

Weekly Bulletin



Curated by J Day

11th February 2023

From the Head Teacher

Parent voice is extremely important to us is a key tool in better understanding our impact as a school. Please can I ask all parents to take a few minutes to complete the survey. We will share comparisons with the previous parent survey and any actions planned. Please [click here](#) to complete the survey. We secured 294 responses last time; it would be great to get that figure above 500.

This week Counsellor Jonathon Price completed a tour of the school. He was really impressed with what he saw, and particularly liked the provision in RESET and RAISE.



Special Mentions

Teaching Awards

Nominate a teacher for any of the 16 categories at the Pearson National Teaching Awards.



Open to teachers, school leaders, support staff and those working in further education and early years, the awards are an opportunity for the whole country to celebrate them.

Entries are free and the deadline is Friday 24 February.

Submit your nomination now.

Werrington TAG

We are re-launching our previously successful ICT tutoring programme for the community on Thursday 20th March running until Thursday 15th May 2023. We will run this from 1:15pm where we will meet delegates in the reception for coffee and then begin the sessions at 1:35 for 40 minutes.

Our first session would be a baseline to establish individual needs and then the sessions will be personalised and led by pupils who will guide you through all your queries and needs. If you would like to improve your knowledge of ICT packages or use Alexa, Amazon, Netflix, Skype, learn how to do online banking/shopping, or learn more about how to keep your family safe using the internet – we can run a course for you!



If you would be interested in joining our 2023 cohort, please contact Jean Fryer on jfryer229@gmail.com

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School News

House Update

During form assemblies this week, Miss Fower launched the new school House system. This is an amazing addition to our school community, and we cannot wait for the students to get involved and create a feeling of healthy competition throughout our school.

Our house system will embed our REACH values and will be inclusive for all students regardless of their needs and backgrounds. It will give students a sense of belonging and community spirit that will provide our students with a feeling of connectedness and unity, contributing to their overall well-being and satisfaction. Our events and activities will allow students to learn new skills, mentor our younger students and have fun with their house mates.

Prizes will be issued at the end of each term, with an ultimate prize issued at the end of the academic term for the overall winning house. House points will be given out to students, who contribute a great deal to the school community/environment and display certain skills. Our house system will allow student to develop their skill set and build confidence.

Our local area Stoke on Trent is well known for its pottery industry and there are several famous potters based in this area. The five potters we have selected are Clarice Cliff, William Moorcroft, Josiah Wedgwood, Emma Bridgewater, and John Doulton. The five houses encapsulate the rich history, culture, and ethos of our area. In representing a House, students will not only develop their team skills as well as personal enrichment, but students will hopefully be influenced in all they do by these legends of Staffordshire.



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Science Blast-Off

In Science club, Mr Johnson has been teaching students how to make water rockets! Students created them in the afterschool club which runs on Friday until 4:30, and then tested them outside afterwards. It looked like great fun, but they were amazingly fast – blink and you have missed them! Mr Johnson is hoping to secure some rockets; if Cornwall can have a space port, so can Werrington!



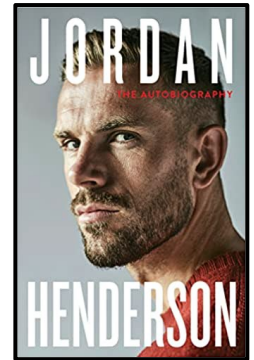
Book Corner



Joe C is reading "*Jordan Henderson: The Autobiography*" by Jordan Henderson. He is enjoying this book because he loves football. He thinks that it is

interesting

because it documents Henderson's career. Joe wants to be a footballer when he is older and knows that it will take a lot of hard work, dedication, and practice to achieve this goal. He is finding inspiration in Henderson's book, and his older sister Ellie (one of our Year 11 students last year, who now plays for Port Vale Under-18s).



German Celebrations

Next week marks the start of the Germanic Fasching celebrations, there will be a few things going on in German lessons, including German Karneval music, culture focused lessons, "*Karnelle werfen*" (sweet throwing), and "*Weiberfastnacht*" (women's carnival)

Vaccinations

Please complete the email sent to Year 9 parents and guardians regarding vaccinations by the 21st of March 2023. There are two vaccinations, Meningitis ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (3-in-1 Teenage Booster).

School Meals

Due to the continuing unprecedented inflationary pressures on food and labour **your school meal price will cost £2.83 after the February half term.**



The primary driver behind the aggressive inflation we all face continues to be the ongoing war in Ukraine and subsequent sanctions against Russia, which have been further exacerbated by the current volatile economic situation.

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Engage

Student House Vacancies

For our House System to work, we need the input of our students. We have the following vacancies available for students to join the House Leadership Team:

- x 2 House Captains
- x 2 Vice-Captains
- x 4 Student House Co-ordinators

Student applications close on:
Student interviews on:
House Leadership Team are appointed on:

14th February 2023
16th February 2023
17th February 2023

8D Charity Guest

8D had a guest speaker from their chosen charity 'Shelter' into their Citizenship lesson with Miss Lewis to talk about the work of the charity and how the students can support their work-students behaved well and gained some useful tips and hints to make their social action successful.



Sparx Leader Board

Date: 6th February 2023

Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Ewan-D	7B
Max-R	7C
Reuben-P	7B
Aurora-O	7B
Jack-B	7A

Year 7

Student	Class
Lucas-B	8A
Logan-M	8A
Charlie-P	8C
Maisy-J	8A
Freddie-T	8B

Year 8

Student	Class
Emma-N	9D
Tyler-B	9C
Dylan-M	9A
Mitchel-S	9F
Lexi-Jay-M	9F

Year 9

Student	Class
Sophia-C	10B
Imogen-L	10C
William-M	10A
Amy-C	10A
Summer-S	10F

Year 10

Student	Class
Isobel-B	11B
Jessica-W	11A
George-B	11A
Alexia-B	11B
Scarlett-A	11D

Year 11

Best-Class:.....11A.....Miss-Erskine

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Achieve

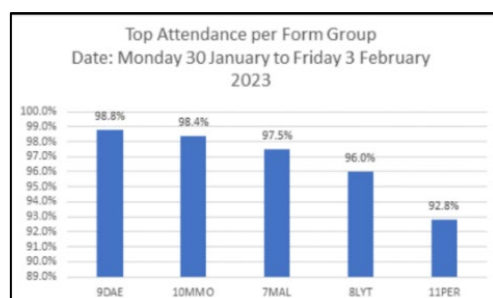
Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Head Teacher Award last week for upholding REACH values.

Maddie K	For being so hard working and conscientious in Biology
James S	For being a super Biologist and demonstrating great critical thinking skills in our application lesson on enzymes!
Ashton H	
Callan G	For being an excellent, enthusiastic scientist! Keep up your hard work!
William J	
Jaydon C	Outstanding effort on your recent American History assessment
Demi D	
Eden L	Being one of the first pupils to achieve 10 000 XP points on Sparx
Lucy B	
Lucie V	Always goes above and beyond, completed extra artwork at home in response to the assembly on the Holocaust.
Ava H	Your 100% effort in P.E. lessons and extra-curricular
Gracie B	
Harry D	
George W	
Joe H	Your excellent attainment and attitude in P. E. lessons and extra-curriculum

Attendance

Congratulations to 7MAL, 8LYT, 9DAE, 10MMO and 11PER who achieved the top attendance in their respective year groups last week!



German Exams

Year 11 German GCSE pupils have commenced their preparation for their speaking exam which will take place after the Easter holidays.

MFL staff are available during lunch time and after school should they wish to practise in Room 4. We look forward to seeing the pupils, *„um Deutsch zu sprechen! Los gehts!“*