

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Key Stage 5 Social Enterprise team ran their coffee and cake morning this morning. It was lovely to see people attend and support the Enterprise Team as they support Christie's Cancer Research. In total **£400** was raised, all of which will go direct to Christie's. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Next week Key Stage 4, as part of their social enterprise activities in support of Willowsway Cat Rescue center, are holding a whole school disco on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Pupils can make a donation of £1 to attend the disco. Non-uniform for the day is an option for pupils and staff. Key Stage 4 have already received a number of donations to support the cats and would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has made a donation. Once the disco is over, pupils will visit the center and hand over the donations.

### **Family Fun Night**

The first Family Fun Night is due to take place at school on **Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>** between **6-8pm**. Tickets are available from Kate Cleaveley using the attached form. Tickets are £6 each. Please return ticket forms and money '*RSVP Kate Cleaveley, Family Fun Night*'. Cheques should be made payable to 'GREENBANK CURRICULUM'.

### **School Attendance update**

A number of parents have made contact with school this week about new school attendance arrangements brought in by government from September.

Firstly, thank you for contacting school before 9:00am if your child is not going to be able to attend school **and** providing a reason- this is really important as school has to record the reason for absence. If a reason is not given then the absence is recorded as unauthorized.

A school day is made up of 2 sessions (morning and afternoon). That means one day of unauthorized absence = 2 sessions. If a pupil is absent for 10 sessions during a term (which is 5 days), a fine is issued. The fine is **£160** (if paid =within 28 days) or **£80** if paid within 21 days. Page 6 of the attendance policy (which is posted on the school website), provides more detailed information about the fines arrangements.

School is trying to manage a very difficult issue. We are ambitious for all children to attend school regularly. If they do not- how can they learn and develop the skills they need to prepare for the next steps? Authorized absences may include medical appointments or illness. These do not count towards a fine.

School will make contact with families to offer support and try to find out the reasons for erratic attendance. We do not want to issue fines but will be challenged and judged by Ofsted and the Local Authority if we do not try and manage attendance effectively.



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### Flu Immunizations

A reminder that e-mail messages, together with consent forms were sent to families on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**, to advise that the flu immunization team are in school on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** to deliver the flu vaccine.

### Short Term Outcomes

I shared with you last week the role of Short-Term Outcomes (STO's) in supporting pupil objectives that school work on during the term. These are being emailed separately to you. Year 7 will receive theirs slightly later this term.

### Hello from Residential

*What an amazing week we have had on residential! We been lucky to be able to welcome all the new starters and it was a joy to see how happy and excited they were during and after their stay. One young man told me it was "Epic" whilst another said it was like hanging around with his cousins, but better. We also understand that some young people and parents were anxious, but they should feel proud that they have now overcome it.*

*Have a lovely weekend!*

*Charlene and the Residential Team*

Wishing you a good weekend,

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**  
**Head Teacher**

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I would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for **BOOGIE BINGO!** for Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed £\_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Cheques are accepted. Please make cheques out to Greenbank Curriculum

How many meals do you require?

Hotpot

Vegan Hotpot

Chicken nuggets and fries

Any food allergies or requirements?

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