



DENBIGH SCHOOL



Headteacher's Bulletin – 15th November 2024

Dear Parent/carer,

I hope this email finds you well and you have had a lovely week.

Fire Drill

This morning we held our first fire drill of the year. I was incredibly impressed with the way that students conducted themselves, evacuating the building quickly and efficiently. New parents may not be aware that, for safety reasons, we ask students and staff to remain in silence when evacuating the building. Watching almost 1,800 students plus staff evacuating a building of this size in absolute silence is a pretty awe-inspiring sight and I would like to pay testament to the students for their impeccable behaviour.

Diwali Party

Tonight is the Diwali party which has been arranged by the students in our Sixth Form Diwali committee. The tickets have now sold out so we will, sadly, not be able to sell tickets on the door. If you have been lucky enough to get a ticket, please do remember to bring cash in order to purchase food items. We look forward to a fantastic evening.

Denbigh Charity of the year

I am pleased to announce we now have the results of the Denbigh Charity of the Year vote. Samuel's Charity won by a large majority, with 53% of the votes. Samuel's Charity supports seriously and terminally ill children, in hospital and at home, across the UK and is a charity that is close to our hearts at Denbigh. We are pleased to be working with Samuel's Charity for the rest of the year and raising as much money as possible for them. The first big fund raising event will be the Christmas Bazaar! In addition two members of staff, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs McDermott, are doing a fire walk this weekend in aid of Samuel's charity.

Library

Book recommendations: Please see the recommendations below for the coming week.

KS3: The parent agency by David Baddiel

KS4: The inheritance games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

KS5: Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

Non Fiction: Beyond the solar system by David Hawksett

Quiz: Next week is quiz week again in the Library! Please see the attached poster and prizes below
1st place - skip the lunch line card (one use only), 2 bookmarks of their choice, 5 achievement points
2nd place - 2 bookmarks of their choice, 5 achievement points
3rd place - 2 bookmarks of their choice

Word of the week

The word of the week next week is **eloquent**, meaning giving a strong clear message. For example, she made an eloquent appeal for action.

St Marks Meals

As many of you will know, we are a proud provider of the St Marks Meals. Last Christmas, they packed and delivered close to 500 meal boxes, an increase of 28% compared to the previous year. The need amongst the most vulnerable is set to rise, therefore, they are aiming to raise £3500 to help cover the cost of the food and boxes. Last year, they experienced one of their most demanding periods, during which they packed and delivered nearly 7,000 meal boxes. Each meal box provides four plates of food, so 28,000 people went to bed with full stomachs. St Marks Meals desperately need help to ensure they do the same again this year.

Flu Catch up

Following on from the Flu catch up clinics advertised last week, we have been made aware of an error in the poster. This week we had the Flu Immunisation team come into school to administer the vaccine for those students with consent in Years 7-11. If your child did not have the vaccine, please see the attached poster for catch up clinics.

Supporting Students with ASD

The charity Autism Bedfordshire are hosting a range of training sessions for parents to support children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

Coming up next week

Tuesday 19th November - Year 13 Apprenticeship Day
Wednesday 20th November - Year 11 and 13 UKMT Senior Kangaroo
Thursday 21st November - Ski Trip Information Evening 5-6pm
Friday 22nd November - Progress reports to parents Y7-10
Friday 22nd November - Year 13 Theatre Trip

Have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed
Headteacher