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January to February 2022

Message from Mr Johnson

As you are aware, this term we have been highlighting the importance of punctuality with our students. This has had a significant impact and we are very pleased with how our students have responded to the challenge. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children maintain excellent attendance and punctuality records: these are important habits for them to develop for life after school. We will continue to close gates earlier in the morning with all side gates being closed by 8.45 am. We will also continue to record students coming through the main gate after 8.45 am as late as they need to be in their tutor rooms, settled and ready to learn by 8.50 am.

This term has seen more fantastic fundraising efforts with the NSPCC Number Day taking place on February 4th. Thank you to everyone who donated to such a worthy cause. The total raised for this event stands at nearly £550.

After the break, we return to school on 21st February. We will continue wearing masks for the first week as we all settle back into being in school but we will review this before the end of that week and communicate with you again.

I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy the break with your children.

Best wishes

Mr Johnson

This half term was quite a short one, but has certainly been a busy one.

Academic Progress

The focus for Year 8 has certainly started to turn towards academic progress and the assessment period was taken very seriously by the students. My impression is that the results will be pleasing and I am looking forward to seeing the reports on progress that we should get in early March. The Year team are aware that it might be useful to have a Parents' Meeting to discuss the reports and are discussing how we might arrange this.

Character building

We are now half way through the academic year and several of our students have made great progress with their Endeavour Programme. This is a collection of challenges aimed at building character and independence and I know that several students have already nearly completed the tasks that they have been set. For these students, there will be an extra Gold Standard Challenge to see just how far they can push themselves.

Springfest

We have continued with our fund-raising efforts for "Springfest" and these have been quite successful. We have had cake sales which seem very popular and the Holkham team have been providing Valentine chocolates in readiness for the 14th February.



We have also been fortunate to receive some donations towards our end of year celebration and Tesco have kindly donated £250.

We have also received donations from:

Morrisons King's Lynn
Knights Hill Spa and Hotel
Dodman Limited

Thank you so much! The students' fundraising total currently stands at £346.00.

Our Student Council will reply to all of the companies and individuals who support us. Here is the letter of thanks that Tesco received.

Dear Tesco,



On behalf of the Year 8 pupils, we would like to say a massive thank you! We are so grateful for your £250 generous donation that will be allocated to our end of year Springfest!

We are sure that Springfest will be a memory that our friends and colleagues will not forget. Our activities will vary from fun to challenging. This will be our first major event that all year 8s will experience.

Once again, many thanks for your donation!
It means the world to us.

Yours sincerely,

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We hope to continue the fund-raising and preparations over the next few weeks and the Student Council are beginning to plan the overall event.

Joining in and taking part

Students in Year 8 have also been representing the school this half term. Sport has been a great success and the teams are competing well.

The Year 8 Basketball team have done particularly well this half term. They took part in the Basketball tournament on Tuesday, 9th of February. They were the overall winners out of 6 teams playing. A big well done to them!



Team list - Clara, Imogen, Wiktoria, Adaora, Siona, Karylle, Kornelia and Hollie.

Looking ahead, we have several Year 8 students in the forth-coming production of "Hansel & Gretel" which is due to be performed on 22nd and 23rd February. Tickets will be available after half term.

Super Learning Day – The Space Centre

We have our first major trip for Year 8 coming up next half term. As part of Super Learning Day, we will be taking Year 8 pupils to the Space Centre in Leicester on April 1st. You should have received your trip letter by now: please contact the Year 8 office if your child hasn't yet brought one home.

Fabulous Feast Friday - winners this half-term

For all working towards AMBITIOUS

- 8B2 – Ava
- 8F2 – Nigel
- 8H2 – Deimante
- 8O2 – Clara
- 8S2 – Lacie
- 8B1 – Poppie
- 8F1 – Nerija
- 8H1 – Sophie
- 8O1 – Ty
- 8S1 – Fayah



The Pi competition – Maths Challenge winners are Ella, Bramley and Harry who all stunned the Springwood Maths Team with their amazing memory, reciting Pi to an astonishing number of places.

And finally, dates for your diary:

1st March – Reports issued to parents.

3rd March – World Book Day

1st April – Super Learning Day