

19th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

The penultimate week has been one full of excitement and opportunities with so many successes to share with you.

Starting with Sparx maths home learning, I received a letter highlighting the pupils that had earned the most XP points over the last 12 months which is a significant achievement. It gave me great pleasure to see each of the students individually and give them their Sparks maths badge - a huge well done to Claye W(Y7), Delin F(Y8), Alfonso E(Y9) and Samantha W(Y10)!

On Wednesday, our Year 12 English Literature students, went on a trip to London where they visited the British Library for a 'treasure-hunt' style challenge before heading to Shakespeare's Globe to watch a performance of Much Ado About Nothing. They all had a fantastic time and did Montsaye proud.

Thursday and Friday were sports days for Years 9+10 and Years 7+8 respectively and the weather did not disappoint – if anything it was a little too warm! Mr Wing, the PE Team and a number of staff from around the school put on a huge range of events including a bake-off, volleyball, cricket, hand ball, chess, a sports quiz, athletics events and much, much more. It was a joy to see so many students involved in the activities having fun and enjoying the day. There were also two school records broken which date back to 2012, so a huge well done to Lauren M(Y10) who broke the shot put record and Carlton Wiley(Y10) who broke the record for javelin.

I also wanted to raise awareness of Sky S'(Y10) bid to raise money for charity as she is going to have her cut off to donate to the Little Princesses Trust. Sky who currently plays for the Aztec Amazons, is raising money for the Trust due to a member of one of the younger teams who is sadly battling cancer. When I last spoke with Sky she had raised over £300 which is a fantastic achievement. If you would like to contribute to Sky's just giving page, the link is as follows:

[Sky S - Fundraising Page](#)

In terms of attendance this week, the top 3 forms were:

1st Place - 12PJS – Mrs Sutliff - 94.55%

2nd Place - 9IJA - Mrs Power - 93.45%

3rd Place - 7AZO - Mr Lyon - 92.14%

Our top achievement point earners this week were:

1st Place – Olivia E (Y7) - 33 points

2nd Place – Amber S (Y7) - 30 points

3rd Place – Bethany M (Y7) 29 points

Finally, with regards to the school's improvement journey, I stood on Greening Road on Thursday morning welcoming the children as they arrived and reflected on how fortunate I am to have been given the opportunity to lead a school blessed with such talented, polite and compassionate students.

There is lots of work to do in order to ensure that the school continues its rapid improvement journey, but we have started to take small steps towards improving communication which will continue alongside a huge shift towards promoting all the positive things that are taking place in and around the school on a daily basis.

September will bring about the next phase of the improvement journey which will focus very closely on the learning experience that all children receive in the classroom and will ensure that children are receiving the best possible lessons. There will also be lots of work taking place over the summer on the school building itself to improve the learning environment and rebrand the school with the new values of Honesty, Respect and Compassion, alongside the new staff and student pledges.

I am so excited to see what can be achieved over the next few years and I absolutely promise you that the Team and I will make sure that Montsaye becomes the school of choice for years to come.

A reminder that the school closes at 12:30 next Tuesday as we break up for Summer. All buses have been scheduled to arrive at this time to ensure students are able to get home promptly.

Thank you all for your support thus far, have a lovely weekend and summer holiday when it comes,

Your sincerely,



Mr B Baines
Principal