



6TH NOVEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 11th November

ONE MINUTE SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED ACROSS THE SCHOOLS FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY - 11.00am

Friday 18th December

END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

Monday, 4th January 2021

STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 5th January 2021

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE SPRING TERM

15th - 19th February 2021

SPRING HALF TERM - No School

Wednesday, 31st March 2021

END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

Monday, 19th April 2021

STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 20th April 2021

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Monday, 3rd May 2021

BANK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

31st May - 4th June 2021

SUMMER HALF TERM - No School

Wednesday, 21st July 2021

END OF ACADEMIC YEAR - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

A Message from Sandy

This week has been very enjoyable for me. I have continued carrying out lesson observations and it is a joy to see our young people on task, engaged and learning.

Our youngest pupils at the primary school are all so keen to participate in their lessons and activities. Discovering something new, exploring and developing their life skills and building the foundations of knowledge. Our class teams are so inventive at making ways to inspire interest.

At the secondary school, I witnessed some outstanding teaching in a variety of lessons. I very much enjoyed a history lesson on the gunpowder plot, during which the students worked out how they would have smuggled gunpowder into the Houses of Parliament. Some of the ideas were very interesting and original too!

What was most rewarding for me, was how much everyone is enjoying their learning journey. I do think that if something is fun and the subject is brought alive, learning and memories are absorbed.

It is worth mentioning that, even during this difficult climate, our young people present as feeling safe and secure in the school environment.

Our aim at The Link is to provide that feeling of security and togetherness. Our teaching and learning will never be dull. We will always encourage interest and participation, until our students are proficient in a skill and have acquired the knowledge and gained a true understanding of the subject matter/task involved.

Have a lovely weekend and be safe if you are enjoying fireworks at home!

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

It's amazing how much learning can evolve from a simple story. Willow Class has been reading "The Three Little Pigs". Their enjoyment of the subject matter is evident and over the course of the week, literacy, DT, motor skills, role play, team work and communication have all played a part in bringing this story to life.



A story shared is always enjoyable.



Story Sacks are a wonderful aid to learning and encourage role play.



Team work, communication and thought processes are needed for construction projects. Especially for houses made of cardboard.



The Primary School Council met this week and discussed our Link Priority No. 12 - Emotional Development - Theory of Mind - being able to regulate and communicate our emotions. You will find a copy of the minutes attached.

Students in Tomlin Class have been doing fantastic work today, designing their Christmas cards for the OHCAT Christmas Card Competition.



The numbers are swelling for Hot Chocolate Friday at the secondary school, as everyone strives to enjoy a drink and a chat with Sandy.

Students who enjoyed this special time this week were:

Sean for success and resilience. He is a super scientist and works so hard. He tries his best even when it is difficult.

Antonio for kindness, resilience, positivity and courage. He has shown great courage and resilience in his PE lessons. Even though he finds table tennis tricky, he tries every activity and excels. He represents so many of our school values - a kind and happy student who brightens everyone's day.



Staff members who joined the group this week were:

Patricia for kindness and positivity, She takes care of Tomlin Class with a huge amount of energy and kindness and has really helped the students progress and settle into the Link. She is cheerful and helpful to everyone and a ray of sunshine.

Jo D for kindness. She has been helping Murray in PE over the last few weeks. She has great ideas to help students and make their learning more personalised. She always goes the extra mile.

OUR THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A little progress
each day
adds up
to
big results

AND FINALLY.....

The Link Association raised £75 from tickets sold for their "Halloween Haul" fundraiser.

The lucky winners were:

Ellis

(Secondary School)

Leyland

(Primary School)

We hope they both enjoy their goodies and thank you to everyone who participated.



For those of you who may be enjoying fireworks at home this weekend.

Remember to be safe, but above all have fun.

