

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



**Word of the week – Parable**

**Worship Theme of the week – Stories Jesus told**

**Core value of the week – Responsibility/Empathy**

**Biblical reference of the week – Luke 10:25-37**

Another amazing week has flown by again. I have loved being in celebration assemblies this week and seeing all the awards and prizes being given out. The pleasure and pride shown on our students faces just reinforces what an amazing school community we have. We now have even more badges being worn on blazers!

We have been discussing a parable told by Jesus about 'The Lost Sheep' and ensuring that we always look out for one another and support each other. Being kind is a key skill we constantly teach our children, something I know you focus on at home too. They have shown this in abundance this week with the launch of our character cards. All the children consistently support one another and show impeccable manners and they are now being rewarded further for this. Please ask to see their card and see how many stickers they have earned. Each full card earns a little prize and is then entered into the grand prize draw at the end of term. Huge congratulations this week go out to the children who have received their Academic Excellence postcards from staff for going above and beyond in lessons. Please check with your child to see if they have one. A special well done to Zarra'Lee Graham in Y7, Sian Halford in Y8 and Bradley Herbert in Y9 who won a £15 voucher each for being drawn out of all the winners.

## **Sporting Success**

A huge well done to our Y7 girls' football team who won the Trinity MAT Year 7 girls' football tournament this week. They went unbeaten throughout. The boys' team did fantastically well too and all of them should be proud of their efforts.



## Careers

We are proud of the work we do on careers as we want to encourage children to aspire to be whatever they choose in life. This week a group of Y9's headed to the Metrodome to watch presentations and obtain knowledge on roles within the NHS. It was another fantastic event and the staff at the venue commented on how polite and pleasant our children were. We have lots more exciting opportunities coming up in the next few weeks focusing on careers.



## Christmas Carol Concert

ALMOST TIME – TICKETS LIVE FROM TODAY!!!!!!

I am delighted to inform you that our brilliant Christmas Carol Concert is back for another year. The concert will be held at St Edward's Church on Wednesday 20th December from 7pm. Our children will be singing and playing, and they will be supported by the Barnsley Metropolitan Brass Band. Some of the monies raised from ticket sales will be donated to the church and to our charity partner BIADS. Tickets will be on sale soon and will sell out fast!



Trinity Academy St Edward's proudly present

# Christmas Community Carols

Wednesday 20 December 2023

7:00pm

St Edward the Confessor Church, Racecommon Road,  
Barnsley, S70 6JY

Tickets will go on sale Friday 24th November



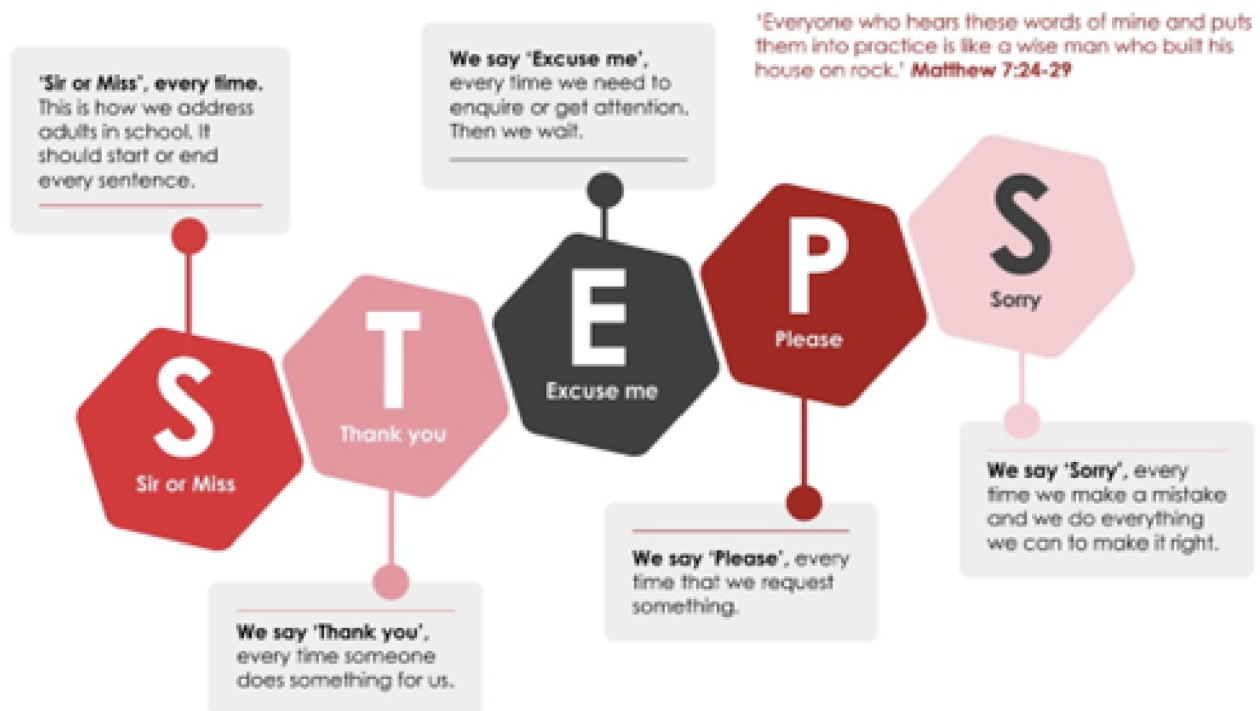




## Steps

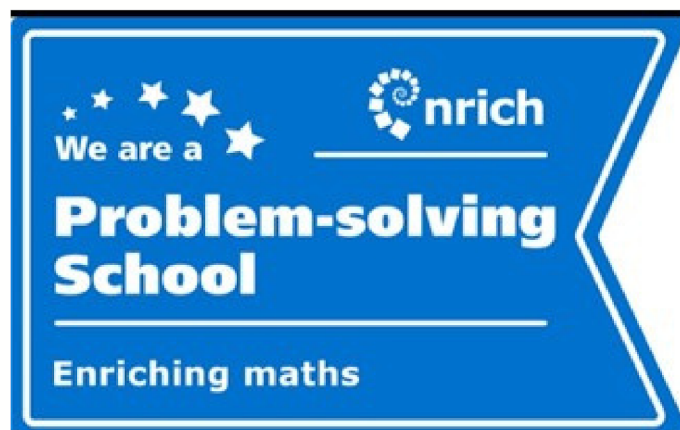
Part of the work we do around teaching great behaviour and manners is to focus on our STEPS. We pride ourselves on using good manners and I constantly hear from members of the public and visitors to the school about how polite and respectful our children are, and what beautiful manners they have.

Every week in form time we focus on one of the letters and think about how we can display our manners. Next week we focus on our children saying 'Please' when they require something from their friends or from staff. Please do follow suit if you like at home and focus on the same STEP that we are.



## Maths Award

We pride ourselves on our STEM specialism and maths is an integral part of that. We focus on maths mastery and the children benefit from exceptional teaching from specialist staff. Our Trust owns the company 'White Rose Education', so we benefit by getting the latest resources and training. As part of our mastery approach, we have been designated as a problem-solving school. Our approach will focus more on teaching problem solving abilities to children that they can apply to maths and real life. Another fantastic accolade for our school and the TASE maths team.



## Home learning

I do hope that you see the benefit of our approach to home learning and using a knowledge organiser to learn new knowledge which then enables children to apply it to subject related questions. We feel it helps to organise the children's time and does not overwhelm them. I also hope that it supports you as parents to keep on top of their home learning. Below are a few points that could support you further in helping your child with their masters of recall work.

## Masters of Recall

Students learn the **weekly** knowledge in their **knowledge organiser** using the self-quizzing process of look, cover, write, check, correct. This is completed in their **yellow recall book**. They must then answer the **recall questions** in their knowledge organiser, from **memory**. If they cannot answer the questions, then they need to **go back** and learn the knowledge again. Family and friends can support at home by quizzing and questioning. Termly knowledge organisers can be found on the TASE website.

Yellow recall books and knowledge organiser questions will be checked **every Monday morning in form time**. All subjects must to be completed in full each week.

At the end of each term, students complete a '**Masters of Recall Big Quiz**'.

What does look. cover. write. check. correct mean?



Look

Look at the information carefully.

Read it three times.

It may help to say it as you read it.



Cover

Cover it with your hand or a piece of paper.



Write

Write it out, from memory.



Check

Check what you have written matches the information exactly. Have you got it correct? If so, tick your work to show it is correct.



Correct

If it doesn't match exactly, use your purple pen to correct it.

Repeat.

When you get it 100% correct, move on to the **next** piece of information.

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, AMAZING EXPERIENCE**



## Assessment Week

Our first assessment week will be with us before long. This will take place throughout the week commencing 15th January 2024 and all children will sit their assessment in their normal class. They (and you) will soon be getting some preparation sheets for every subject that will help them to focus on their revision. We hope this again will support you as parents to support your child. The children are so proud of their efforts and always want to do their very best and these assessments are a chance to achieve this.

**Year 7 Jan Assessment 2024 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**MATHS**

Lessons

Date

Lesson

Microsoft Teams

Additional

**ENGLISH**

Lessons

Date

Lesson

Microsoft Teams

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**SCIENCE**

Lessons

Date

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**FRENCH**

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**HISTORY**

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Additional

You will complete an assessment in **maths, English, science, art, geography, history, French, computing, music, D&T and RS**. These assessments are really important and will test your knowledge and skills covered in the curriculum from September to now. It is crucial that you **prepare** fully for these assessments, using the resources available for each subject. You will need a **pen, pencil and ruler** for each assessment. The assessment will take place in your **normal classroom** and will be completed in **exam conditions**. We are proud of how hard you are working and know you will **show us your best** in all subjects. **Thank you and good luck!**

### Dates for your diary/upcoming events

Tuesday 28th November – F1 in schools visit (STEM)

Wednesday 29th November – PSHE Presentation Evening for parents (5.30pm to 6.30pm)

Wednesday 29th November – Parent Leadership Group meeting with Mr Allen (5.00pm-6.00pm)