



Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



The Weekly Newsletter is issued a day earlier due to our cross-MAT Inset Day being held on Friday 19th April 2024. We will see if we can get the video version out, or that might need to wait until Friday during the day if I can grab 5 minutes to film! A huge thank you to our Trust Lead, Tracy

Goodyear for all the time and energy that went into putting together a day of training across our Trust. In a previous existence, I did something similar for the SWAN in Birmingham – and know first-hand how much organising something like this takes!

Late last week we had another addition to the Q3 Family when our Student Support Champion (Right Path) Mr. Steel became a father for the second time! We welcome baby Teddy to the world, and hope all are doing well now they are back at home! In his absence I have to say Mr. Jones is doing a sterling job down in the Pavilion and we are extremely grateful for his efforts ably supported by Miss Longhurst and Mr. Curtis as always! I was delighted to catch up with Clive Heywood (Friends of Barnford Hill Park) alongside Mrs. Wilson on Monday – watch this space for an exciting competition coming your way!

Last Friday I also had the pleasure of welcoming a key member of our community, Cllr Jay Anandou, to the Academy. He joined us for Family Lunch, waxing lyrical about the quality of the food, and also conversation with the Year 7s he sat with – and we were then able to discuss parking issues outside the Academy. I have to admit to reading some of the comments on the local Facebook groups whenever a matter like this comes to the fore. Apparently, it is the job of a school to teach children about road safety and we should have staff on duty the length and breadth of Moat Road and surrounding streets! We have a strong staff presence outside, on the gates and over the road at Barnford Hill Park, we also conduct walkthroughs around various streets e.g., Matty Road, but it is actually not in our jurisdiction, and staff are not covered by insurance once they leave the actual site. This is where, as a society, we

have got things wrong over many years – it is parents' responsibilities to teach children about road safety. We can of course support and reinforce, and the local community needs to take a stand to ensure children (from all schools) behave on the way home from school. Schools, sadly, cannot fix the ills of society alone!

We held a well-attended Year 11 Parent Briefing on Monday after school. A huge thank you to Miss Parslow and Mr. Evans for putting together the goodie bags, and a huge thank you to all the families who attended the event. On Thursday we also hosted a Year 9 Citizenship briefing followed by Mr. Dale's pre-Belgium Battlefields meeting. Another date for your diary, Ms. Goodbourn has confirmed that a meeting for all attending the France Trip will take place on 20th May – further details in due course.

Congratulations to the winners of three Star of the Lesson awards in a single day: Haider Ali (9C2), Ceira Babbington (9A1), Gracie Cutler (7D2), Dyani Higgins (9C2), Zeke Maynard-Robinson (10S2), Riya Saund (9C2), Kavi Sood (8L2) and Aaron Uppal (9S2).

Mr. Gee updated me that our ongoing work on Metacognition and Self-Regulation with the TLAC communities has commenced again this week. I have been so impressed with the staff team who are leading on this, and know their impact will be felt across our school and beyond in Sandwell and Walsall in the coming weeks and months.

We move into Cycle 3 Assessment Week for KS3 students next week, so I hope they use the Inset Day away from the building to undertake some revision ahead of the assessments. A reminder that if your child is not feeling 100% next week, we can still host them in the Academy to ensure they can complete their assessments. Please contact your child's PLD team for further advice; it is imperative they are in the building!

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Peter Lee

Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 15th April 2024. They are:



MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 22/04/2024

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 22nd April	Chipotle Chicken New Potatoes Pickled Cucumber & Onion	Pasta Primavera (V) Garlic Bread Pickled Cucumber & Onion	Mixed Biscuits
Tuesday 23rd April	Katsu Chicken Curry (H) Rice Sweetcorn	Beany Chilli (V) Rice Sweetcorn	Yoghurt Pot
Wednesday 24th April	Philly Cheese Steak Potato Wedges Peas	Chick Pea Burger (V) Potato Wedges Peas	Mixed Biscuits
Thursday 25th April	Vegan Nuggets (V) Diced Potatoes Green Beans	Vegan Nuggets (V) Diced Potatoes Green Beans	Yoghurt Pot
Friday 26th April	Breaded Fish Chips Baked Beans	Vegetable Pasty (V) Chips Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians (H) Halal Meat. The menu is subject to change at short notice.

PARSLOW'S PUZZLE

Last week's Parslow's Puzzle Winner: Roisin McHugh (10L2).

Well done Roisin!

This week's Parslow's Puzzle question is:

If "all squares are rectangles" and "all rectangles are polygons", which statement is true?

- A) All squares are polygons.
- B) All polygons are squares.
- C) Some squares are not polygons.

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 23rd April at 3:30pm. A Mars bar or financial equivalent will be awarded for the winning entry draw. The Headteacher's decision is final in this matter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Academy closed.

Half-Term

Monday 27th May 2024 -Friday 31st May 2024

Students return on Monday 3rd June at normal times.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

Be active for your mental health! One of the best things we can do for our mental health and wellbeing is to be active- it's a natural mood booster. Find out more about the mental health benefits of physical activity by accessing the QR code.

