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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we reach the end of another term there are a huge number of things to celebrate and be grateful for within the MECE community. This week all the heads of year have presented their celebration assemblies and we are very proud of the achievements of all the students over the last six weeks. In particular, I want to celebrate and say thank you to the students who have been showing up every day, working hard and making the right choices - so many students have over 96% attendance and over 100 positive behaviour points. I was also impressed with the year 9 community presentations celebrating our key value of "working together". Our heads of year also embody that value in every aspect of their work, supporting their students and you as parents and carers. A huge thank you to Miss Cheeseman, Mr Mount, Miss Biddiss and Mrs Ashley.

Duke of Edinburgh

Last weekend students from year 9 and 10 took on the challenge of their practice D of E expedition supported by Mrs Chopra, Miss Priest, Miss Biddiss and Mr Caldwell. The students arrived at Cray's Pond brimming with excitement, eager to embark on their adventure. They crafted beautiful three-course meals within their groups, fully embracing the natural surroundings. It was heartwarming to see the children disconnect from their smartphones, engaging in games and socialising with each other. On the day of the walk, the students were focused and ready to tackle their practice walk, displaying exemplary behaviour for their leaders. Some students even took the initiative to lead the walk, demonstrating that the after-school training sessions have truly paid off. New training dates have been scheduled and communicated to parents. Bring on the final expedition on 20 – 21 July 2024. Thank you to all the staff who have given up their time to support D of E, particularly Mrs Chopra who has led the programme.



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Work Together

Athletics at Tilsley Park

Last week the PE department took a MECE team to represent the school at the area Athletics meet at Tilsley Park. As a small school it's a brilliant achievement that we had two entries for every event for years 7-9 and also picked up a couple of first places including Fred W in the discus and Emmanuel in the high jump. The Year 8/9 girls finished 4th overall and the year 7 girls won the track events! Year 7 boys were 6th and year 8/9 boys 8th. There were also lots of personal bests across all events and the behaviour of our students was impeccable. A particular thank you goes to our amazing student helpers - Charlotte G, Honey and Ella P - and Mr Caldwell, Mr Spicer and Miss Cheeseman for preparing the team and taking them to the event.

This week has seen more sporting actions with 20 year 9 PE leaders supporting the primary school Quadkids tournament and on Wednesday our young referees led a year 5 football tournament.

Staffing update

Given our recent difficulties with cover and recruitment, I am delighted bring you news of more great appointments which we have made for September. In particular, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Gopal will be stepping into the Head of Maths role and that we have appointed Miss Thomas, currently at UTC Reading, as Head of English and Miss Jackson, a former MECE teacher currently at Oakbank School, as Head of Year and English teacher. Miss El Kouchni, the new Head of MFL, begins on 3 June.

The term ahead (including summer uniform)

As we move into the summer term we will continue to focus on our lesson expectations and our expectations for conduct around the school. Please note that we will move to summer uniform which means that students will no longer be required to bring their blazer to school - however, any additional layer over their shirt should be a school jumper or blazer or coat (not a hoodie, denim jacket or other sports top). All other uniform remains the same. I have begun to notice a number of students wearing trainers, do ensure that they have the correct shoes in the new term.

I wish you all the very best for the half term break. Term 6 commences at 8.45 am on Monday 3 June.

Best wishes



Mrs Briony Bowers
Headteacher

