



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

28TH JUNE 2024

Word of the week – Habit

Worship Theme of the week – Plastic-free July

Core value of the week – Take responsibility

Biblical reference of the week – Psalm 115:16

Another exceptional week passes by. We are getting very excited about the move to the new build, and I had the pleasure of taking the Parent Leadership Group for a tour of the site this week. You will see the Astroturf starting to take shape over the next week and classroom areas are now finished and just awaiting furniture and the Sports Hall and Activity Studio are complete. It is an exciting time. I am looking forward to the next few weeks as we come together for our annual awards evenings and our very first Key Stage 3 graduation ceremony. I look forward to seeing lots of you there to celebrate the success of our wonderful students. You will have been sent a letter/email this week with a link to a survey that has been provided by the Local Authority to look at transport for next year. This data may be used to try and persuade the bus companies to add more routes for our children, so please fill it in.

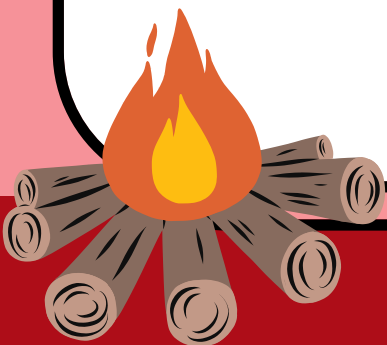


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DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Huge congratulations to our first ever cohort of students taking their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition. It was a little hot, but everyone worked really hard and showed great resilience and effort to get the job done. A massive thank you to all the staff involved who gave up their time to supervise and make sure the event was possible.



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REWARDS AND IMPORTANT ASSEMBLIES

We have had a lovely celebration assembly this week with our Y7 cohort.

Lots of postcards and badges given out as normal. Y8 had an important assembly on Wednesday regarding water safety and our Y9 cohort had an extended assembly on Thursday looking at road safety. It is vital that as well as celebrating their brilliant performances we use assembly time to deliver key safety messages. I am sure the children took lots from them.

We said our second 'well done' and congratulations for our amazing staff and students on Monday with a visit from the ice-cream van. Every member of our community had an ice cream to say well done and thank you and it really helped to cool us down on a warm day.



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TMAT EVENTS

One of the many benefits of being part of our world-class trust is the number of central competitions and events that are organised to support all children in every school. This week we had the annual maths challenge at The Royal Armouries in Leeds for our Y7 children. Then on Wednesday we had the inaugural TMAT Cricket competition sponsored by one of our Trustees. Every child that went on these had such an amazing time. Thank you so much to our fantastic trust for sorting all of these events for us.



EASTGATE WORKS

There will be some works taking place at the Regent Street end of Eastgate starting on July 8th. Please can you ask children who come to school before 8am to use the path from the car park rather than Eastgate. Those coming after 8am just need to walk on the opposite side of the road to the works and be careful. We will always have staff on duty supporting.

CHARITY AMBASSADORS EVENT

During Wednesday 3rd of July students from all year groups will have the opportunity to take part in a bake sale in aid of Barnsley Hospice. We are inviting you to bring in baked goods on the day. House points will be given out to all entries with extra house points being awarded to those on theme with the Hospice colours (white and orange). There is no limit to the number of desserts you may wish to make. Students will be able to purchase items during break. The suggested minimum donation is 50p; it will be cash only, and unfortunately no change can be offered as donations will be made directly into sealed Barnsley Hospice donation boxes. Please ensure that any baked goods DO NOT contain any of the following: nuts and pulses.

AWARDS EVENINGS

Year 7 parents and students will be attending their awards evenings next week, times and details below. These awards focus on attitude to learning and academic progress and one lucky student will take home Mr Leeder's Chair of Governor's award for making the most academic progress in the whole year group.

Year 8s are treated to The Wisdoms event, celebrating all things excellent. Many Wisdoms will be given out for subject areas and students will soon learn if they have been nominated for any awards. These are very special nights, and we cannot wait to welcome all the invitees, nominees and winners. This evening is invitation only, these will be in the post to those students who have been nominated for an award.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 2nd July

Vaccines catch-up – all year groups
Y7 Awards Evening 6-7pm Form groups JJM and BCN

Wednesday 3rd July

Y7 Awards Evening 6-7pm Form groups SHL and LWR

Thursday 4th July

Y7 Awards Evening 6-7pm Form groups HSR and JBS

SPORTING FIXTURES

Thursday 4th July

Y7/8 rounders vs Penistone

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