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Principal's message to families – 15 March 2024

Next weeks Lower school word of the week is - think
The Upper school word of the week is – anticipate

Our week started with thinking about the subject of **time** in our assemblies introducing Science week. As always, children's contributions, vocabulary and knowledge was impressive- they were asked to create a timeline of events starting with the beginning of the universe, dinosaurs and their extinction, the invention of the motor car right up to present day happenings at Dawn House School! The Upper School also got to time each other doing various activities like skipping- they made it look so easy!!! Mrs Walker gave them a run for their money though!!!! Later in the morning I was invited to a taste test, where **thyme** was also the main feature! Mason made a wonderful pizza- the base was beautiful but the topping was sensational, and the flavour of thyme really made it special. In Foodie Friends after school club later children made a lovely chili bean cheesy wrap- each week gets better and better!

Sixth form trip to Robin Hoods Bay 2024



Yet another fun and successful sixth form Residential to Robin Hoods Bay North Yorkshire this term. It was the ninth trip to the old school house, the first taking place in 2015. The weather held out, (although young people and adults still managed to get very wet!) and the 3 days were packed with coastal trips and even a nighttime visit to Whitby Abbey in search of Dracula!

The group impressed members of the public and were a real credit to parents and to the school.

The life skills opportunities are endless and the sixth formers have all come back more confident young adults and clearly wanting to go on next year's trip.

Hearing the young people talking about what a 'magical' few days it was and describing doing and seeing things they've never done or seen before is just fabulous.

The sixth form trip is a real 'icing on the cake' of trips at Dawn House School, children build their confidence through the highly scaffolded and supported earlier trips to PGL and Youth hostelling, to be able to enjoy this post 16 residential opportunity.

A big thank you to all staff involved and wishing you all a restful weekend!!



Art Competition

This Autumn term students in **KS3 and KS4** were given the opportunity to produce work for a local art competition run by St Andrews mission Hall in Blidworth. The competition was open to any student aged between 11- 16 yrs. That attends a school or who lives in the Rainworth and Blidworth areas.

Students were asked to produce a landscape drawing or painting on A4 paper. The theme given was 'Our world'. Out of our entries we had two students in KS4 who made the final six and one student from KS3.

All voting has now taken place and the results are in.

I am happy to say that from our entries we have achieved 2nd and 3rd place in the KS4 category and 3rd place in the KS3 category.

Top three finalists in each group will receive the following prizes:

1st prize £100 and your 2-dimensional artwork made by you (with technical guidance) on an 8 x 4' internal wall board at The Mission Hall Blidworth for public view. #

2nd Prize £50

3rd Prize £25

All the finalists are invited to The St Andrews Coffee morning on April 27th to receive their prizes.

Our Winning Entries

		
2 nd Place- KS4	3 rd Place- KS4	3 rd Place- KS3

The residential week

As always there was also lots going on out of school! Spectrum Wasps and our residential group did some football training together; the music club contributed to lovely birthday celebrations for one child, singing 'Happy Birthday' which was followed by a birthday tea and lots of singing and dancing, followed by a visit to Dance Warriors at a local college.

The garden club created "seasons of the year " plaques for the 6th form garden.

What a busy week!

Saw this and thought of you...

Naomi Fisher (clinical psychologist) talks about why children say no. To all the things we thing they will love, to going to the park, to having a picnic, to



playing with friends. She describes how hard parents try to persuade and cajole children, get annoyed with them, with everything making matters worse.

Some children see all of these demands around them as a threat and feel pressured by all of these expectations.

We know, that the 'no' is a shield. It protects them but also can become a cage.

Understand more about demand avoidance in Naomis webinar on the psychology of demand avoidance with ideas about how to approach this.

<https://x.com/naomicfisher/status/1768241164900073660?s=51&t=T2YnyAGiYrgvb7LI1sJJJA>

Coming up

Next Friday we have this half terms **House Event- Investigation!** I look forward to telling you more about this next week - it promises to get us all thinking!

On our last day of term, 28th March, we would also like to invite parents to join us for **Easter afternoon tea with cake, between 12 and 1pm**. The children will have the usual end of term brunch at 11am, and then will be able to leave with parents at 1pm. One of our parents is fundraising for her Speech and Language UK London marathon entry, so will be **selling cakes** on the day. We will also run a small **raffle** (M&S gift card for the main prize and Easter Eggs to be won) and there will be a gift stall and a few craft activities.

More information will follow next week, with requests for any parents who would like to help on the day or maybe make some cakes?

Lots going on as always!!!! Have a great weekend,
Jenny

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If your child leaves home in the morning a little unsettled and you want to quickly tell us, so we know to expect a tricky start to the day, a quick email (that we can follow up later) to the tutor and/or core team with **'Handle with Care'** in the email title will ensure that we are aware.