



17TH SEPTEMBER 2021

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Monday, 20th September

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Secondary Welcome Evening

Wednesday, 22nd September

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Primary Welcome Evening

Friday, 24th September - 1.30pm

PRIMARY SCHOOL

'COFFEE' AFTERNOON -

Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support - All welcome

Tuesday, 28th September

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

Parents to complete and return on-line consent form to Sutton & Merton Immunisation Team

25th - 29th October 2021

HALF TERM - No School

Friday 17th December 2021

END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

Tuesday, 4th January 2022

STAFF INSET DAY

Wednesday, 5th January 2022

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE SPRING TERM

14th - 18th February 2022

SPRING HALF TERM - No School

Friday, 1st April 2022

END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

It's no secret that sharing best practices is an excellent way to improve the performance and productivity of an organisation and here at The Link we strongly believe that this works in the education community too.

With our Welcome Evenings taking place next week, we hope that this will be a good time for us to share our aims, our vision and our plans for the year ahead. It will give you an opportunity to meet the class teams and to find out exactly what a school day at The Link is all about. We do hope you will be able to join us.

We also share our expertise on a worldwide basis and are pleased to let you know that a further article written by Sandy and Judy entitled "Building Emotional Health in Children with Pathological Demand Avoidance" has been published in Autism Parenting Magazine.

If you are interested in reading the article please click on the following link :
<https://www.autismparentingmagazine.com/building-emotional-health-pda-children/>

We hope you have a good weekend.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL?

During this week's School Council meeting, plans were made for our Macmillan 'Coffee' Afternoon, being held next Friday.

The Class Reps took objects out of a bag (money, tea cup and a first aid kit) to identify what the Macmillan Coffee afternoon was all about.

The reps voted to help with the coffee afternoon and to raise money for people who are ill e.g. Cancer.

They also practised decorating cakes and eating them!

The reps interacted well, including our two new recruits: James and Rishaan from Maple Class.

Link Priorities:

LP 1 - Being part of a group and community - in school

LP 2 - Being part of a group and community - friendships

LP 3 - Spiritual Development

LP 7 - Communication and Social



We do hope as many of you will come and join us at 1.30pm on Friday, 24th September and have read the parentmail sent out about the baking competition and the children's colouring competition.

Let's all get together to make this event a success.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL?

School vision and mission

Here at the Secondary School we are super passionate about helping all of our students to fulfil their potential and to go on to new opportunities in further education when their time comes to leave us. Our mission is to be an inclusive, supportive and caring community in which all our students can flourish and celebrate all the things which make them unique.

Our students know that school is all about balance. We are always trying to keep the right balance between making sure everyone gets the grades they need for college, as well as spending time working on all of the things which will help them to have happy, independent lives and great friendships.

Our school vision is for everyone to become empowered, happy young adults who play an active role in

society. This is all steered by our four areas of focus;

- Wellbeing - physical, social, and emotional
- Independence
- Communication
- Achievement

These four things sum up what we want for everyone who attends our school.

In our day to day work at school, our students work towards these things by focusing on seven key school values;

- Kindness - Wood
- Success - Weir
- Courage - Johnson
- Resilience - Rowsell
- Fairness - Yates
- Positivity - Fuller
- Charity - Tomlin

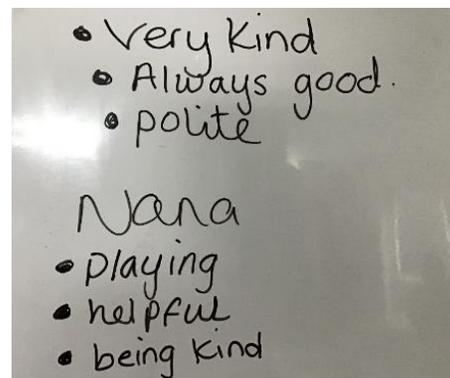
These values are assigned to each class and they make displays to show what the value means to them. Each class will have opportunity to contribute to school assemblies on their value throughout the year.

All students are recognised every time they display one of these important values and earn post cards which are sent home to say well done and thanks for making such a great contribution to school life.

This week Hannah has been around some classes and seen some great examples of students exercising our values.



Weir class students practising kindness and fairness in helping each other with how to take turns and learn new games.



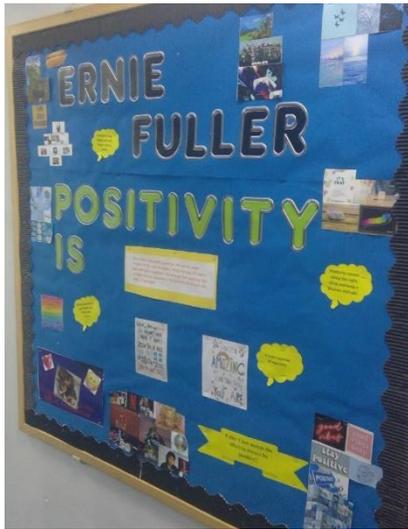
Students' work on identifying qualities which help them to show our school values.



Remembering that we can all be successful no matter what!



Two of our students demonstrating our school values of resilience, kindness and success when making scones in food tech after a couple of technical difficulties.

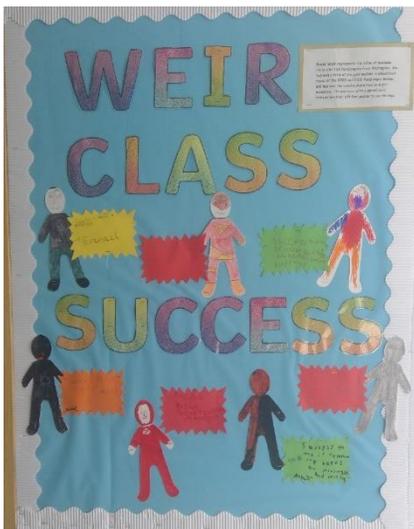


Fuller's fantastic display board on their value of positivity!

All in all, our students are showing us just what well rounded and supportive individuals they truly are, practising our school values and working towards a really bright future. Well done everyone!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

A reminder that The Diamond Riding Centre are holding their Autumn Fair on Sunday 26th September - 11.00am - 4.00pm. Located on Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton, SM5 4DT, admission costs £4 per adults and £1 for children.



Weir's colourful display on their value of success!

AND FINALLY

"What we learn with pleasure,
we never forget"

Alfred Mercier