

January – Issue 7

Welcome to the newsletter,

It feels like an age since I have written a newsletter; since the start of term, I really can't recall where the time has disappeared to! We have though, been incredibly busy and you can read all about the things we have been up to here.

It has though, been a very challenging fortnight, and I suspect we have a week of two to go of COVID cases as it sweeps through the school. Our website has most up to date flow chart which details when your child can return to school, but basically day 0 is the day a child tests positive or shows symptoms, a negative result on day 5 and 6 your means your child can return to school on day 6. If though they continue to test positive they must stay off school until day 10 and return to school on day 11, unless they continue to have a raised temperature. As always, any questions or queries you have please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Parent Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Parent Survey. We have written a letter with a summary of the outcomes and look forward to sharing that with you this week. A separate letter will also be sent out this week with details about some new changes to home learning for the older children and our new reading book systems for the younger ones.

New staff to the team...

Just before the Christmas break our outside gym was installed. I was very aware that I didn't want it to become a novelty activity; that I wanted the children to truly feel the benefit of having this resource in school. Mr Cox, one of our lovely parents, who is a personal trainer and has a lot on knowledge in this area, has been working with the children on circuit training and building a curriculum around building their stamina and improving their results on the equipment. I am hoping this instills some good habits for now and beyond.



Madame Ash has already completed 2 weeks of French with all classes. They really are enjoying it and Madame Ash reports that they children are really engaging enthusiastically and are a pleasure to teach.

A note of caution.....

I have been notified that last week one of our children was getting in their car to go home, when a couple with a larger dog passed them by and without provocation the child was bitten. The owners were not at all interested, an elderly couple, and dismissed what had happened. The parent has just asked me to make you aware. Additionally, I have received some concerns about the number of dogs coming onto the playground and respectfully remind you that dogs are not allowed on site for health and safety reasons. Thank you

Steel Pans Workshop



As you are aware last week we had a steel drum workshop for the children; our plan had been to have a celebration of music and to finish off the event with our trip to Young Voices, but as you know this has been postponed until May. Regardless, though we had the most amazing time and the children absolutely loved it. As part of this event, Beccy, our amazing music teacher, was able to commence working towards the Art Mark for our school and we are hoping we have earned the Bronze Award – now to get the silver! Also, Beccy is currently working on editing the Christmas concert and this will be available shortly.



Literacy Challenge

Tyler and Maya from Year 5 and Eva and Darrel from Year 6, travelled to Invicta Grammar School on Friday to take part in a literacy challenge. They were amazing and Mrs Lodge reported that they were amazing. Overall, we came third which is a superb achievement – well done to you all.



Congratulations....

Bless Ava, she was so nervous for her gym competition last week, but of course she aced it and came third overall. What an achievement – well done Ava.



I love this action shot of Tate as he works towards his grading in Taekwondo. He had worked so hard for this grading which was reflected in the comments that were given to Tate afterwards. Apparently, it was once of the best displays the grader had seen... amazing Tate, well done.



Dates for your Diary

4 th Feb 2022	Bounce and Beyond	11 th Feb 2022	End of Term
7 th Feb 2022	Mrs Mc Award	21st Feb 2022	Staff Development Day – School closed
8 th Feb 2022	Safer Internet Day	22 nd Feb 2022	Back to School
10 th Feb 2022	Year R to Leeds Castle	4 th Feb 2022	Swimming (class yet to be decided)