

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

Summer Fair

The children and staff have been busy this week making final preparations for this evening's Summer Fair. Each tutor group has a stall to run and we look forward to welcoming families this evening between 6-8pm for what will be a fantastic event.

Pupil Voice

The School Council met with Mrs Robertson this week to discuss the following issues: school dinners; use of the toilets and litter.

They have submitted some proposals for changes to lunchtimes and hot meals to Mr Christopher, so watch this space! It was also decided that some pupils need a gentle reminder on keeping the toilets clean and tidy, so a code of conduct has been written and will be on display for all to read on the toilet doors. Finally, the SC representatives did a litter pick in the playground and surrounding areas. They have identified hot spots for litter which they will share with the whole school next week.

The pupils in years 5,6 and 7 will remain on the school council until October 2024. A big thank you to all the school council representatives and good luck to the year 8's who have been key members of this successful team.



Town Sports

Year 7 and 8 athletics teams competed at Kings Park stadium on Monday 8th July. They were all amazing in their events and should be so proud of themselves. Special mentions go to Siena Perkins who came 1st in both 1500m and long jump, Elliott Stroud came 2nd in Javelin, Ellie Geary came 2nd in high jump and Jacob Holdroyd came 3rd in 1500m. A huge well done to all pupils involved.



Junior and Senior Duke Award

This week, pupils in school who are currently doing their Junior or Senior Duke Award attending a First Aid Training run by Frances Line from Two Line Training.

They learnt how to perform CPR on adults, children and babies, how to help someone who is choking and how to use various bandages and slings.

The course was fantastic and a great addition to their individual skills they have acquired on these awards.



Accelerated Reader Highlights

This is an excellent term for reading with much higher word count tallies than the autumn term.

Y5 - 5BH are ahead but 5CS are still pushing them close by leading them in quizzes taken.

Y6 - 6SLW took an early lead but that is closing with 6JNH and 6DG not far behind.

Y7 - 7LL are maintaining their current lead - can they be caught by the chasing classes?

Y8 - 8JP have the edge but could easily be caught by any class that reads well over the weekend.

SPARX Reader:

The following students have been highlighted by SPARX Reader for their individual efforts this year - this is a great achievement and it should be noted that a high proportion of our students have had a very high engagement with Sparx as shown by our excellent completion rates.

Samuel Newth
Kenzie Webster
Jack Cheater
Emily Cook
Lilly Sapherson

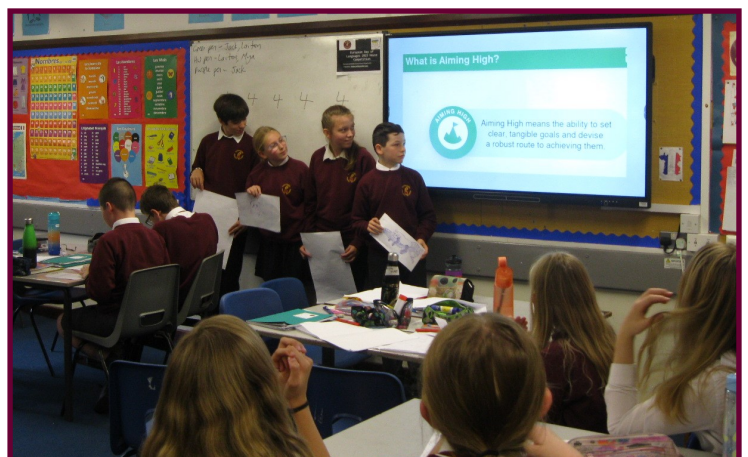
French pique-nique Reward

Pupils feasted on "baguettes, camembert, brie, Saint Agur cheeses, petit beurre biscuits and a diablo drink. There were fun cultural food stories and challenges, the highlight involved trying "escargots." Who would have thought that one of the three snail farms in the UK is near us. Feedback from those pupils in the photos was that they loved the garlic butter and yes they would probably eat a snail again.



Skillsbuilder

On Tuesday, pupils were off timetable during lessons 1&2 to complete our final Skillsbuilder challenge for this year. Things were done slightly differently this time around. Pupils were split up into different groups and given one of six different skills to work on. Each skill was linked to a career and provided a description of that job and a scenario or challenge that might come up in the 'real world' within the job that the pupils had to work through. The skills that were focused on this time were: teamwork, speaking, listening, staying positive, aiming high and creativity. The buzz around school was fantastic and some great work was produced. Pupils were so focused that they were requesting more time to finish their challenges! We are looking forward to continuing our work with the 8 essential life skills and career building in the autumn term.



Year 5 Art

This week Year 5 have completed their magnificent Cubist Picasso Portraits using acrylic paint.



Skatepark Reward

Some of our children were taken to the skatepark at Potters on Wednesday afternoon, having spent their well earned epraise points on this reward. Mrs Binning and Mrs Poole were very impressed with all of the tricks that the children could perform on their scooters.



All that remains is to wish everyone a great weekend - we hope to see many of you this evening at the fair and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker