



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

9TH FEBRUARY 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK – AWARENESS

WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

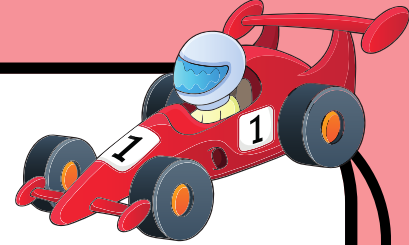
CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – DISPLAY EMPATHY / SPEAK HONESTLY

BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

How have we got to the end of another term so quickly? It has been an amazing five weeks and time really does fly when you're having fun. This week we have been focusing on children's mental health and part of this has been to raise awareness and to highlight the importance of looking out for one another. We celebrate success a lot at TASE and our positivity certainly helps with mental health. Within school, we have our own mental health counsellor, staff who are mental health first aiders and areas such as Recharge that can support our children. Tied in to this we have had another great Appreciation Day where we shared our thanks to our community and on Thursday, we focused on writing about things we were thankful for. In turn, I would like to say a sincere thank you for your patience and support yesterday with the closure of the school due to the inclement weather. It is a very difficult decision to make, and when to make it. I have the responsibility for the care of all the children and all the staff, so when making a decision I have to try and weigh up what is best, and I hope the advanced warning and the option for us to keep children where needed helped. I am thrilled that we have appointed a teacher of drama next year from a very strong field this week, and likewise two more French teachers from one of the best fields of candidates I have interviewed. Outstanding professionals have a real desire to work at our school and with your children and these new appointments will only strengthen our teaching and learning. I hope you all have a lovely half term break with your families and enjoy the time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19th February. The next half term will include Parents' Evenings, Options Information Evening for Y9 parents/students and many more exciting events.

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F1 IN SCHOOLS



Our Y7/Y8 F1 In Schools team participated in the regional final this week at York University. Their 'pit gear' was kindly sponsored by our Trust subsidiary company, White Rose Education. The team had a fantastic time putting their designs through their paces and speaking to judges about their designs and ideas. Our team were awarded the 'Judges Choice' award for their work. What an amazing experience this was for them and we look forward to doing it all again next year.



WORLD CLASS TRUST

As well as being a 'World Class School' we belong to only one of seven 'World Class Trusts' in the country. The success of our schools is far reaching and has such a variety to it. We strive to ensure we increase the life chances of children in our care, and I hope you can see from the review of the last year how fortunate we are to be part of such a successful group of schools. It is fantastic to see TASE mentioned frequently in the review too. Despite a lot of the negative publicity in the media, being part of a Trust really does bring many benefits. For your children, they are part of one of the most successful, highly performing trusts in the county.

<https://www.trinitymat.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/TMAT-End-of-Year-Review-2023.pdf>

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SAFER INTERNET DAY

We welcomed a guest speaker on Thursday morning as part of Safer Internet Day who spoke about cyber security and the role his company play in it. He highlighted the dangers faced online and how companies and the government work hard to keep us all safe. All week and throughout Thursday, there have been key messages given to the children about keeping safe on the internet.

As a parent of teenage girls myself, I know the worries the internet brings. Please do get in touch with us if you need our support and please do regularly check your child's phone and their internet history. Below is another information slide about group chats. Please follow TASEComputing on X for many more updates like this. Our Y7 students enjoyed their first taste of ESports this week with our friends at Barnsley College. This is something we have done for three years now, and our children really enjoy it.



LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

Please see below the current Labour Market Information (LMI) for Barnsley. Labour market information tells you what the workplace looks like. LMI is data taken from publicly available sources, which gives information on jobs and industries. This helps us understand the structural trends and demands of an economy. Labour market information describes the condition of the labour market currently and makes future predictions. It informs us where work opportunities are increasing or decreasing, what occupations exist, what you need to study to get into that occupation, what is required to take up an occupation, how you can find a job, change job or progress in a career. Labour markets operate at local, regional, national and now at international levels. Labour market information can be overwhelming and confusing. Learning what it is and how to use it can assist you in helping your child research careers and find out where those careers exist.

Barnsley at a glance

for week commencing 15th January

Skills & Employability

Top Five Occupations

- Care Workers and Home Carers
- Cleaners and Domestic
- Customer Service Occupations
- Sales Related Occupations
- Kitchen and Catering Assistants



Average
Advertised
Salary



Top Five Recruiting Employers



In Demand Base Line Skills



In Demand Specialist Skills



Barnsley – the place
of possibilities.



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GENERAL UPDATES

From Friday 23rd of February we will be implementing a process around school meal accounts that are in debt. If your child's account goes overdrawn by up to £5, we will remind you to top it up. If that debt continues to rise and reaches £20 their account will be blocked and they will not be able to purchase anything, and you will be required to send them with a packed lunch. There are several accounts in debt now and we will be writing to you to set up repayment plans for these.

Children have been taking part in 'student voice' activities this week. We regularly ask their opinion and gauge their feeling on behaviour, lessons, safety and so on. We scrutinise the results and use our Student Senior Leadership Team and School Council to investigate any issues or ideas and these get fed back to myself and the Senior Leadership Team. After Easter, the trust will be sending all parents a link to complete survey too about our school and your feelings. Please watch out for this and please do share your thoughts so we can work together to continue to offer an outstanding education and experience for the children.

I have spoken to mainly Y9 this week and a few other students about our jewellery rules. Please can you support us in reinforcing these. Only one set of studs are allowed any other piercings and rings are not permitted. I have explained to children that after half term we will confiscate any rings worn until the end of the day. I explained to the children that bracelets and necklaces should not be seen. If children are wearing dangly charm bracelets, we will again confiscate these. I have explained that if they are worn below their shirt cuffs and collars and we don't see them, there is no issue.

Finally, can I please ask that all parents conduct telephone conversations in a calm and respectful manner. I appreciate the call may be to identify a concern, or because you are unhappy with a decision we have made. We will always strive to resolve any issue for you, and we will commit to speaking to you in a calm and respectful way. Can I ask that you do the same. Staff do not come to work to be shouted at on the phone nor spoken to in a derogatory way. Thank you to those of you who always conduct your communications with us in a respectful manner. It is appreciated.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 19th February

School reopens

Tuesday 20th- Thursday 22nd February

Masters of Recall Celebration Assemblies

Wednesday 21st February

Careers guidance meetings for Y9 students regarding Options

Friday 23rd February

Dearne Valley College/Rotherham College conducting a Y9 assembly on technical and vocational pathways



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