

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of the summer term approaches class groups are beginning to enjoy their end of term trips and visits. Sixth Form students had a choice of either Llandudno or Alton Towers this week. Unfortunately, the weather was not on their side, but a good time was had by all. Mr Burgage's group went to Riverside Bowl, New Brighton. Miss Owen also took her group to New Brighton and Mr McManus took his group out to lunch!

Key Stage 5 held their leavers presentation assembly on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members being able to join us and stay on afterwards for the BBQ.

Whilst pupils work hard during the week with their national curriculum subjects, school greatly values other life skills that support and promote independence, communication and team work. Over the last few weeks Charlene and Charlotte (our Residential Manager and Deputy) have been delivering First Aid training to pupils across school. The engagement from pupils was first rate.

Another area that school has a strong history in is The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Anthea, Eloise and Pat lead and support pupils with the award, including the Expedition section. There have been a number of changes recently within the Award that enhances the emphasis on the role of the candidate as they take on the challenges of the award. This week the group successfully completed their qualifying Bronze Expedition. Congratulations to the group on their achievement and to the staff team for volunteering their time to run the award.

Numeracy and Literacy form part of our core curriculum offer. In addition to formal lessons pupils have the opportunity to supplement their Maths knowledge through a range of Maths focus activities E.g. Maths week, visiting business such as Barclays. The National Numeracy website is also a good source of material that families can use to further support the development of their child's Maths skills.

The link below offers a free family maths toolkit:

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/helping-children-maths/family-maths-toolkit#form>

Following on from our French themed day, to-day school held a Spanish Themed Day. Pupils had the opportunity to visit a Spanish Tapas bar using Spanish phrases to order national delicacies, play table games and Spanish Bingo. It would have been quite nice to have the Spanish weather as well, but not on this occasion. Muchas gracias Mrs Artess.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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