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School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of the spring term I would like to share with you some of the highlights of 2023 so far.

In January the whole school was treated to a performance from M&M Theatrical Productions; the show this year was **Cinderella**. It was the first time since pre-covid that the company could bring a whole cast to perform. It was complete with costume and scenery changes, up to date music so all could join in and dance and sing along. Everyone in the audience had a great afternoon. Lots of fun and high energy from all. The performance was sponsored for school by the **charity Happy Days** so a big thank you to them. Next term they are sponsoring a performance of Alice in Wonderland which will be a treat to look forward to.

A group of students from across the school attended a trip to hear an orchestra at the **Symphony Hall** in Birmingham perform a concert telling the story of 80 Days, Around the World. They came back with lots to tell their friends about and had a really enjoyable experience.

World Book Day this year fell on Thursday 2nd March. Well done to all those who came dressed as their favourite book character! The theme was 'Everyone's a Reader'.

Within this theme we focused on "**Baginton Super heroes**" with students celebrating and thinking about how they overcome any reading or other issues they may have. Classes looked at the book "George the Super Giraffe" and after the day school, sent work to the author who was excited to work with us on this project.

Notification

Please remember not to use Class Dojo to report student absence or to pass messages through the escorts. All **absence must be reported via StudyBugs** or by calling into the school office. If the office does not receive an explanation of why a child is not in then legally they must mark your child as having an unauthorised absence.

You can find the term dates for the next academic year on the school



Friday 17th March school raised just under £200.00 for Comic Relief. Students had a day of fun activities organised by the Student Council which included a Red Café, bouncy castle and then in the afternoon the school were treated to Baginton Fields presents Task Master. This saw a few staff with the help of a number of unsuspecting students from the audience carry out a range of silly but fun tasks all judged by members of student council who set the agenda. In typical Baginton style the Headteacher, the Deputy Headteacher and a member of support staff found that at the end they were covered in shaving cream and red jelly! A moment for everyone else to savour.

Last week our first residential trip of the year took place to Dol-Y-Moch. The group had a fantastic time taking part in adventurous activities and overcoming personal challenges and fears on the way, including taking part in the Baginton Dive after canoeing. A small group of four boys, accompanied by Sean, the group leader, and staff from Dol-Y-Moch climbed Snowdon. They did this in cold, wet and windy conditions but were absolutely determined to make it to the top.



This was a first for school and an absolutely amazing achievement for the boys.

There have of course been many other community trips that students have taken part in; Excel swimming sessions, visits to the Herbert Art Gallery to see Dippy the Dinosaur, trips to the cinema along with visits to places in the local area. As always student behaviour when out on a visit has been exemplary so well done to everyone for being such positive ambassadors for school.

You will know from local and national newspapers that school attendance across the country has not yet caught back up with pre-covid levels. The Government & DfE are quite rightly concerned about this as poor attendance does impact on the success students experience as learners. The expectations are that students are in school for at least 95% of the year, anything below that is a cause for concern and if attendance falls below 90% then a student is classed as being persistently absent. We understand that many of our students have complicated health issues that affect their ability to attend school. However, I would like to remind parents that if a child has a medical appointment they are expected to attend school for part of the day unless the appointment is taking place outside Coventry.

On behalf of the staff team I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter. We hope you enjoy time with family and friends.



Dates for next term:

School reopens to all students Monday 17th April.

There are now two bank holidays next half term – Monday 1st and 8th May.

Summer half term is Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June.

Year 14 students last day in school is Friday 14th July.

The last day of term for Year 7 – 13 is Friday 21st July.