

Dear Parents/Carers,

Travel to School

We are into the depths of the winter now and as a result the number of cars coming near the school site is particularly high. I must stress the importance of driving and parking in a responsible manner ensuring that road markings are followed and residents' driveways are not blocked. By parking only a few roads further from school more space will be found. It is great that so many children still choose to walk, scoot or cycle to school through the Winter. Please can parents support them in ensuring appropriate overwear is worn for the weather and bikes are fitted with lights and cycle helmets worn for both bikes and scooters.

Readiness for School

The new year is a great time to take stock of school equipment and ensure that your child has everything they need to be successful each day. This starts with a well-stocked pencil case and a water bottle. Pencil case checks are made at the start of each day and demerits given if items are missing. Please use this weekend to top up anything that is missing.

In addition the pupils need a coat in school every day. We will be outside at break and lunch time unless the rain is torrential or conditions underfoot are dangerous.

House Events

Inter house competitions begin next week with each class being given a lunch time in the sports hall to complete a multi-sports challenge consisting of football, dodgeball, basketball and badminton skills. There are points for participation as well as for success in those skills. Next week 8NS kick this off on Monday and then 8MR on Thursday.

Homework: Sparx Reader

Well done for everyone who contributed to a strong Autumn term for Sparx reader homework. The completion rate was 90%.

With 553 books completed and 104,566 questions answered correctly!

Please remember that we strongly encourage reading books of the childrens' own choice in addition and by doing so and quizzing on Accelerated Reader they will further develop their reading skills and also have the chance to win additional mufti days.

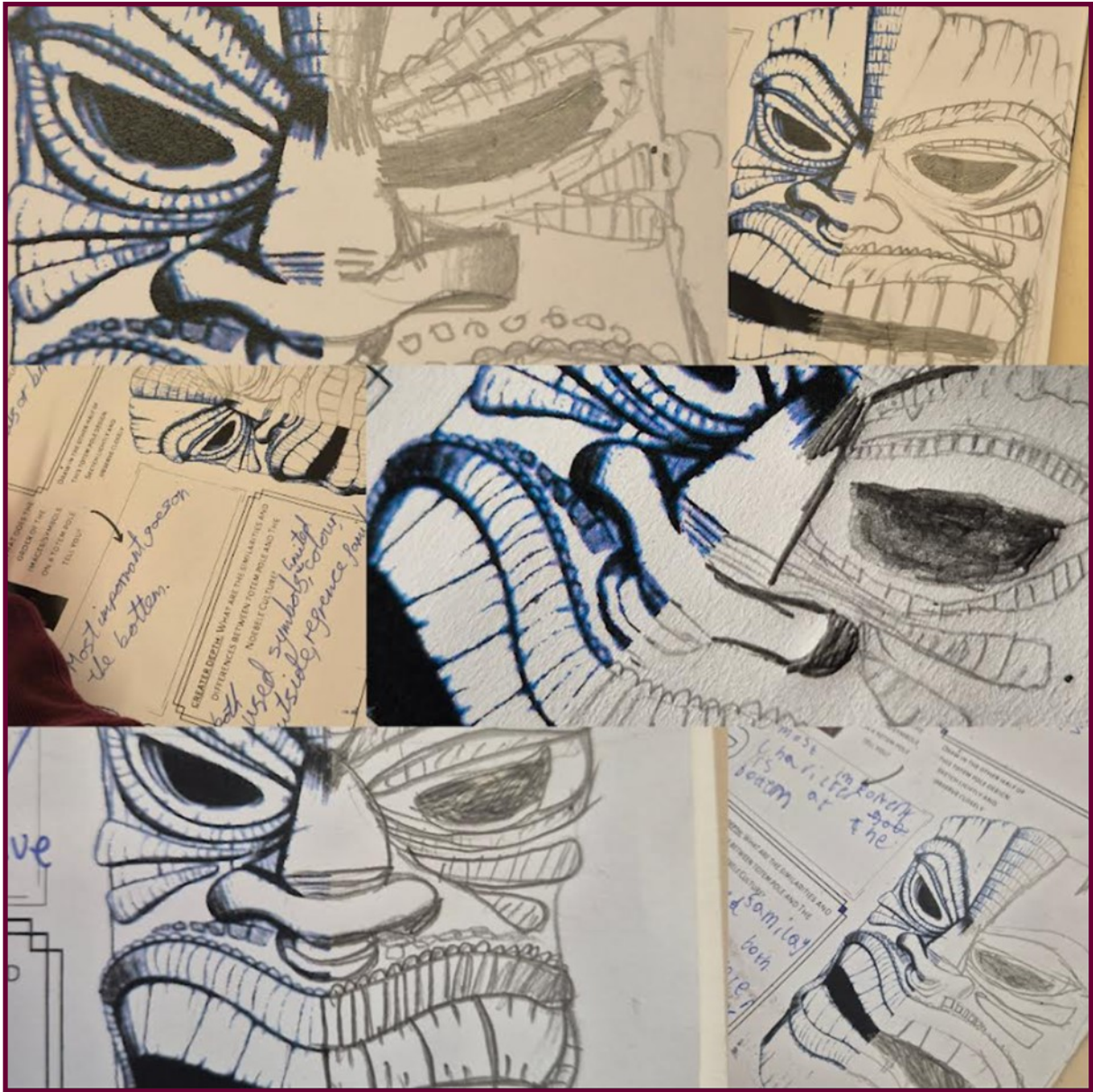
Year 7 Food

Year 7 have been practising their sharp knife skills as prep for dicing their onions for next week's Bolognese. I'm sure you'll agree that these accurate choppings might be found in a professional kitchen! Excellent work, young chefs.



Year 7 Art

Year 7 started their research into Native American Totem Poles containing the Art from Other Cultures project. Tonal, pencil drawings of Totem masks.



All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker