

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

10<sup>th</sup> May - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Mental Health Awareness  
Week**

31<sup>st</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**SUMMER HALF TERM - No  
School**

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**END OF TERM - EARLY  
CLOSURE FOR PUPILS**

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

**STAFF INSET DAY**



## A Message from Sandy

Another week, where we have witnessed achievement, emotional development and success within our school.

Small steps lead to big changes. Broadening our understanding and thirst for knowledge is important too.

I am very proud to announce that this week, we have had another article published. Entitled "[Being Extraordinary for the Extra Ordinary!](#)" it has been included in this month's Autism Parenting Magazine. I have attached a copy of the article to this newsletter and I hope you find it interesting.

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week, the theme of which is 'Nature'. During our staff breakfast meeting this week, Sue Denman made us all take time to think of 5 sounds which make us happy. It was a very interesting exercise, which highlighted that many of the sounds which make our staff team happy or calm are in fact related to nature.

Try and find your happy space / sound this weekend and enjoy your connection to nature.

*Sandy*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK?



The blossom on the apple tree in our engagement garden certainly helped transform the area this week into a theatre of creativity. Rebecca and Olha lead these wonderful learning opportunities, which enable the pupils to express their artistry, imagination and inventiveness.



At our School Council meeting this week, talk focussed on Covid and the situation in India.

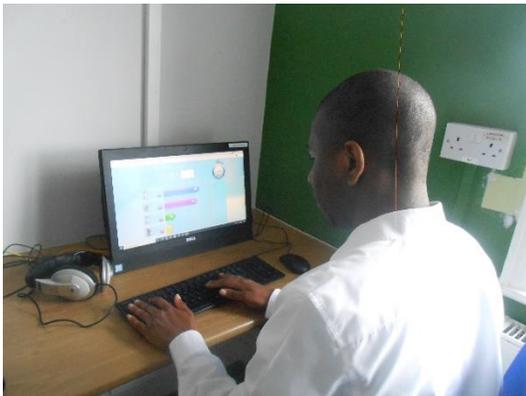
Nana said his dad had been ill with Covid and he wanted to donate the money he receives if he wins the Sutton New Town drawing competition to India's Covid victims. Rian wants to help too and Blake drew a picture for India's Covid victims.

Link Priority 14 - Emotional Development- Theory of mind - seeing things from the perspective of others.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May was 'World Maths Day', a day when Mathematics is celebrated around the world. At the secondary school, each class spent the day taking part in the 'Mathletics Live' world competition. Students had to answer several different mathematics questions correctly, at a range of levels, to gain points for the school. We had a range of success stories throughout the day, such as Ben in Johnson class being placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the country at one point, and ending the day at 25<sup>th</sup> in the country overall. A remarkable achievement!



At lunchtime, students were invited to come to the ICT room and play against their maths teacher, Emily. They had lots of fun both in groups and as individuals, trying to answer more questions than Emily could in 60 seconds.

They really gave Emily a run for her money and even beat her a few times!



Students were also invited to take part in a mental maths quiz, with three entries drawn at random by Amanda in Friday's assembly. It was so lovely to see entries from a range of classes, all putting their mental maths skills to the test. Congratulations to the winners:

Mackenzie  
Rengin  
Vipul



Four lucky people were recipients of a chocolate treat this week as a reward for their achievements.

### Students

Owen for his **positivity** : behaving with maturity in lessons, always very calm, making excellent progress in food lessons and has also suggested dishes that the other students have enjoyed making

Ryan for **success** : he has produced some excellent work in Science and English this week, showing enthusiasm in class by putting his hand up lots to answer questions, has been a 'pleasure to teach', and is becoming more mature in class.

### Staff

Hadda for **resilience** : a good 'team player', works hard and is always willing to help staff and students in Yates class

Patricia for **success** : calm manner around school, supported Fuller class this week and has helped others around school

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

With the late May Bank Holiday weekend fast approaching, it's good to hear that the Nonsuch Town & Country Show is going ahead this year - another step towards normality.



## AND FINALLY .....

With Mental Health Awareness Week approaching, it's an opportune time to reflect on the last year. The pandemic has affected many of us; we also may have seen a loved one struggle.

So remember, one small kind word or a friendly smile can make someone's day.

Be kind to yourself and others.