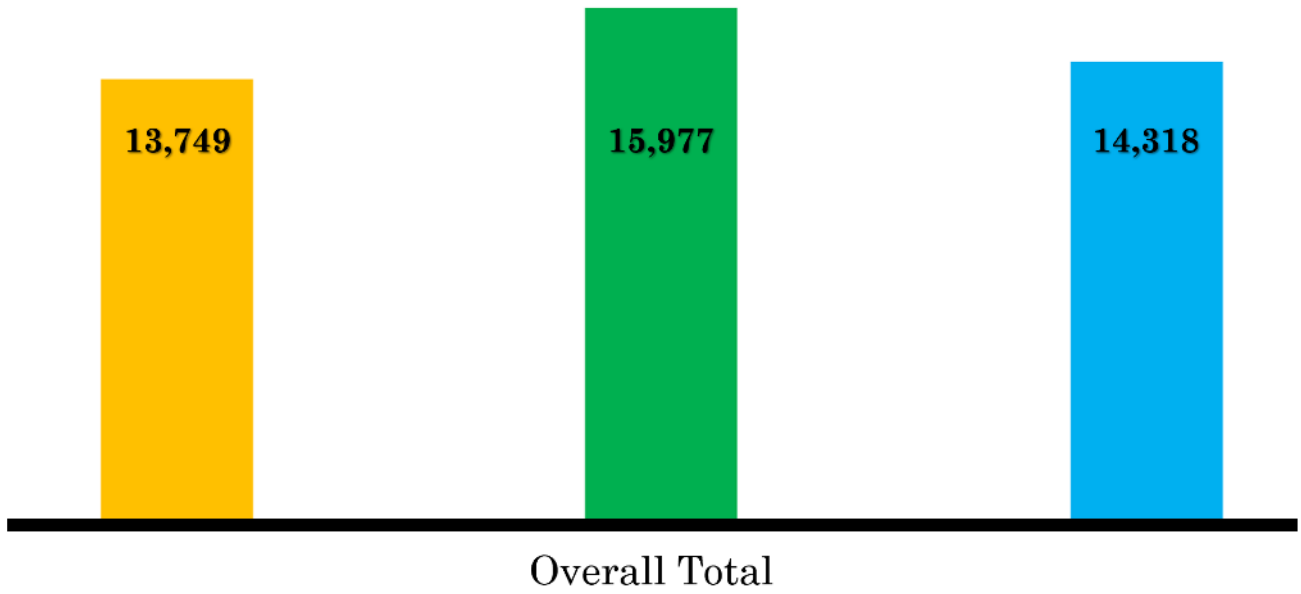
Runner Up: Seb (Beningbrough)

Runner Up: Chloe (Beningbrough)

Winner: Warren (Newby)

Well done to all those named above!

After all the house points from conduct cards as well as the sport competitions, essay competitions and house tasks were collated, the standings after the first term were as follows:



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