

Headteacher's Update – Friday 23rd February 2024



Lent Reflection

“Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves.”

(Mk 9:2)

This Sunday's Gospel is the Transfiguration. In this reading, Jesus calls his disciples away from their ordinary lives and gives them a glimpse of his glory. This Lent, Jesus calls us away from our daily lives, to pray, to fast and to give to those in need. May the Lord help us with this. Amen.

The Lion King

I hope many of you saw the review of our school production that was recently published in the local press. This was a fitting tribute to both the amazing talent and exceptional hard work of the entire cast and crew. I am also pleased to inform you that through ‘Tuck Shop’ sales and the collection buckets, we raised just under £400 to support the family of our Year 10 pupil, Daniel Flemen. Thank you for your generosity.

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: Holly Schofield (Year 9): A great team player in the girls' football team.

Jacob Scot (Year 8): Excellent engagement in all subjects

Devotion: Ebony Ogier, Jacob Wilson (Year 7) and Freya Wilson (Year 9): Taking part in the Swimathon for Charity

Raphael Hall (Year 9): Donated their birthday money to the Swimathon

Excellence: Harry Elliott, Olivia Krol, Christian McKenzie, Olly Millin, Harry Stott, Jacob Wilson (Year 7): All top of the class for creating an excellent piece of artwork based on Symbolic Miracles

Presentation of work

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

Year 7: Daniel Chike-Okonkwo

Year 9: Olivia Myerscough

Year 11: Daisy Hepworth

PE kit changes

A reminder that with effect from this week we have made some small tweaks to our expectations regarding PE kit, which I hope will make meeting these expectations slightly easier for pupils and parents/carers.

- Pupils may now wear white sport socks (over ankle length) from any retailer as an alternative to the blue PE socks.
- Plain black leggings may now be worn as an alternative to the school 'skort.' These should be plain black without obvious marking or patterns (a small logo is acceptable).

Uniform and appearance

Recently there has been a noticeable increase in pupils arriving at school wearing false tanning products and/or make-up. These are both inappropriate for children in a school environment and so are not permitted in our uniform and appearance policy. If your child arrives to school wearing false tan or make up, it is our expectation that the issue is immediately resolved. If it is not possible to immediately resolve the issue, your child may be required to work in our Inclusion Room until the issue is corrected. Alternatively, you may be contacted and asked to collect your child to from school in order correct the issue before returning them to school. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden
Headteacher