



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – September 2023

A belated 'welcome back' to all our parents and carers - I sincerely hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. Your children remain a credit to you in the way they have transitioned back into the school routines and their learning has begun apace this year. With a new school year comes a new newsletter design, which I hope you all like.

We welcome Mr. Dunn in year 2 and Miss Hancock in year 4 to our school team – many parents have already met them both and I'm sure you'll agree they have made a flying start to their Lilly Hall careers. Miss Elliott has now left on her maternity leave, and we wish her well. Throughout the last 18 months or so, we have been redeveloping and enhancing our curriculum to ensure your child receives exceptional experiences that not only aid progress and attainment, but also enriches these experiences and ensures all our children have a rounded education that prepares them well for secondary school and beyond. We therefore have 'guaranteed experiences' your child will encounter as they progress through school. These are found in our new student challenges passport which can be read about further on page 2 of this newsletter.

Our enrichment after school clubs are back up and running with a wide variety of activities to choose from. This year we want to increase parental engagement in school enrichment activities and also offer more parental 'workshops' similar to the Early Years ones that were so successful last year. We want these to be regular and well-attended, so please keep a look out for when these are scheduled later in the term. We have forward planned key dates for next year (see the 'dates for your diary' on the right). We hope this gives parents and carers plenty of time to prepare for these where required.

Mr. Pease

### Dates for your diary:

**School Closed For INSET Day**  
Friday 20th October 2023

**Parents' Evenings**  
Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November 2023

**Christmas Productions (2023)**  
EYFS—Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December  
Key Stage 1—Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December  
Key Stage 2—Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December

**INSET Day**  
Friday 9th February 2024

**Parents' Evenings**  
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March 2024

**EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade**  
Thursday 28th March 2024

**INSET Day**  
Friday 28th June 2024

**Sports Days**  
Wednesday 3rd July 2024  
Friday 5th July 2024

**Parents' Evening**  
Wednesday 10th July 2024

**Y6 Leavers BBQ**  
Thursday 11th July 2024

**Y6 Leavers Assembly**  
Thursday 18th July 2024

For all our recent exceptional learning experiences, events and celebrations of achievements, please see our Twitter / X profile which can be found [here](#).

## ATTENDANCE

In your child's new planner for 2023-24, you may have noticed there is a specific page for attendance (this is on page 134). There is a star for each week of the whole school year. Each time your child achieves 100% attendance on that week, they will receive a gold star sticker. Rewards are given in school for 100% attendance, and these are being added to after October half term with even bigger rewards imminent. If your child does not attend 100% for that week, that star remains blank.

Our attendance overall last year was 94.4% which although is an improvement from 2022, we strive to attain the attendance we achieved pre-pandemic of 96%. Please ensure your child attends school regularly to ensure they don't miss out on high quality learning.

## MRS MOORE'S UPDATE

It has been wonderful to see the children back in school and always a pleasure to see their enthusiasm for learning and stepping up to the challenge of their new year groups.

We are pleased to announce the return of our MLT Literary Festival this week and we have lots of events and visitors planned for the children to immerse themselves in the magical world of literature.

The renowned Hobgoblin Theatre Company are visiting, there will be a choral speaking competition, culminating in a live virtual MLT final. We are also thrilled to announce special guest appearance by acclaimed poet and performer, Paul Cookson, who will be visiting our students in Key Stage 2.

Additionally, acclaimed author Gareth Baker will be enchanting our younger children in Reception and Key Stage 1 with his storytelling workshops.



## FRIENDS OF LILLY HALL

We hope you've all had a great summer and you are looking forward to seeing the events we have planned for your children throughout this new school year.

Our book vending machine is now ordered and will be with us shortly.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for all upcoming event details. We are currently planning an event for Halloween and this will be confirmed shortly.

## CURRICULUM GUARANTEES

As previewed in July's newsletter, every child in school has now been given a 'Student Challenges Passport' – see the cover on the right.

This booklet outlines all the experiences your child will be given through our rich and varied curriculum as they move through school. We guarantee that every child will experience these events and they are actively planned for by staff in the relevant key stage.

In addition, we also wish to celebrate children having these experiences at home as well, so if your child visits the theatre, speaks in public or undertakes charity work for example, please let us know. The full passport can be viewed on our website shortly.



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STUDENT CHALLENGES  
PASSPORT

## UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring your child attends school in the correct uniform. As a reminder to all parents and carers our academy uniform is as follows:

- Plain white shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Dark grey or black trousers, skirts or shorts (summer term only)
- Black shoes
- **PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls or trainers.**

Our uniform exchange scheme is still in operation, if this is of use to any parent or carer, please contact school on 01709 812148



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# CORE LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS SHOUTOUTS

Through our curriculum, we aim to educate the whole child, building character and knowledge together. To promote this, we have identified eight characteristics we aim to nurture within our children. Everything we do will promote the development of these core qualities which we feel are central to ensuring our children develop into well-rounded, well-educated young people who are prepared for success in their next phase of education.

**Well done to these children who have excelled in our core learning characteristics this month.**

## EARLY YEARS – EYFS

**Ollie W** in F1 Nursery for being moral and always doing the right thing in respecting and tidying the areas in the classroom.

**April S** in F2 Reception for being inquisitive, always asking lots of questions and being very interested in finding out new learning.

**Jaxx L** in F2 Reception for being independent, choosing areas of learning and settling in so well this year.

## KEY STAGE 1

**Sonny B** in year 2 for being independent in forming his ascending and descending letters correctly.

**Oliver W** in year 2 for being sociable through always looking out for his fellow classmates, he is very sociable with all his friends.

## KEY STAGE 2

**Rosie W** in year 6 for being ambitious in maths by starting on silver tasks.

**Noah S** in year 5 for being ambitious in art and his presentation across all subjects.

**Sophie K** in year 5 for showing resilience when rounding in maths.

**Jacob H** in year 6 for being knowledgeable - always sharing his knowledge with the class, particularly in geography.

**Winter Rose M** in year 3 for being sociable in working with others on her student council campaign



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# MALBY LILLY HALL ACADEMY'S CORE LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS

