



Year 8 Newsletter October 2022

Message from Mr Johnson

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and have taken the time to enjoy yourselves.

Summer changes

During the summer break, staff were busy preparing the school for the year ahead. Our Site Team together with external contractors have been undertaking a number of crucial projects. We now have a fully re-furbished Food Technology teaching classroom, which is looking fantastic, complete with its own utility room featuring a washing machine, tumble dryer and a dishwasher. Various offices have been decorated as well so it is a massive thank you to all our staff who have made this happen. Fantastic job, well done.

Toilet facilities can often be overlooked when it comes to building improvements but we have now refurbished our facilities thereby improving the overall access, appearance, cleanliness and hygiene.

With two faulty boilers in the Lower School, we have replaced those with three modern, reliable and cost-effective models.

As we continue to pursue our aim to provide inclusive, exciting, supportive and educational environments we targeted two of our Music rooms. They have been decorated, new carpets fitted and are really welcoming now.

School activities

This half term, we have seen some notable work taking place from all our students and staff. It was fabulous to visit Mr Pightling's Construction class to see them completing their carpentry projects. The future of our quality tradesmen is safe in our hands!

The Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM) Clubs Quality Mark is an award that is available to all UK schools and colleges. There are three levels of award; bronze, silver, and gold. Each award validates the delivery of STEMM subject. Through the dedication and hard work of our staff, particularly Mrs Mann, we have been awarded the Gold STEMM Club Quality Mark which is fantastic.

We provide a wide variety of extra-curricular activities during lunchtimes and after school. You are encouraged to visit the link below to see what is on offer. Your child may be interested in music or drama, PE, STEM, Duke of Edinburgh; plus, we have school organised trips your child may enjoy;

<https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=93>



Time keeping

Good punctuality at school is essential for students to achieve their full educational potential. It is also vital for students to form good habits for later life. We are very pleased with how our students have responded to the challenges set on punctuality. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children maintain excellent attendance and punctuality records. A reminder that we will continue to close all side gates by 8.45am and record students coming through the main gate after that time.

Year 6 Tours/Sixth Form

We have delivered a very successful two weeks of tours for our local Year 6 students and parents, along with another impressive open evening. Then it was the turn of our Sixth Form team to host the Sixth Form Open Evening. Both events were extremely well attended and a big thank you to all the staff and students who helped out on the evenings; it is their passion for their subject and commitment to Springwood that make these evenings so successful and enjoyable!

Communications

We are always looking at ways in which we can improve our communications with you. Next half term we have some lovely events to look forward to such as the Springwood Christmas Concert, a School production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" and the Springwood Snowman Project. Our school website includes a calendar of events so watch out for further details on future events along with photos and reviews from past events.

Best wishes for a restful half term break.

Mr Johnson

Also included with this newsletter:

Price & Buckland flyer with details of the new PE sweatshirt

A letter from Mr Scoles, PSHE lead, regarding parental rights to withdraw their child from sex education

A letter from Portsmouth University explaining a project we are involved in and a survey all students will be invited to complete next half term.



Mr Hobbs – Head of Year 8



Ms Craig – Year Manager

It feels as though we have hit the ground running this year. The students have picked up precisely where they left off at the end of a very successful Year 7.

As I have previously explained, developing our pupils in terms of their Extracurricular interests, their character and also their academic successes are at the forefront of our thinking. With this in mind I have been impressed to see so many pupils taking advantage of the school's extracurricular offer. Year 8 are well represented in all clubs and this not only fills me with pride but also bodes well for the individual pupil's development.

Our sports teams have been particularly active with lots of local and county successes. Please remember to follow the school Twitter page for regular updates and results. This term we have launched ENDEAVOUR, our Year 8 programme. Pupils will complete activities and tasks based on Extra-Curricular Activity, Numeracy and Literacy, Displaying work, Exploring, ATL'S, Valuing others, Orating, Understanding (E-Safety and Careers) and Representing the school or House. After pupils have worked through the programme we will celebrate their achievements together at our end of year reward day SPRINGFEST 2023!

Behaviour of the year group has been fabulous. The year group are showing maturity in the way that they approach lessons, understanding the need for knowledge and enjoying the process.

This term the BBC came in to deliver a presentation to Year 8. Their feedback was glowing. Our year group impressed not only with their behaviour but also with their sensible and well thought through questions. Well done.

Similarly, recently, Year 8 spent a day at the zoo! Again, by all accounts pupils' behaviour was exemplary. Our pupils were respectful of other school groups as well as members of the general public. Although, as their Head of Year (and I am sure you as parents), this is what I would hope for, it is always lovely to hear that it was a reality. Another well done and thank you.

Have a lovely restful break. Recharge your batteries and here's looking forward to another fun filled half term.



ATTENDANCE

Well done students below who have 100% attendance

Hager A	8B2	Lucas F	8H1	Ruby L	8B2	Nela R	8H2
Ava A	8F1	Sandra F	8O1	Aiden L	8B2	Aiden R	8B1
Jonathan A	8B2	Macy G	8H2	Aidan L	8F2	Nickolas S	8H1
Nelia A	8S1	Daisy-Louise G	8H1	Ella-Louise L	8O2	Abin S	8S1
Roberts A	8F2	Zack G	8S1	Finley M	8S2	Chiane S	8B1
Grace A	8O1	Lois G	8O1	Robyn M	8S1	Senoozhika S	8O1
Elijel A	8O2	Faye G-I	8S2	Shayla M	8F1	Connor S	8H2
Estela B	8H1	Charlie G	8S1	Dylan M	8B2	Daisy S	8H1
Shiloh B	8O2	Poppy G-B	8S1	Ronnie M	8H2	Alfie S	8H1
Maisie B	8F2	Olivia H	8S2	Ben M	8F1	Ryan S	8H2
Charlie B	8H2	Taylor H	8B1	Samuel M	8F1	Freddy S	8F2
Emily B	8O1	Zachary H	8H2	Eryn M	8F1	Elizabeth S	8B1
Callum B	8H1	Ellis H	8H2	Lexi M-W	8F1	Daisy T	8S1
Lucia B	8H2	Aimee H	8S1	Fletcher M	8F2	Lacie T	8B2
Henry B	8F2	Elliott H	8F1	Elena M	8B1	Rory T	8H1
Jack B	8H2	Kian H	8F2	Laila M	8S1	Sebastian T	8H2
Kayleigh B	8H2	Darcie H	8F1	Alfie N	8B1	Maisie T	8B2
Laeila B	8H1	Alfie H	8B2	Leah O	8S2	Riley T	8S2
Daniel C	8S2	Jack H	8F1	Oreoluwa O	8H2	Lexie T	8S2
Adrijanas C	8O2	Caidan H	8F2	Antoni O	8B2	Kristers T	8O2
Lilly-Ann C	8S1	Isabelle I	8H1	Annie O	8H1	Millie T	8H1
Emily C	8B1	Esther J	8F2	William O	8H2	Scarlett T	8O1
Daisy C-MC	8O2	Alvin J	8S1	Freya P	8F1	Kaden U	8O2
Lily C	8O1	Ashlen J	8O1	Jessica P	8H1	Mileyrose W	8H1
Tegan C	8H2	Daniel J	8S2	Tamzin P	8F2	Roxanne W	8O2
Harvey C	8B2	Mileja K	8B1	Amelia P	8F2	Elizabeth W-B	8O2
Daisy D	8O1	Emilija K	8O1	Abdullah Q	8F1	Sophie W	8H1
Leon D	8H2	Kiana K	8B1	Theresa R	8S2	Chloe W	8F1
Cyprian D	8H1	Jett K	8F1	Jewel R	8O2	Travis W	8B2
Lily E-B	8H1	Oliver K	8F2	Isabella R	8B2	Cherry Y	8F2
Thea E	8H1	Anya K	8S2	David R	8S1	Hui Y	8F2
Erin F	8O2	Methumlee K	8F1	Maksymilian R	8F1		



The Extra Mile



Whilst it's easy to recognise and praise the event in school, we are aware that we don't always get to hear about outside achievements.

We would love you to share any special accomplishments that your son/daughter in Year 8 have achieved outside of school. This could be a regular activity that they participate in, events that they completed in, anything that they and you as parents are proud to share with us.

Please would you email:

theextramile@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

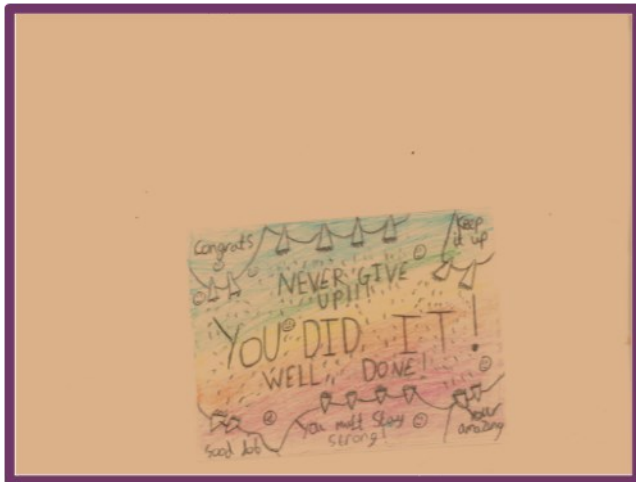
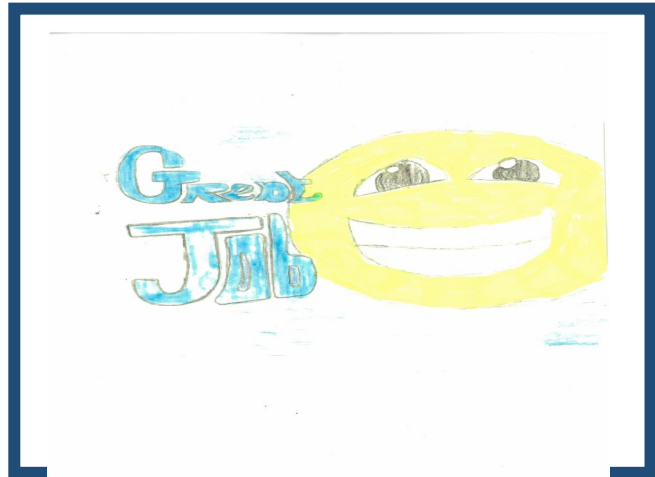
NOTE: Please add into your email if you would prefer us NOT to share this on our twitter page.

We look forward to hearing from you.

A MASSIVE thank you to all those parents who have responded. We have received some lovely photo's and write-ups about what your son's and daughters are achieving outside of school by going..... **The Extra Mile!**



Year 8 Postcard collection



Achievement Postcards for YEAR 8
- designed by our students.

How many have you collected for exceptional work?
Speak to your Form Tutor about ways to earn the set.



INSIGHT DISCOVER

Some Year 8 pupils enjoying a fun packed day at Cambridge University attending the aspirational Insight Discover programme.





ENDEAVOUR

FUNDRAISER

We will be holding a school Disco for Year 8 ONLY to raise money for ENDEAVOUR

Details:

Date: Friday 2nd December 2022

Time: 7pm till 9pm

Venue: Springwood Drama Studio

Tickets: £2.00

Tickets will be available to purchase via Parent Pay after half term.



The Student Council is lead by our Year 11 Head Students and is made up of five different committees who help to make Springwood High School a better place to learn! These are our Year 8 representatives!

ENVIRONMENT:

Finley Mallett

Ben McHale

Lily Edwards Ballantyne



TEACHING & LEARNING:

Methumlee Kulasinghe

Ore Ojo



STUDENT WELL BEING:

Abi Wagg

Maia Khalil

Daisy Stapleton



EQUALITY / DIVERSITY

Sidney Reid

Lucia Bryan

Daisy Collier McCabe



EMBRACING SCHOOL LIFE:

Elizabeth West Burnham

Sam McKenzie





Total Achievement points



8067

We return on Monday 31st
October 2022

