

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has raced by, and what a week! I frequently talk to our pupils, in Worship, about how the true character of a person is defined when they don't think someone is watching. This week has been one of those times with so many staff away. I have been immensely impressed with the way pupils have responded to the many changes this week, that have allowed all of them to remain in school and be taught by our staff, whilst maintaining a high standard of behaviour and attitude to learning. We will have most of the staff back on Monday.

This was also a great time to hold 'No Put Down Week' as pupils looked to gather as many recognitions on their pyramids as possible. My favourite quote to be posted in the corridors read:

*Advice from a tree:
Stand tall and proud,
Go out on a limb,
Remember your roots,
Drink plenty of water,
Be content with your natural beauty,
Enjoy the view.*

So many important messages given in such a simple way. Huge thanks to Mrs Binning and Mrs Birkbeck and their year 8 Anti-Bullying team who have led many activities across the week.

There have been several reward activities this week which continue until the end of term. These are mostly linked to candle credits pupils have earned. Simple activities such as mufti and puzzle afternoons all the way to 6-a-side football. Also, as we end the term, pupils will be able to enter the raffle for Amazon vouchers. With regard to House competitions, I hear Malala have very strong representation in the art competition that will be judged during the week. Well done to all involved.

Year 5 Textiles groups have worked really hard this term to get their drawstring bags completed. They have used a range of skills including, pinning, tacking, the sewing machine, fabric inks, templates, stencils, hand stitching and threading a needle!



Also in year 5, well done to the netball teams who played against St Ives on Wednesday, winning one and losing one game. Great experience for all involved.

Trips are fast approaching. Good luck to year 5s as they go away to Heatree on Tuesday. On Wednesday 6th April at 5.30pm we welcome year 7 parents for a pre-trip meeting for the PGL residential in May.

The food tech department has been lending out lots of containers to students who have nothing to take their cooking home in. Unfortunately, most of these have not been returned. Could you please ensure that your child brings a suitable container with them each time they cook. Thank you for your support. If you have any spare ice cream or chocolate containers, we would love to restock.

Important COVID Update

As I am sure you are aware, Government guidance in relation to COVID changed with effect from today. The guidance now states:

“Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious.”

As part of the Government’s next steps for living with COVID, pupils will now only need to be absent from school if they are unwell or have a high temperature. As access to free testing has ceased, illnesses will not be identified as COVID and therefore home learning will no longer be provided as there is no requirement to isolate once children are feeling well.

Next week, I am sure, will whizz by. A reminder school finishes at 1.30pm on Friday and the new term starts on Monday 25th April. Enjoy the weekend and stay out of that cold northerly!

Mr Christopher