

Newsletter

Edition 11 – 18th November 2016

Awesome Progress



You should have by now received your Term 1 Progress Report via your son or daughter (you might want to check in their school bag). It is great to see the excellent progress our pupils are making. Changes to the grading systems can be confusing and will take time to get used to but once again we go from strength to strength.

PUPIL OF THE TERM



The following pupils have been awarded outstanding scores for their Preparation, Participation and Performance in the subject of

MATHEMATICS

in the Autumn Term 1 of the Academic Year 2016-17

Year 7 – Tanzim Mohammed Year 8 – Jasmine Autonovic-Fry Year 9 – Aidan Jackson Year 10 – Sophie McIntosh Year 11 – Timon Hecker

Mrs J Hill-Parker

Signed on behalf of the Maths team at Sarum Academy in recognition of their hard work

Anti-Bullying Week



Thank you to our pupils who 'embody' the Academy's zero tolerance on bullying. Recent surveys undertaken with parents tell us that pupils feel safe in school and that any hint of bullying is dealt with swiftly. But, we must not be complacent. Here is some information for pupils (and parents) on bullying.

Bullying Is Wrong

Nobody has the right to hurt other people by hitting them, kicking them, calling them names, sending them threatening text messages, spreading rumours about them or by doing anything else which is intended to be upsetting.

People who bully try to justify their actions by saying that it is the other person's fault for being different. They may pick on someone who is tall or small, or fat or thin, or wears glasses, or has a different accent, or another religion, or is shy or clever, or good looking, or disabled or...Any excuse will do, and if there is no real difference then they will invent one.

If this is happening to you, tell yourself that it is not your fault and that it is the people who are bullying who need to change, not you.

Bullying is when someone tries to scare or pick on other people. People do this by saying they will do things to you, or by hurting you e.g. teasing, spreading rumours, not talking to someone, pushing, hitting, kicking, ruining someone's things.

Many people get into fights and arguments, and get teased from time to time. However, when it carries on and on then this is bullying. It can become a big problem for everyone.

Is bullying normal?

Many people get mixed up in bullying sometime at school. They may be bullied themselves, bully someone else, or see a friend being bullied. Most people fall out with someone at some point, but some people become regular bullies. Like everyone else, they need to learn that it's unfair and wrong to bully other people.

What can be done?

Are you being bullied? If you are being bullied here are some things you should do:

- Talk to someone you trust, such as a teacher, parent, older relative or friend.
- Be persistent. If the first person you talk to doesn't help don't give up. Speak to someone else
- If you can, write down everything that has been said or done to hurt you. Try to write down how you feel. When you have found someone you can trust, discuss what you have written with that person. Be careful only to write down things that have really happened.
- Ask the person you talk to not to do anything without telling you about it first. You have a right to know what is being done on your behalf and to say whether you think it is a good idea or not.
- If you find it difficult to talk to an adult, ask one
 of your friends to come with you, or ask
 someone to talk to an adult on your behalf.
- You could telephone ChildLine (Freephone 0800 44 1111). Their helpers provide a confidential counselling service for young people in trouble or danger.
- Most importantly, do something. Sometimes bullying stops quickly, but doing nothing means it may continue until someone is seriously upset or hurt. That could be you, or the bullies may find someone else to pick on. If their behaviour is not challenged they are unlikely to stop.

Here are some things you should not do:

- Don't try to deal with the problem on your own.
 There is nothing wrong with asking for help.
- Don't hit the people who are bullying you. You might end up being accused of bullying yourself.
- Always tell the truth about what has happened. Don't exaggerate. If a small part of what you are saying is shown to be untrue then it throws everything else into doubt.
- Don't hide what is happening from the adults you trust. Keeping things secret is the bullies' biggest weapon. That is why they go to so much trouble to stop you telling.

Helping a friend

Maybe you're not being bullied, but you know someone who is - perhaps that person is not even a good friend, but a class-mate or someone from another class? Have you ever stood around and noticed that someone was being bullied, but you weren't sure what, if anything, you could do? Or thought that nothing you could do would make a difference?

Don't ignore bullying. You can help. Don't let the bullies get away with thinking that no-one will do anything. Here are a few things you can do, and a couple that you can't:

- Don't rush over and take them on it might not be safe and you don't want other people to think you are a bully
- Let a teacher or other adult know what's happening
- Try to be a friend to the person being bullied
- Refuse to join in
- Try to be friendly to the bully, but even if you can't be friends, being kind can sometimes help the bully stop bullying
- Sometimes you can't sort it out yourself. Ask an adult for help

If you have any concerns contact Mrs Futcher our Safeguarding Officer at the Academy.

Armistice Day

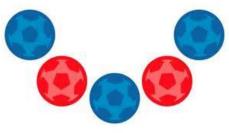
Thank you to all pupils who showed their respect on Armistice Day, wearing their poppies with pride and in joining the 2 minutes silence. Lest we forget....



Millie meets Joey

Millie Stanley – Year 10 was lucky enough to meet Joey Essex on Thursday night as the Christmas lights were turned on in Salisbury.





Boccia

Congratulations to those Year 8 pupils who took part in the inter-school Boccia competition. A form of 'sitting-down' bowls. We entered two teams into the competition. One team came 2nd the other 4th. Well done

Cameron McCafferty Connor Sanderson Lewis Woolford Bradley Townsend Jude Telford





Year 11, 12&13 Parents Evening

Great to meet such amazing parents and a thumbs up with the appointment booking system. Feedback tells us that it runs much smoother with little delay or waiting times.

Year 10 Parents Evening - Thursday 1st December 4:00-7:00pm

A reminder that the Year 10 Parents Evening is coming up. Book appointments now through our new online appointment system.

Go to:

http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/sarumacademy

You will need your child's name and date of birth.

Login to see which appointments are available and select one that is convenient for you and print off your appointments.

Headteacher Commendation

Angel Moores Year 11- Nomination Mrs Scott

Angel is hard working in school – both in lessons and representing the Academy in her role as lead on the School Council.

Not only has she also represented the Academy in girls football, but she is also part of three other successful football teams: Wootton Bassett, Salisbury Women's and Wiltshire. She trains six days a week.

Angel is also a keen Swimmer and Rower. She recently came 3rd in the Regional Finals in Rowing and 2nd in Reginal Finals in Swimming. On top of this, she has been a keen member of the Cadets, teaches children how to swim at Godolphin School on a weekly basis and is working hard at a qualification in Lifeguarding, equivalent to a GCSE.

Angel still keeps on top of her homework.

What an absolute credit to us, her parents, and most of all herself.

Sketch Pad Club – Enjoying Art



Some excellent examples of work completed at the Sketch Pad Club – Why not come along and join in>



Next week Table Tennis will start for pupils at lunchtime. Kit not needed. Come along.

Year 7 – Monday

Year 8 – Tuesday

Year 9 - Wednesday

Year 10 – Thursday

Year 11 – Friday



Interested – Aged 14-18 and enjoy a challenge. For more information pop in and see Mr Curtis.

Prague Visit – Summer 2017

Payment information will be sent out shortly. Watch out for a letter coming home.

