

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



**Word of the week – Communicate**

**Worship Theme of the week – European Day of Languages**

**Core value of the week – Show respect**

**Biblical reference of the week – 1 Corinthians 14:10-11**

It has certainly been an exciting week here at St Edward's, we've had House competitions galore, and we've celebrated European Day of Languages with baking, speaking, dress and lots of competitions.

Alongside this Y7 have settled so well into their new teaching groups and the quality of work by all children continues to blow us away. Classes are now starting to complete their first key pieces and I know the children will be proud of their efforts. Thank you to all parents who continue to support us and your children by ensuring their Masters of Recall and SPARX maths is completed. We will be working towards the first Masters of Recall Big Quiz in the coming weeks. We have had our first football fixtures of the week with boys and girls competing in the National Schools' Cup.

If you've passed by the new site recently you see the progress from the road. The steelwork for the Sports Hall and PE block is now well underway and the panels for the walls and windows are going in on the main build. I'll add any new photos I get to this newsletter as we progress.

## European Day of Languages

As well as celebrating European Day of Languages with staff languages, staff dress up, and a whole host of events through the day, we also held our annual Languages Bake Sale. There were some fantastic creations, and it was great to see on twitter all the effort put in by the children, their siblings, and of course parents! We have raised £160.78 for Barnsley Hospice; what a superb effort. Over the next week we will continue to be running House events as you can see from the House events attachment. It was brilliant to see our staff embrace the day and I stood in wonder at the vast array of outfits. What a dedicated and brilliant team we have.

Our winners were: 1st Place – Emilia Eastwood 7JSE, 2nd Place – Evelyn Tomlinson 7JSE, 3rd Place – Philip Luczak 7JSE. A huge thank you for everyone who took part.



## British Council GCHQ

We had a very special, top-secret presentation on Tuesday from representatives at the British Council. They presented to some of our Y9 students about how linguists are needed in work for the Ministry of Defence and GCHQ. The operations in GCHQ are so covert that the presenters could not be seen, and they had a different name. It was very James Bond-esque and gave another example of how being fluent in another language can open up many job opportunities.



## Rewards Assemblies

As you know, we love celebrating success here at St Edward's and this week has been the first round of our celebration assemblies. Each fortnight we celebrate excellent attendance, subject heroes, house heroes, PE team of the week and other special awards. I just love listening to the reasons staff give for nominating children. They really are proud of their accomplishments and rightly so. I hope you enjoy seeing all the photos we post on twitter and in this newsletter. We are extending our rewards and celebration of learning over the next few weeks. Staff will be sending home new postcards that are awarded to children who show resilience in their learning, who show determination to do better, and who overcome nerves or challenges to contribute in class. As well as the postcard and achievement points, all these children will go into a fortnightly prize draw for their efforts in class. We must ensure we celebrate effort and resilience as well as academic outcomes. Mrs Vallance, in her role as Lead Teacher – Learning Behaviours has developed and will run this new initiative.





### **Barnsley Foodbank – House event and Community support**

**Barnsley Foodbank Partnership house competition – PRIOR NOTICE!**

We are delighted to be supporting Barnsley Foodbank Partnership from 17th to 20th October 2023. We are asking students to donate as many long-life items as possible. Suggested items include tinned foods, dried pasta, toilet roll, dilute juice, baby wipes etc. Students will take their donated items to the small hall as soon as they arrive at school and place them in their house pile. The house who collects the most items will receive 200 house points!

We have assigned a drop off day for each year group:

Year 7 = Tuesday 17th October  
Year 8 = Wednesday 18th October  
Year 9 = Thursday 19th October

Please donate if you can, our Barnsley community really appreciate your support.

### **Dates for your diary/upcoming events**

Friday 6th October – TWIGGS sustainability trip