Music Primary Newsflash

DIXONS MUSIC PRIMARY
AN OFSTED OUTSTANDING SCHOOL

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

Dear families I hope this Cycle 1 edition of our academy Newsflash finds you and your family safe and well. As Cycle 1 draws to a close, we are extremely proud of our students who have demonstrated our academy values of hard work, independence and enjoyment across all aspects of academy life. All staff are extremely proud of the students' 'can do' attitudes and commitment to their learning.

We would like to welcome several new members of staff to the academy: Miss Aun (KS2 Additional Teacher), Miss Ali (Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Additional Teacher), Miss Collins (PE teacher), Miss Mumtaz and Miss Zahid (Support Staff) and Miss Pan (Year 6 Maths Tutor). This Cycle we say goodbye to Miss Hobson-Scott, and would like to thank her for all her hard work since joining the academy four years ago. Miss Smith has also started her maternity leave and we wish her and her family well.

The Academy has had several visitors this term including, Kathyrn Shaw and her team from neighbouring primary school All Saints C of E, who were impressed by the excellent behaviour for learning demonstrated by students in all year groups. We also welcomed Kevin Hartley from the NSPCC who conducted our academy bi-annual safeguarding audit and provided overwhelmingly positive feedback after his deep-dive into safeguarding practice at the academy. He had discussions with a randomly selected group of students about keeping safe in person and online and was extremely impressed by their knowledge and confidence in the subject. He also observed academy break times and enjoyed taking part in family dining, where he commended the exemplary behaviour and teamwork seen between students across the year groups. He also spoke to staff and commented on their solid understanding and commitment to keeping students safe.

Thank you to all students, families and staff who have supported any of the events that have taken place. Some highlights include: our academy choir 'Young Voices' and musical ensembles who took part in the Dixons Trinity Showcase; the Year 1 performance of 'Barmy Bethlehem'; the Reception performance of 'Whoopsy Daisy Angel'; Key Stage 2's Latin taster day; Key Stage 1's Dance taster day'; Year 6's expedition to the Industrial Museum, Year 3's road safety workshops; the C1 Spelling Bee and Stretch finals; Year 4's weekly swimming lessons and not to forget a Year 2 Art Gallery. A group of Year 5 students have also taken part in the Bradford Citizen's project which gives young people a voice in the city on topics such as mental health, cost of living and antiracism. All students have also enjoyed Dip and Dab's Christmas Remix pantomime, delivered by Bigfoot Arts Education. What a busy Cycle!

School council have been working tirelessly to support the local community. They have supported a range of charities in Cycle 1 including donating toiletries and canned goods for Bradford North Foodbank and collections for Children In Need (£101), Save the Children (£182) and Humanity Calling (where the fundraiser raised an impressive £2301). Thank you to anyone who has supported these events.

All year groups have taken part in their first round of HEPP DT lessons. Students have thoroughly enjoyed turning their classrooms in to Design and Technology workshop spaces to plan, construct and evaluate a variety of impressive projects - motorised buggies, LED nightlights and automatons to name but a few.

Finally, thank you for your continued support.
Yours faithfully,
Mrs Morrissey

Upcoming Events

15 December 2023 12pm - End of Term 2

3 January 2024 - Start of Term 3

9 January 2024 - New to Reception Open Evening (Sept 24)

15 January 2024 - Swimming ends for Year 4

19 January 2024 - Year 5 Royal Armouries Expedition

5 February 2024 - Swimming begins for Year 3

w/c 5 February 2024 - Cycle 2 Assessments begin

9 February 2024 - Academy closed to students (Dixons Trust Conference)

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY
Please be reminded of our academy target of 97% for attendance and punctuality. Appointments, family occasions and holidays should be booked outside of term time or afterschool wherever possible. Natalie Jones or Samina Kauser our academy attendance officers, will be in touch with families to highlight any instances where attendance or punctuality has become a concern. Miss Afshan is our primary academy attendance link and will be supporting families alongside the attendance team.

SCORECARDS AND REPORTING
Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Settling In' parents evenings in Term 1 these were successful and strong relationships between new class teachers and families have now been formed - all students are now well settled into academy life and working hard to climb their individual mountains to success. All families should have received their child's Cycle 1 Assessment Scorecard which outlines your child's attainment throughout the last Cycle. Please contact your child's class teacher in the usual way if you require any further information about what support has been put in place. Cycle 2 Scorecards will follow the next round of assessments in Term 4 and a final report of your child's attainment will be discussed at face to face parents' evenings in Cycle 3.

Y4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK
Year 4 students have been working hard on learning and practicing their times tables up to 12 x 12. The Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4 will be taking place during the period Monday 3 June 2024 to Friday 14 June 2024. Year 4 students should spend some time every evening practising their times tables, in readiness for the Multiplication Tables Check.

Y1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECKS
Year 1 Students are working hard in preparing for the statutory Phonics Screening Checks where students are asked to blend real words and 'alien words' that contain a range of graphemes, digraphs and trigraphs. Please support your child by reading the Read, Write Inc. reading books sent home on a weekly basis as these contain words and sounds similar to those read in the Phonics Screening Checks which take place from the week beginning Monday 10 June. If you child is in Year 2 and has not yet passed the Phonics Screening Check they will be required to re-sit the assessment.

EQUALTY AND DIVERSITY
To celebrate difference and individuality students took part in workshops held by a guest speaker: Siobhan Fitzpatrick – Disability and Mental Health Advocate on the International Day of Disabled Persons. Siobhan spoke to students about how finding Wheelchair Basketball in 2010 changed her life. Living with Cerebral Palsy, she was told she couldn't do PE in Secondary School. Finding it difficult to make friends, feeling secluded and struggling with her mental health… Disability Sports gave her her power back and helped her into a life of freedom, success and positivity.

COFFEE MORNINGS
The DMP coffee mornings have continued to be a successful support network for families. So far, we have had guest speakers from the School Nursing Team and a Speech and Language Therapist. More coffee mornings are planned for the New Year and dates will be communicated soon.

MY HAPPY MIND
We have secured funding and launched the My Happy Mind programme with all students. It is a mental health and wellbeing package for primary schools rooted in the latest science and research about what it takes to create positive wellbeing. From Reception to Year 6, each class partakes in lessons based around healthy habits to build resilience, self-esteem and confidence and we are looking forward to launching additional features to support staff and parents in the New Year.

WEST BOWLING COMMUNITY CENTRE
We have made links with West Bowling Community Centre and now have a practitioner based on site every Tuesday to offer support to our community. They can offer advice on debt, benefits, housing and immigration as well as support in accessing food and clothing vouchers. Families are able to self-refer or be referred by the academy for an appointment. Please contact the academy if you would like to access this service.

STAY AND... PLAY, LEARN OR STUDY
All families are invited to attend Stay and Play (Reception class), Stay and Learn (Key Stage 1) and Stay and Study (Key Stage 2) sessions with their child. These sessions are a great way to develop your skills, see the end of year expectations and explore how concepts are taught in order to support your child with their learning. The sessions take place in the classroom environment whilst being supported by DMP staff. Please keep an eye out for when you child's year group events are taking place.

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