Headteacher's Update – Friday 19th January 2024

Reflection

Our prayer theme next week is:

Laudato Si (Stewardship)

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day."
Genesis 1:31

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote 'Laudato Si' (or 'praised be' in English), a letter addressed to every person on the planet. Pope Francis tells us that the earth is "God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder, where the fruits of the earth belong to everyone." The letter discusses the damage being inflicted on our planet by humans, covering a range of environmental issues including pollution, climate change, and access to water. Pope Francis challenges us to create a better world for future generations, and to make urgent changes to our lifestyles to protect and respect our common home.

Sometimes when we think about the problems facing our world, we can feel helpless, but Pope Francis calls upon us all to work together to make a difference, even if only in small ways.

Holy Mass – Tuesday at 8am

A reminder that every Tuesday morning Mass is celebrated for pupils and staff at 8am in our chapel. We recognise that travel constraints make it difficult for some pupils to attend, but if your child can arrive at school early for Mass (even occasionally) they are very welcome to join us.

Attendance Update

Please see below our whole-school attendance level for the current week and the academic year overall, which you can compare to the attendance level of your child in Class Charts.

Whole-school attendance this week: 91%
Whole-school attendance this year: 93%

BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

***Engagement*:**
Evan Bury (Year 7): Exceptional start to the new school year
Sophie Sinacola (Year 7): Consistently excellent school work
Alexis Ford (Year 8): Excellence in RE Assessment
Louis Furnell, Thomas Wade-Stevenson (Year 9), Phillip Greenwood, Oscar Robertson, and Evie Tierney (Year 10): Outstanding effort in English
Oliver Harrison, Elliott Hatton, Sadie Howard, Beth Mazzola, Jakob Olofsson and Matthew Parry (Year 10): Excellent performance in the French Speaking Test

Devotion:
Dulcie Richardson (Year 8): Receiving her Bronze medal for Altar serving

Excellence:
Evie Abberley (Year 8): Distinction in Grade 5 Modern Exam and Merit in Gold Jazz Exam
Lottie Bowler and Imogen Taylor (Year 9): Achieved Chief Scout Gold Award
Jakob Olofsson (Year 10): Attained Level 3 in NICAS Indoor Climbing

Presentation of work

Congratulations to the below pupils who have produced beautifully presented work this week:

Year 7: **Harriet Whelpton, Jacob Wilson, Julia Kirsz and Ebony Ogier**
Year 8: **Francesca Bickerdike**
Year 9: **Gabby Cox**
Year 10: **Baxter Briggs**
Year 11: **Teddy Brown**

The Lion King

We are now less than three weeks away from 'opening night' of our school production of 'The Lion King'. Information regarding tickets will be published shortly.

Parents' Evenings

A reminder of our forthcoming events as below:

Wednesday 24th January: Year 11 Parents' Evening (4pm-7pm)
Wednesday 31st January: Year 10 Parents' Evening (4pm-7pm)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher