

Minutes of the Parent Forum 21st November 2023

Present

Mrs Wilkinson

Mrs Ambrose

21 Parents

Apologies

Mrs Culley

Mr Pimblett

The parents were welcomed and an apology was made for the mix up with the zoom code. Parents were asked if anyone objected to the meeting being recorded-no objections.

EDUCATE AWARDS

Parents were informed that the school has recently been recognised at the EDUCATE Awards and was awarded the 'Community Partnership' Award following the school's response to the death of Olivia Pratt Korbelt in terms of:-

- Supporting the Community (through counselling for pupils, staff and parents and the provision of Mental Health Support).
- Educating the Pupils (through the Year 5 Restorative Justice Project which focused upon all actions having consequences)
- The celebration of Olivia and the remembrance areas put in place to remember her:-
 - The Unicorn on the Playground with the quote 'Even if you're little you can do a lot'
 - The memorial Rose Garden at the front of school
 - The performance area designed by the children in collaboration with Olivia's mum
 - The mosaic next to the performance area
 - Matilda the Musical
 - Pink Day celebrations on Olivia's Birthday (during which the children worked with artists, musicians, poets, drama specialists, PE specialists)
 - The Community Spirit Festival (in which we were joined by the infant school, Malvern and Roby Park and showcased our joint Art, Music and Dance Projects)
 - The True Power of People Film (which is now being used by Merseyside Police)
 - The Olivia memorial area in Court Hey Park (which our children visit each Wednesday afternoon to maintain and to undertake gardening projects)

Everything we did had the full support of Cheryl Korbelt and it was lovely that she was able to join us for the award ceremony at which we dedicated the award to Olivia.

PARENT POWER

Jane Harrison (Parent Power) was due to join the meeting to talk through the ways in which Parent Power could benefit our parents. Unfortunately she was unable to attend. Mrs Wilkinson will ask Mrs Culley to follow up with Jane to see if she can attend a future meeting.

READING

We have had a real push on Reading for Pleasure this term as can be seen by the weekly slot on the newsletter.

- We have implemented a number of Reading Spines (Curriculum, Non Fiction, Reading for Pleasure, SHINE and subject related)
- Reading Areas across the school are of an excellent standard across the school and in communal areas.
- We have developed an excellent 'temporary' library in the Year 6 block (whilst we wait for a permanent one)

SHINE

- We are in the process of implementing a bespoke Personal Development Curriculum (the SHINE curriculum)
Safety
Health and Wellbeing
Independence
News
Equality and Diversity

This will be taught alongside our Catholic 'Journey in Love Scheme'

SPOTLIGHT

The SPOTLIGHT Curricular/Extra Curricular Offer was recapped with parents as we have changed the letter 'L' to 'Love of Reading' and 'S' to Skill (learn a new skill).. This system is an *optional* extension of our SMMJ University Offer which enables pupils to be rewarded for covering a wide range of Extra-Curricular Skills:-

		What they need to do to go towards the award
S	Skill	Learn a New Skill
P	Performance	Any additional performances they do in their own time Eg. Theatre Cafe Talent Shows Choir Performances (eg. Care Homes) Whole School Productions (this may involve performing/scenery/lighting/props etc) Out of school productions
O	Oracy	Take part in Speech Choir Recite poetry to an audience Learn a Shakespeare Sonnet/an additional poem of their choice Take part in a Debate against other schools. Talk on a topic of their choice to an audience
T	Trips / Travel / Transition	Residentials Museums Art galleries Theatre Trips
L	Love of Reading	Ten Books on our Reading Spine
I	Independent Project	Independent Project on any topic of their choice
G	Gospel Values	Organise a Charity Event Take Part in an Out of School Charity Event Receive the Disciple of the Week Award multiple times (ie more than once)
H	Health and Wellbeing	Activity of their choice to promote wellbeing
T	Team Work	Represent the school in some capacity Eg. Sport Team (even if a friendly with another school) Choir Quiz Team Debating Team Anti-Bullying Conference

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Parents were signposted to the Newsletter for the e mail addresses of the local councillors. The local councillors are happy to be contacted in relation to any issues that families may be encountering

BEHAVIOUR

Parents were informed about the positive impact that the Behaviour Contract is having as we are seeing far fewer incidents on the playground. A member of the SLT is out on the playground every lunchtime and one of our Pastoral staff also assists at lunchtime.

PTA

Parents were informed about the Christmas Fair on 8th December (2pm-4pm). School will be grateful for any offers of support

SCHOOL REVUE

Parents were informed about a Musical Theatre show that will be taking place in the Summer (around June). This will predominantly be a Year 5 event but children in the Junior, Senior and Speech Choirs will also be eligible to take part. We are also inviting children in Year 2 to take part.

QUESTIONS RAISED BY PARENTS

<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
Are there any plans to have a Sensory Room	As a school we are scheduled to have building work in school part of which is to create a sensory room.
What are the timescales for the building work	At this stage this is uncertain. We had expected it to start in November but our contact from the Archdiocese has left and as yet we do not know who has replaced him to clarify this with.
How will parents find out how well their child is doing with SPOTLIGHT?	This will be communicated at the Assertive Mentoring Conversations.
Where can parents find out more about SPOTLIGHT and SHINE?	SPOTLIGHT is referenced on the website. SHINE will be referenced on the website once it is rolled out in January.
Are we going to start using Instagram	Now that year groups have their own school mobile phone, we will re-share the Instagram log in with parents and will ask year groups to start to use it.
Will there be After School Booster lessons for the Mock SATs?	Booster lessons will commence in the new year
Will there be any more Neurodiversity Coffee Mornings?	Two are planned for this half term. These will take place on 28 th November 5 th December
How do we find out about Wake Up and Shake Up?	Wake Up and Shake Up takes place every morning from about 8.10am-8.20/8.25am. All children are welcome including infant siblings (but not toddlers).
When the Matilda recording be available for parents.	We have now received the recording and it will be sent out to parents as soon as it has been checked.

Parents were thanked for their ongoing support of the school.