



MAY 2019

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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

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I have now been here for 3 months and I feel truly a member of the school community. I would like to say a very big thank you to all for making me feel welcome and part of the team.

There have been many good things that have happened this term, below is a list of all the wonderful things that have taken place.

- 25 Students have had certificates for 100% attendance.
- 11 Students have shown improvement in their attendance.
- The play area will be refurbished and there are plans for the sensory room and swimming pool area to be fitted with new sensory equipment. The work will hopefully be completed during the summer holiday.
- Please see inside this newsletter for more exciting news.



## TERM DATES 2018/2019

### **Summer Term:**

Monday 29th April 2019 - Friday 19th July 2019.

(Half Term 27th May - 31st May)

Students return Monday 3rd June.

### **4th & 5th June KS3 residential trip to,**

Aztec Adventure Upton Warren Activity Center.

"Please visit our school website for all latest news and updates –

## Celebration of Life Service

On Wednesday 15th May we held our annual 'Celebration of Life Service'. As part of the service, we shared our new memorial sculpture. The stone hand was carved by local artist Luke Perry.

Each young person we remember is represented by a glass pebble. Their name is etched on to their pebble and the colours were chosen by their families.



### CLASS 3.3. RECENT VISIT TO THE ALLOTMENT LOOKING AT MINIBEASTS



### Sun Safety and Protection

The weather finally seems that the sun has got it's hat on and we would like to remind you that we recommend you send in a sun hat/cap for your son/daughter to use when the sun shines.



We also recommend that you send in sun cream (minimum SPF15) clearly labelled with your son/daughter's name, together with written permission for staff to help administer this. Without written permission, staff are unable to assist students in this task, thank you.



Class 4.4 and Class 5.3 are working alongside the ECO Bus over the next few weeks to look at how we can look after our local environment.

We had a visit from Captain Recycle and Major Waste to help us learn what we can recycle and what we can't, and which bin we put things in!

We will also be going over to our local park to litter pick.



### Staff Updates:

- Sadly Jennifer Wheeler is leaving on May 24th to go to pastures new, she has worked at The Meadows as a Learning Support Practitioner for 14 years.  
We also say goodbye to Bushra Manzoor who worked as a Student Support Practitioner at The Meadows.

We would like to wish them well for the future in their adventures, they will be missed by all.

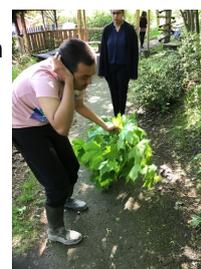
- We wish a very warm welcome to Lauren Booker, who will be joining the Business Support Team as an admin apprentice on 3rd June.

We have been looking at ways we can help the environment in a positive way. Students have been learning about good things that we can do to improve the environment.



So far we have been gardening, weeding and sowing seeds in the quad playground and are very much looking forward to having new playground equipment.

We have been inspired by a recent visit from the Eco bus. We have also been learning about recycling which has involved sorting material into the correct bins.



### Class 4.1- Summer time community action project

#### Class 4.3

We have had fun in Forest School, learning about being outside.



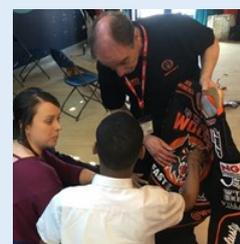
We enjoyed listening to music played on the garden instruments.



It was very exciting to get a visit from, Wolverhampton Speedway Team

As part of 'My Communication' we have been making our own sensory story up to 'Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain' - a story about a drought in Africa and a Massai warrior called Ki-Pat who makes it rain. Students are making props to tell the story.

On Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>, representatives from Wolverhampton Speedway visited the school to see students in key stage three and four as well as some of our new cohort for September. Promoter, Chris Van Straaten, and three Wolverhampton riders, Rory Schlien, Sam Masters and Luke Becker brought along equipment for the students to feel and explore. Some equipment was tried on by the students such as the crash helmets, and students also got to sit on board a speedway bike. Students also got some memorabilia from the club. All the students had a fantastic time exploring the equipment and interacting with riders. We would like to thank them for their time, and look forward to seeing them back again in the future.



**Here is 5:1** "going out into the community to purchase a drink". This is part of ASDAN Life Skills Challenge. Each week a few of us venture out to Oldbury and everyone has enjoyed having the opportunity to get out and about. The pictures show the students choosing where they would like to go, travelling on the minibus and purchasing a drink.



On 16th May students in class 5.4 practised their skills at putting up tents.



We are now summer ready!

### CLASS 5.4 DUKE OF EDINBURGH

#### Class 3.6

Class 3.6 have been on an offsite visit to West Bromwich Police Station and The Court of Requests Restaurant in Oldbury to find out about the role of a Police Officer, where they work and to see the old cells and courthouse used many years ago. We tried on the handcuffs, saw the police baton and badge, dressed up in riot gear and were even allowed to try out the sirens in the police van. We ate our lunch in the restaurant, which was lovely, and everyone we met during the day was kind and helpful and made us feel very welcome. We had a fantastic day on our trip – here's a few pictures of our day.



## Student Council

Congratulations to The Joyce family who have won the Pamper raffle.

Talulla's family kindly donated the prizes and a grand total of £36 was raised.

All money will go towards outdoor equipment for Forest school.

A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported us.

Huda presented Sarah Bolton (Forest school leader) with the money raised from the raffle.



#### Welcome to Simba!

Simba is our Pet therapy dog who belongs to Simon Adams our Interim Deputy Headteacher. Although he hasn't been here very long he has had a very positive impact on both students & staff.

