

Dear Parents,

The week features mainly updates and reminders.

Parents' Evening was well attended and the atmosphere in the hall was great. The report sent home acted as a framework to discuss the specific strengths and next steps in your child's learning journey, in addition to their development as a person and learner. I hope those who attended this week came away with that information. Those attending on Monday please ask these questions. The reports on their own do not provide the individual detail. This is why we will have another round of report and consultation evenings after Easter.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to observe lessons this week with Mrs Boyes in English and I will be working with Mrs Jeffs early next week in Maths. The purpose of the exercise is to quality assure our judgements. I have also visited PE, Art, Science, Resistant Materials, Textiles and RE lessons this week. You will see from the updated action plan that we hit our target of lessons meeting our expectations.

CPD (Continual Professional Development) for staff this week focuses on book scrutiny. The process began in the core subjects and will be rolled out across all subjects from Wednesday. The key to this work is dialogue, in small groups, using pupils' learning journals to assess: presentation expectations, consistently following the Marking, Feedback and Presentation policy (available on the school website), pupil response to marking, quality and volume of work over time. This will lead on to sessions focused on identifying strengths in pupils' work and next steps in their learning that will inform future planning and assessment. Having experienced a couple of sessions led by Mrs Boyes and Mrs Jeffs with our staff last term, I was impressed with the individual knowledge staff had of their pupils and how they used this information to move their learning forward.

I am pleased to be able to celebrate a budding ski superstar in Kitty-Jay Caldwell in Year 5. She recently attended training and competitive racing in Austria. She trained with Team Precise for 4 days and then competed over the following 4 days. Kitty-Jay worked hard developing her technique and implemented instruction from her coaches. Her training day began when she was dropped off at the lift at 6.45am and finished at 4pm! The conditions were very challenging - lots of snow and mist which meant that for the first three days of racing she was skiing through the mist which meant her parents could only see her when she came through the finish! It was also the steepest course she has ever raced - World Cup competitors were training on it the week before! Kitty-Jay was placed in the following events: 4th and 5th Giant Slalom, 2nd in the Slalom and 3rd in the Pro-Slalom. Well done Kitty-Jay and keep up the hard work.

One of the highlights of my day is gate duty. I enjoy the interaction with the pupils and their positive energy. They all leave the campus in good spirits and in an orderly fashion. This week PCSO Neil Mansell visited the campus to monitor parking and pick up routines. It is important that where parents are parking or waiting doesn't impede children leaving the campus in a safe manner. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Miss Howe, Head of Year 6, has also asked if any parents would be available to help out on Year 6 Mock SATs week, w/c Monday 5th February. If you are able to help, please contact the school office with your availability.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday for our final Parents' Evening.

Rob Christopher



Kitty-Jay in Austria

