

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many families yesterday at our Summer Fair. The Fair marks the end of an Enterprise Activity, during which time pupils have thought, planned and developed their entrepreneurial skills to set up a Summer Stall to try and make a profit. Any profit made goes towards class end of term trips. A real life learning and business experience. Thank you Sixth Form for managing and organising the overall arrangements.

School held a pupil transition evening on Tuesday for incoming Year 6 pupils and for those pupils, currently in Year 11 who have gained places in our Sixth Form provision by demonstrating their ongoing positive engagement with their learning. Transition is a really important step as pupils prepare to move to new classes or Key Stages. With transition and change can come worry and anxiety for some pupils. To support pupils, I have written to you several times during the year to inform you of the transition arrangements that are now in place for this year:

- Those pupils leaving school after Year 11 or Year 13 will leave school on **Friday 7th July**.
- From **Monday 10th July**, those pupils returning in September will move to their new classes to access transition activities and start their September timetable.

Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions 2023

Congratulations to all the pupils who successfully completed their Bronze and Silver Expeditions this half term. The feedback from both staff and campsite staff was outstanding. Pupils came back exhausted but full of spirit and excitement about what they had achieved. The Bronze group even had a visit from a Badger who is infamous for midnight foraging trips to the campsite!

My thanks to Anthea Jackson, Eloise Dalton as Duke of Edinburgh organisers and Paul Hamilton, Jane Goodall, Bill Connolly-Newland and Neil Duncalf for support expedition groups.

Sport

Physical activity and sport play an important part of school life. Not only does it teach pupils about the importance of sport as part of a healthy life style but also as a way of maintaining and developing communication, teamwork skills, positive mental health and a way of making friends. There is also the more serious side of competitions. Our cricket team entered a competition on Wednesday against 7 other schools. Each school played each other in a round robin tournament. It was close and Greenbank came second. Once again, our pupils were praised not only for their determination but for their sportsmanship and support of other teams. Well Done to all that took part.

Next week a group of Key Stage 4 pupils will visit the Conway Centre, Anglesey for 3 days of outdoor adventure activities, including raft building and gorge walking. What a wonderful opportunity.

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Industrial Action

Members of the National Education Union (NEU) have announced plans to take strike action on the following days - **Wednesday 5th July** and **Friday 7th July**. It is difficult to plan for the impact this will have on school as striking members do not have to inform school of their intention to strike. During previous industrial action school has been able to remain open and keep pupils safe. There may be some amendments to the timetable during strike days. As the dispute with the Government continues members of the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) have recently balloted for industrial action as has UNISON. If the result is to take strike action school will have to look again at whether it can open safely as UNISON represents many of our Teaching Assistant and Administration staff. I will update you as the picture becomes clearer.

We continue to make sure that pupils receive the message of drinking water regularly, wearing a sun hat and using sunscreen during the hot weather.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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