

## Headteacher's Update – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024



### Reflection

Our prayer theme this week is:

#### **Ordinary People – Holocaust Memorial**

*Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."*

*Matthew 22:34-39*

Holocaust Memorial Day is celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> January and is a time to remember the 6 million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution and more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. This week, we will also be thinking about the actions of ordinary people involved in the resistance to the Holocaust. We also pray for those who work to promote and protect freedom and peace around the world.

### 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: 92%**

**Whole-school attendance this year: 93%**

### BEDE Headteacher's Commendations

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

#### **Behaviour:**

**Elliott McCombie (Year 10):** Acts of kindness towards a member of staff

#### **Engagement:**

**Mark Jones (Year 8):** Endeavour and determination

**Lucy Appleton, Emilia Beacham, Edie Bridgeman, Daniel Burgon, Ella Flanagan, Eleanor Francis, James Livesey, Beth Mazzola, Keira Peake, Jayden Richardson, Tristan Waters and Mollie Yates (Year 10):** Representing the school by being a pupil helper at Year 11 Parents Evening

#### **Excellence:**

**Macie Judge (Year 7):** Achieving Grade 7 and Bronze Badge in swimming

### **Presentation of work**

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

Year 8: Jenson Adams, Lorna-Jane Bell, Franceska Hannett and Olivia Sloman

Year 9: Theo Forrest

Year 10: Madie Rhodes

Year 11: Eva Edwards

### **The Lion King**

With just over a week to go now before 'opening night' on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, the excitement is building! Tickets can be purchased by clicking on the link below.

[The Lion King - tickets](#)

### **Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to parents, carers and pupils who joined us for our Year 11 Parents' Evening last week. We would be grateful if you could find time to complete the feedback survey via the link circulated separately if you have not already done so.

We are now looking forward to seeing Year 10 parents, carers and pupils for their event this Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### **Non-Uniform Day**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money to support the family of our friend and Year 10 pupil Daniel Flemen, who has been in hospital for many months. Please see the letter being issued alongside this update for further details.

Have a lovely week.

Mr P Marsden  
Headteacher