



Lower School Weekly Update

Friday 17th September 2021

New Beginnings



Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils
This week we welcomed the new Reception children into the Academy for their first week of school. The children have already settled well into their new environment and have created some lovely new friendships with one another. They have explored both the indoor and outdoor areas and have engaged in a variety of activities. The children particularly enjoyed taking advantage of the large playground with the outdoor equipment.

On Wednesday we had our first fire drill with Lower School evacuating the building extremely quickly in an impressive, sensible manner.

Year 4 have been busily writing their applications to become prefects within Lower School and I am very pleased with the



quality of some applications as well as the large number of applicants. The successful children will be given their badges and responsibilities during celebration worship. We are very pleased to be providing a variety of after-school clubs for the children in Lower School, with clubs occurring every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I would also like to remind you that Reading Club starts at 8.30am each day for ALL children and we strongly recommend everyone joins.

Miss Spinks
Assistant Principal, Acting Head of Lower School.

"You can find magic wherever you look. sit back and relax all you need is a book" - Dr Seuss



94.1%

Attendance

Class of the week is RT with 99 %.

We encourage all children to make sure they 'COME TO SCHOOL!' everyday.

Examples of prefect applications:

I would like to apply to be a reading prefect because it is a responsibility and I can learn a lot from it. I am confident that I can be helpful to other students with their reading because I really enjoy reading and like helping others. If you give me the opportunity I promise to be reliable and take my duty seriously.





I would like to be a reading prefect because I love to read and want to share my love with the year 1 pupils.



Pupils of the week

A huge well done for our pupils of the week:

4S – Prativa- fantastic descriptive language within extended noun phrases.

4H – Bayan -very enthusiastic in the French lesson and trying very hard to pronounce the words correctly.

3B – Lola – For trying her best, writing some fantastic descriptive words in English.

3S – Jimmy P - a great effort describing a Stone Age setting and character this week.

2R –Chayleigh- for being a role model to all the other pupils in the class.

2J – Hadeel – wonderful writing with capital letters and full stops.

2S – Molly – fantastic understanding of place value, demonstrated to the rest of the class.

1S – Bentley- trying to work independently, making the right choices.

1F - George -for a great effort in his learning.

Message from Year 1 and 2

WELL DONE Key Stage One

The pupils in year one and two have had an amazing start to the year! We are studying the Kalahari Desert with Sonny the meerkat in year one. In year two we are exploring the mesmerising scenery and culture of Nepal. All of the pupils in Key Stage 1 have been impressing the subject specialists from the secondary phase of the Academy - these specialist teachers are helping our young pupils build good foundations in French and Physical Education this term. A highlight for the pupils this week has been visiting their brand-new library, their faces expressed sheer joy as they got to know their way around this amazing new resource.
Mr O’Gormley



Meet the teacher

Miss Taylor – year R

Before moving South, I originally lived up North in a small seaside town called South Shields. My passion for teaching is what drove me to move South and since joining the Academy I have been both a Learning Mentor and a KS1/EYFS Teacher.

This is my third-year of teaching and I feel that the best part about being a teacher is that every single day is different from the last. Outside of school I enjoy playing netball and when half-term approaches, I go back up North to spend time with my friends and family.

A Message from the Chaplain

Participants in the Brighton Marathon last weekend were furious after a blunder made the course 620 yards too long. Not what you need after running 26.2 miles.

In Jesus’ time, under military law, any Roman soldier could command a Jew to carry his soldier’s pack for one mile – but only one mile, no further. In Matthew’s Gospel Jesus tells people that instead of going one mile, they should go two out of a free choice of love. In life we are sometimes encouraged to go the “extra mile”, to go beyond what is expected of us. Is that something we do willingly? *Mr Rich, Academy Chaplain, (Irish@thejohnwallisacademy.org)*

Updates

After-school clubs are starting on Tuesday 21st September. Please ensure you have returned your form if you would like to attend.