



Our Ref. MMc / DMB

4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

After the half term break it was great to be able to welcome back pupils to the start of the second half of the Spring Term. A short half term, with lots to squeeze in. As Covid-19 restrictions reduce we have been able to bring back numerous activities including educational visits, college transition link days, work experience opportunities and whole school events.

This week has seen Key Stage 4 pupils visit Daresbury laboratory to access a Cybersecurity visit. Some Key Stage 5 pupils have started their Petty Pool transition visits whilst other sixth form pupils have started new work experience placements. Without exception the feedback from staff, colleges and employers has been 100% positive. They have been impressed with how pupils conduct themselves and engage with the visits and tasks at hand. To all those pupils- Well Done, I am extremely proud of your efforts- Keep up the good work!

Thank you to Mr Fitzsimmons, who organised 'World Book Day' for school this year. Pupils had the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and select a book- Some pupils came as Dr Who (Tom Baker version), Where's Wally, a Minecraft Skeleton and many more characters came into school.

Sixth Form organised a karaoke event today in support of 'The Brain Tumour Charity'. Pupils had the opportunity to wear a hat of their choice and sing their favourite tune. A worthwhile, awareness raising event.

Looking ahead school is also supporting 'World Downs Syndrome Day' on **Friday 11th March**. The theme of the day is 'Gingerbread socks'. School is suggesting a donation of 50p, for which donors will receive a sock shaped a gingerbread biscuit.

Covid-19 update

Following a recent update from Government on 21st February that majority of Covid-19 restrictions have been removed. With regard to special schools the following requests are being made:

1. Twice weekly testing to remain in place for pupils and staff. Test kits are being sent home again today but if you need more test kits, please inform school.
2. If your child is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them into school. Arrange a Covid-19 test or observe the 5 day isolation period before returning to school.
3. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 they should observe a 5 day isolation period, complete a Covid-19 test on day 5, returning to school on day 6 if the result is negative.
4. As with any other illness if a child falls ill during the school day, school will contact you and ask you to collect them, whilst they are supervised in the school medical room.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Headteacher



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