

Dear Parents/Carers,

Education is education. We should learn everything and then choose which path to follow. " Education is neither Eastern nor Western, it is human."

– Malala Yousafzai



Thoughts are never too far from the events in Ukraine right now, this quote from Malala brings quickly into focus the 'human' element after hearing of the civilian lives lost over the past few days. At the end of the day we are all the same.



Loading up the van this week proved to be an emotional moment. The generosity shown by our school community is immense. It took a full 20 minutes to fully load a LWB VW

Transporter. Thank you so much for everyone who has contributed towards our collection. Mrs Birkbeck linked us with Trinity Church in Ringwood (by the Fire Station) who gladly welcomed the amazing donations. The pictures show their own story - you filled the holding room!

Year 8 pupils have written some thought provoking arguments about belief in the omnipotent and omniscient nature of God in relation to Holocaust education and closely linked to current events. All hard hitting topics but ones which will help make for a better world if education plays its part.

Congratulations to our year 6 netball team who attended a tournament with Miss Emerson and Mrs Binning. The pupils loved their afternoon of competition and were full of stories when they returned.



Skillsbuilder continues to have a meaningful impact in the character development of our pupils. The task this week really challenged pupils to listen to other people's views and perspectives when developing their own sport. It is amazing to think how the opportunity for pupils to debate, listen and challenge ideas has shrunk over the past couple of years. It is definitely something that needs to be planned for in our wider curriculum. There were some creative designs in 7KR but the winning team's creation of "tramp-ball-boarding" proved hugely popular with many in the class, although Mrs Richardson was somewhat more reluctant to give it a try!

Well done to all pupils for taking such an active role in this day. Miss Stinson was very pleased with the outcomes. She even wore an England rugby shirt!

From Monday 21st March pupils will no longer need to wear coats indoors. Room temperatures are regularly 20 plus. Staff will monitor conditions for those sat by windows. It is another positive step to return to normal routines. Ventilation, sanitising and cleaning high touch areas remain in place as protective measures. Any person in school is welcome to wear a face covering but I strongly encourage pupils to not wear them when seated in the classroom. No person will be penalised or treated differently if they do.

The House competition goes from strength to strength. Over 100 pupils have signed up to the Art challenge alone. Please keep encouraging your child to take part in enrichment activities offered through extra-curricular and House competitions. The next opportunity is linked to Comic Relief on Friday 18th March:

For the chance to win some goodies and 20 candle credits we are asking you to tell us your funniest joke.

A winner will be chosen from each year group, and you will receive 2 candle credits just for your entry
(one entry per person)

Your joke needs to be:

Funny! - but also clean, no rude jokes please!

Posted into your year boxes that are located in your shared areas no later than Thursday 17th March.
Written on a piece of paper with your name and class on the back.

Year 7 have been working on the Step into the NHS project which is a national careers competition. The entries have been of a fantastic standard - posters, Powerpoints and even animations! Mrs Robertson will be announcing the winners of the EMS competition next week and also submitting them forward to the judges for the national competition.

I am delighted to share with you our appointment of two new members of staff who will add new skills and experiences to our team. Mrs Rahm and Mr Osborne join us in the next couple of weeks as PE Technicians/Cover Supervisors. They are well qualified for the roles, but more excitingly, they have other skills that our pupils will benefit from. More to follow as they settle into their new roles.

Enjoy a great weekend and thank you for your support of our Ukrainian collection.

Mr Rob Christopher