



## Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

As week 4 ends we are picking up the pace with teaching and learning across the school, and all pupils are demonstrating such positive attitudes to their work. There are many exciting learning opportunities developing for all pupils – and I look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks.

### **New school library**

It's been wonderful to hear the views not only from that of the school council, but all classes this week on the development of the new school library. It's been agreed that a larger space is now required – and I've received some wonderful ideas from comic corners to audio-only pods for our new space.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Pupils and staff had an amazing morning raising money and awareness of the work of Macmillan. Both staff and pupils wore green, enjoyed some delicious cake and raised £166.48 for Macmillan. Congratulations to Miss Golding who was the winner of the staff bake off – and a special thank you to all those volunteer judges!

I would like to thank all of the pupils, staff, parents and carers for their support and kind contributions. Mrs. Hesketh (Marion) and her family were in all of our thoughts throughout the day.

### **Residential**

My evening in residential this week has been focused on the introduction to new Key Working Sessions (KWS) and it was a pleasure to join them for some delicious homemade pizzas.

I've enjoyed hearing about the groups plans for a new chill-out space with a collection of 12" records and upgraded residential sensory room. An Hour For Others continues – and learning chess is on the agenda.

### **Learning Support Assistants**

It's been a busy week for interviews in school as we aim to appoint new members of staff to our Learning Support Assistants (LSA) team. 3 new members of staff will be due to join us to continue to support the excellent work carried out by the team. I will update you on new staff members in due course.

**Flu Vaccination Reminder**

All information has been shared by Mrs. Mangan – but a reminder that flu vaccinations will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**St Vincent's Day**

We ended the week celebrating St Vincent's Day. Pupils and staff held a small mass in our school chapel as we reflected on the story of St Vincent – enjoyed music from the school choir and gospel readings.

It has been another exceptionally busy week at St Vincent's – and I wish all a restful weekend. For those joining us tomorrow for our Saturday activities – sessions start at 10 am.

Best wishes,

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