

## **Headteacher's Update – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



### **Lent Reflection**

*'Yes, God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life.'*

(Jn 3:16)

This is the entire message of the Gospels, and hearing this announced at Mass on Sunday will fill us with the joy expressed in the Church's tradition of Laetare Sunday. A call to be joyful in this time of Lent, and to remember the glorious season for which we are preparing.

### **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%**

Well done in particular to Year 11, who unusually (by national comparisons) had the highest level of attendance in school this week.

### **BEDE Headteacher's Commendations**

Congratulations to our recipients this week:

#### **Engagement:**

**Lorna-Jane Bell, Lily Boardman, Hettie Bridgeman, Molly Emsley, Alexander Hall, Elise Heron and George Scott (Year 8):** Outstanding Geography homework

#### **Devotion:**

**Vinny Palmer, Darcey Tate and Freya Wilson (Year 9):** Reading prayers at Year Assembly

### **Presentation of work**

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

Year 7: **Harry Elliott**

Year 8: **Evie Abberley, Faye Bailey Hettie Bridgeman, Sam Thistlethwaite,  
Victor Latorre-Pukalska**

### **Important online safeguarding message for all parents/carers**

Some of our pupils have brought to our attention that there is a person using the name 'Bella Davies,' with accounts set up on Instagram, Snapchat and Tik Tok. This person is posing as a child who has recently moved to the area, under the false pretence that they are going to be joining our school in Year 9. This is untrue.

In some cases, mobile phone numbers have been exchanged and conversations have taken place via iMessage. During their interactions with our pupils, this person has been gathering personal information such as where pupils live, how they travel to school, and plans they have for outside of school over the weekend and in the coming weeks. They have also obtained the names of other pupils in our school who are visible in our pupils' personal social media platforms.

We have taken the necessary steps to safeguard those we know have been in direct contact with this person. We have also spoken to all of Year 9 directly and notified the police of our concerns.

It is important that all parents/carers are aware of this concern and we ask that you continue to be proactive in monitoring your child's online activity to keep them safe.

### **Year 10 Castlerigg Residential Retreat**

This afternoon our Year 10 pupils returned from a wonderful week of faith, fun and friendship at Castlerigg. Thank you to all pupils involved for representing the school so well, as I saw for myself when I joined the group on Thursday. I am hugely grateful to Miss Dixon for leading the visit and to Mrs Cuthbertson, Mrs Youde, Mrs Solomi, Mr Binns, Mr Coleman and Mrs Ball for their support.

### **Careers Week & World Book Day**

I hope all our pupils have enjoyed the various activities as part of National Careers Week, as well as yesterday's World Book Day celebrations. Please do have a look at our social media platforms to see a number of photographs showcasing what has been on offer. Thank you in particular to Mrs Holmes and Miss Bolton for their hard work organising what was a packed programme.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Marsden  
Headteacher