



# **NEWSLETTER**

## March 2024

As always, at the end of term, we would like to highlight some of the excellent work, extra-curricular activities and external visits that have taken place throughout the school term.

We are extremely proud of the pupils and their efforts this term, and look forward to continuing to offer exciting opportunities, trips, clubs and events next term.



## **Science Roadshow**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January Y7 and Y8 pupils enjoyed a roadshow in association with BAE, RAF and Royal Navy Education to look at science and energy in the world around us.

It was an exciting and engaging session showcasing lots of supersize activities about the impact of energy and how we use it.

Lots of pupils and staff participated to bring science to life.

## **Youth Summit**

On 6th February, pupils were invited to the Stockport Youth Summit at Stockport Town Hall, organised by Pursuing Individual Excellence (PIE). Pupils participated in workshops about healthcare, housing, neighbourhoods, growing up and transport, as well as having the opportunity to see the Town Hall facilities, including the council chambers.

The pupils involved gave an excellent account of themselves, showed great respect and conduct and did the school proud.





## Young Driver's Day

This term 24 Year 8 pupils were extremely lucky to have the opportunity to take part in a Young Drivers Day held on the school grounds. The pupils drove dual controlled Vauxhall Corsa vehicles with the support of government approved driving instructors.

This was following a competition win by a Year 8 pupil who won the experience for his form group.

Well done to everyone who took part.



#### Children's Mental Health Week

We loved celebrating 'children's mental health week' in February. Pupils engaged in wellbeing assemblies and took part in a pupil voice project along with our NHS Mental Health Practitioner.

Thank you to all pupils for your engagement!





#### Year 11 Valentine's Disco

Year 11 pupils with excellent Period 6 attendance and punctuality were rewarded with a Valentine's Disco in the school theatre on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Well done to all pupils who were invited and a massive thank you to Mrs Clark, Miss Lees and the Year 10 Prefects for organising the fantastic event.

#### Scholar's Programme

On 28<sup>th</sup> February some of our Year 10 pupils participated in a University style graduation ceremony in recognition of their completion of the Scholars Programme. One of our pupils, Darcie, spoke articulately in front of a room full of scholars, professionals and university students, giving an honest and heartfelt insight into her experience on the programme.

All of the pupils embodied our school values throughout the day and this experience has filled them with pride and aspiration. We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them.





## **National Careers Week**

Year 10 pupils completed their work experience placements this term, and we are so proud of each and every one of them for their excellent engagement and upholding our school values of respect, aspiration, determination and independence.

It was lovely to receive some really positive feedback.

#### **Motivated in March**

Throughout March we have raised pupils' motivation, whilst also raising money for Meningitis Research through our 'Motivated in March' campaign. It was lovely to see so many pupils engaging in the campaign and participating in Just Dance, Yoga, Pilates and Zumba.

Overall, we raised over £400 for Meningitis Research. A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated.





## **World Book Day**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated World Book Day by hosting a variety of events, including a BBC live lesson and a baking competition.

It was also lovely to see so many staff getting involved and dressing up as their favourite book characters. Well done to Miss Horrocks who was the individual staff costume winner and PE who won best dressed department.



#### **Diwali and Chinese New Year**

During the school year, we have celebrated different festivals including Diwali and Chinese New Year. Our pupils, who are celebrating these festivals, have held stalls and activities which have taught others about their culture/religion. Pupils have had the opportunity to design Rangoli's for Diwali and lanterns for Chinese New Year.



#### Year 7 PGL Trip

In March, over 80 Year 7 pupils attended a residential trip to PGL Winmarleigh Hall, where they developed their team building skills and participated in a variety of activities, such as archery tag, zip wire, giant swing, canoeing and more.

The pupils had a wonderful time and were a credit to the school. It was lovely to see them getting involved in all the activities on offer and making the most of their time at PGL.





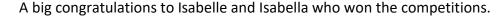
#### **Netball Tour**

This term the U13 and U14 squads had the opportunity to go on a North of England Netball Tour. They took part in an array of teambuilding activities such as Laser Tag and Snow Sledging before embarking on a set of three netball fixtures.

The U13 squad were unbeaten throughout the trip and the U14 squad showed sheer determination by winning some of their matches and narrowly losing out on others. The attitude of our pupils was exemplary; they were professional, competitive and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout.

## **Comic Relief**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, our Community and Charity Ambassadors hosted a cake sale, guess the name of the bear and guess the number of Iollies in the jar to raise money for Comic Relief. The Ambassadors did a wonderful job at organising the events and we are really proud of them.







## **Evening of Dance**

Pupils from across all year groups in school participated in our Evening of Dance Performances on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March.

The pupils worked really hard to complete their dances and were really excited to perform to the local primary schools in the matinee show and then friends and family in the Evening Performances.

The Dance Department are extremely proud of all their efforts.

## **Attendance Rewards**

This term we continued our whole school attendance rewards scheme, which included weekly prize draws for pupils who attended a full week of school, as well as the fortnightly Friday family takeaway prize draw and half-termly opportunities to have Domino's pizza in the common room.

Well done to all pupils who won prizes this term for their excellent attendance.





#### **Cinema Rewards Trip**

On Thursday 28th March, pupils with zero behaviour points and excellent attendance went to the cinema as a reward for being excellent ambassadors of the school and regularly displaying our school values.

We hope they all had a wonderful time!

#### **Reward Assemblies**

As always at the end of every term, the rewards assemblies took place. This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the pupils' hard work and success with a range of awards including subject awards, Tutor and Head of Year awards and excellent attendance awards, as well as those pupils that have gained their Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum badge membership.

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate the pupils who achieved an award and thank them for being such excellent ambassadors of our school.





## **History RADI Reward**

The History Department are encouraging pupils to learn and explore by visiting a place of historical interest and submitting a photo and short paragraph about what was learnt.

Some examples of where pupils can go over half term are the Liverpool Maritime Museum, the Imperial War Museum, People's History Museum and Emmeline Pankhurst Statue. Pupils will be rewarded with RADI's and at the end of the year, the pupil with the most RADI's will earn a special award.

Pupils can ask their History teacher for more information.

#### **Staff Update**

We wish Lynn Moores (Reception) and Jo Lowndes (Finance) a happy and restful retirement as they are due to leave during the Easter break.

We will have a number of new teaching members of staff starting with us after Easter. These include new Senior Leaders and Heads of Department.

## **Summer Term Dates:**

Summer Term 2024	Monday 15th April 2024	School opens for staff and pupils
	Monday 6th May 2024 Bank Holiday	School closed for staff and pupils
	Friday 24th May 2024	School closes for half term
	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024: Half Term	
	Monday 3rd June 2024	School opens for staff and pupils
	Friday 19th July 2024	School closes for summer

