Headteacher Bulletin





Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this email finds you well.

Word of the week

The word of the week next week is **elaborate** meaning marked by complexity, fullness of detail, or ornateness. For example, they're making the most elaborate preparations for the wedding.

Students Success

Milton Keynes Schools Parliamentary Debate Champions: We are pleased to announce Rachel Poku and Darcy Williams from Year 11 have been crowned MK Schools Parliamentary Champions! This is a competition organised by our local MPs, Iain Stewart and Ben Everitt. Our fantastic debaters took on another local School in the final, which was held at Westminster Hall in the Houses of Parliament. The motion debated was: 'Following the AI Safety Summit hosted at Bletchley Park, this House would like to move the motion that artificial intelligence is more of an opportunity than a threat to residents of the United Kingdom'. Our team put forward the argument that it is an opportunity, whilst the other school argued that it is a threat. The distinguished panel of judges, declared Rachel and Darcy the winners. All students from the debating club attended the competition and afterwards students also received a tour of the Houses of Parliament, taking in the House of Lords, House of Commons and The Kings Room, which is used by the monarch when delivering speeches. Well done to all involved.

Girls football: Congratulations to our Year 9 Girls Football Team who are MK Schools Champions after a series of outstanding displays in the recent City Tournament. Our team won every game in the preliminary rounds to finish top of their group and made the semi-finals which they won 3-2. The whole team raised their performance to a new level in the Final, playing intelligent and fast paced football with some excellent individual performances and goals. They won the final 6-0 to take the MK title. Congratulations all!

Other notices

SEND Program: Please see the attached poster detailing a programme for parents and careers of teenagers with autism. To book your slot please email SENDsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk. **British Transport Police:** Please see the attached letter warning or the dangers of trespassing on the rail network.

Measles: You may or may not know that measles is on the rise in England. Please see the attached letter from the Council regarding the outbreak and recommended steps.

Library

Please see next week's book recommendations. They are all great reads as always.

A medal for Leory - Michael Morpurgo - KS3

Buffalo Soldier by Tanya Landman - KS4 The colour purple by Alice Walker - KS5 Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson - Non Fiction

Please see the latest version of the library magazine - On the Shelf. It is filled with more recommendations, articles and trivia!

Parent Governors

A reminder that the deadline for submitting nominations for the two vacant parent governor roles on the Denbigh Local School Board is **9am Monday 5**th **February**. All the details and the nomination form were sent out on parent mail on the 19th January and the form should be returned to Tracey Stewart, our Governance Professional on stewart@denbigh.net

Kind regards,

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