



Head's Message

Theme for next week : Responsibility

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of the week, the Prime Minister announced that the country would move to Step 3 of the roadmap from Monday, 17 May. From our perspective, that means our senior pupils will not need to wear facemasks to school from Monday, but adults and visitors to the school will continue to wear them until we receive updated guidance on 21 June.

For the past few years, we have not had to follow up any incidents caused by people's misuse of WhatsApp. This is a good indication that parents understand the ramifications of posting on, or using social media inappropriately. However, as a result of an issue this week, I must remind you of this extract from our Parent Handbook:

We all recognise that WhatsApp and other social media groups can be beneficial when they enable information to be shared quickly, e.g. return times from fixtures, trip details, etc. We are also aware that parents occasionally use these groups to discuss school matters in a judgmental way, even going as far as making comments about named pupils and members of staff, posting school e-mails that have been sent to individual parents, and making damaging comments about the actions of the School based on incorrect or partial information.

Our duty of care to pupils and staff requires us to protect them from comments being made online. This can cause significant upset and emotional damage to both adults and children, particularly when a discussion is making judgements that are not evidenced and not defensible. Legal advice would suggest that this constitutes a form of cyberbullying that the School would be required to take issue with if brought to our attention. St. Aubyn's makes every effort to be open in its communications. I hope we can reflect on the potential risk to individuals before discussing them in an unmoderated online space.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Muslim families Eid Mubarak

Sincerely,

Leonard Blom

The price of greatness is responsibility.
-Winston Churchill-

Congratulations to the U11 Girls Football team who played and won their first match in a year against Gatehouse School. After a challenging first half, the girls rallied, keeping possession and passing the ball well. The final score was 6-0. Well done, girls!



Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their multi-sports after-school activity on Tuesday afternoon. Here they are playing dodgeball.



1RK enjoyed lovely blue skies and sunshine as they prepared outside for Sports Day this week.





Year 7 have been working hard in DT this week. They have been creating their own chocolate bars, including the packaging, as part of a design project.



Congratulations to James and Matthias in 5AM for completing the library reading challenge! They were awarded house points and certificates with a round of applause from their class. Well done!



This week, 5SY have been chasing the sun to sketch their shadows to help understand and appreciate the sculpture of Giacometti. They look like they had a lot of fun at the same



In their geography lesson, Year 2 children have been pretending to be on holiday at Katie Morag's home on the Isle of Struay. They had fun acting out activities including birdwatching, swimming and sunbathing (now that's wishful thinking!).



In science, children in Year 3 have been using evidence to answer questions. They have been learning about shadows and worked together to create an investigation that would accurately answer their questions.



Emily in 1MD has been sharing the life-cycle of a butterfly with her class. Here is the exciting moment when the butterflies were released. Well done, Emily, for all your hard work!

1MD enjoyed a lesson this week on learning how to code through Purple Mash.



During their library session, pupils in 1CM listened attentively to a story read by Miss Cook.



In maths, Year 6 have been working hard on creating plans and elevations using multi-link cubes.



Year 2 have been learning about writing a set of instructions using imperative verbs. Here the children are listening to the commands on the clip and then following them using the correct

action e.g 'jog on the spot'. For homework, the children had to follow instructions on how to make a milkshake. It was reported to be one of their favourite pieces of homework ever!



Year 8 have been studying mixtures and the different techniques which can be used to separate them. They have looked at chromatography to establish what pen had been used in a fake ransom note.



Many congratulations to these pupils who received a Headmaster's Commendation this week.



There is an escaped alien on the loose and Year 1 have been very busy helping the police catch the terrible alien. They have gathered lots of evidence about the alien and getting very close to finding it. Well done for including lots of descriptive words on your evidence wall!



Congratulations to the U13 Girls Football teams who played against Chigwell School on Wednesday. Both the A and B teams won 2-1.