

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending: 3 March 2017

KEY MESSAGES

- For safeguarding reasons, please be advised that if you are collecting your child during school hours, you will need to come into main reception before we can allow them to leave.

Eight of Toot Hill's Ambassadors and Diplomats visited Rainbows Children's Hospice in Loughborough on Tuesday. It was a fantastic morning where the students were able to find out how our fundraising at T-Fest would help such an amazing cause. (See picture right.)

YEAR 7

Many students volunteered to help with mentor interviews for the National Citizen Service this week. Year 7 pupils were asked to come up with a social action project that they would like to organise at Toot Hill and were supported by the interviewees throughout this process, rewarding good ideas, pointing out problems and posing challenges. The students then confidently pitched their ideas; projects included bespoke shelters for lunch time, a business club start-up, an overhaul of the credits system and a social media campaign to improve awareness of extra-curricular clubs. It was astonishing to see what they all achieved in such a short space of time and Mr Tinsley thanks them for their efforts.

YEAR 8

This week's Parents' Evening was very positive and successful. If you still have a few questions, please get in touch with your child's tutor. Please be aware the second Parents' Evening for students in base tiers 8e-8j will take place on Wednesday, 8 March 2017. Just a reminder that the options forms need to be returned back to your child's tutor by Friday, 17 March.

We have recently been provided with a number of booklets which provides guidance for parents about internet safety and social media applications. If you would like a copy, please ask your child to collect a copy from Mr Modi.

YEAR 9

Year 9 have taken the lead on the Anti-Bullying initiative in school this week. Pupils in every year group have spent time in tutor set considering how they can stand united against bullying.

In English, pupils have been completing their speaking assessments. Miss Salt went to watch 9A perform and she was extremely impressed by the standard of presentations.

Well done to Harriet Featherstone and Josh Derry who were invited to The Governors' Luncheon this week in recognition for their positive contributions to the community.

YEAR 10

Five Year 10 Ambassadors have been meeting visitors this week from Ningbo University in China who are a group of teachers currently studying at Nottingham University until May. They are joining us at Toot Hill every Wednesday for the next few weeks to gain a flavour of the British education system and will be continually working with our Ambassadors.

Eleven Year 10 girls have been participating in a GCHQ CyberFirst Competition. They have been completing questions in four different topics: cryptography, cyber security, logic and coding, and networking with the aim of developing online skills and opportunities for young people.

YEAR 11

Three Year 11 pupils were invited to the Governors' Awards Luncheon Monday. Bethan Preece, Annie Smith and Ella Browell were nominated for their prize to recognise the positive contributions that they have given to the school community. Bethan and Annie both volunteer their time to be peer mentors for two Year 8 pupils, and Ella has been working with the Year 7 pastoral team to help pupils with their transition to Toot Hill.

We'd like to wish Year 11 the best of luck for their final mocks which start next week. This is a stressful and tiring time for the year group as on some days, pupils have up to three exams mirroring the GCSE exams in the summer. They have all been working incredibly hard in lessons and we very much hope that they are feeling prepared. The timetable is on our twitter account @toothill2017 should you wish to help prepare or check that they have the correct equipment, especially for Science and Maths exams which all require a calculator.

Learning Lounge

Ms Marris and Ms Jones celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as Dr Frankenstein from Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' and Dennis the Menace from Steven Butler's 'Dennis the Menace'.

Don't forget to pick up a book this week as the book fair started on Wednesday, 1 March and runs til Thursday, 9 March. Our Day Two total was £1,101.23! CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

School Bus Safety

The vast majority of our students behave impeccably on the school buses. Unfortunately we have recently experienced a small number of acts of vandalism on the school buses. I would be grateful if you could remind your child of the following section from the School Bus Agreement found in planners:

The school runs a three strike system when dealing with inappropriate behaviour on the bus. Three incidents automatically lead to the removal of bus riding privileges. Note that the school or bus companies reserve the right to enforce a permanent ban prior to three incidents if it is deemed unsafe for a student to travel on a bus.

Acts of vandalism can result in a permanent ban for a child. In addition, the bus companies will charge the student's family with a bill for the associated repair. We have permanently banned a small number of students over the last academic year and we do appreciate the turmoil that this can cause a family. However, the priority must be to ensure the safety of all students and the driver when travelling by bus.

I appreciate your support in ensuring that all our students travel safely to and from school by bus.

Dr Eardley, Assistant Headteacher



National Careers' Week 6-10 March 2017

Next week, we will be talking about career aspirations and what it is like to be an entrepreneur during active tutoring.

Please talk to your son/daughter about their hopes and dreams for the future.