



A message from the Head

Welcome to the Spring Term edition of our Newsletter. In our Autumn Term edition I described some of the events that our students had taken part in and were planning for in the Spring Term. Unfortunately, due to lockdown we were unable to progress some of these activities this term. However, as you will see, we are planning a range of exciting events and activities for our students during the summer term, including the creation of a mental health & well-being garden and decorating a rocket for the LOROS Hospice Rocket Around Leicester fund raising event.

I would like to thank our parents, carers and students for their cooperation during the lockdown period. Many of our students continued to engage with us by accessing remote lessons, completing work packs and attending alternative provision during lockdown. This means that many of our KS4 students are on course to achieve their qualifications by the end of the year.

Please be assured that, as we gradually return to some kind of normality, we are continuing to ensure the safety and well-being of all staff and students. In particular we are continuing to implement strong hygiene and social distancing arrangements around school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter

Shaun Whittingham (Head Teacher)

Dates for your Diary:-

We break up for the Easter holidays on
Friday 26th March 2021

Students return to school for the start of the Summer Term on
Monday 12th April 2021

We break up for the Summer Half Term holiday on
Friday 28th May 2021

School opens for the remainder of the Summer Term on
Monday 7th June 2021

We break up for the Summer holidays on
Friday 9th July 2021

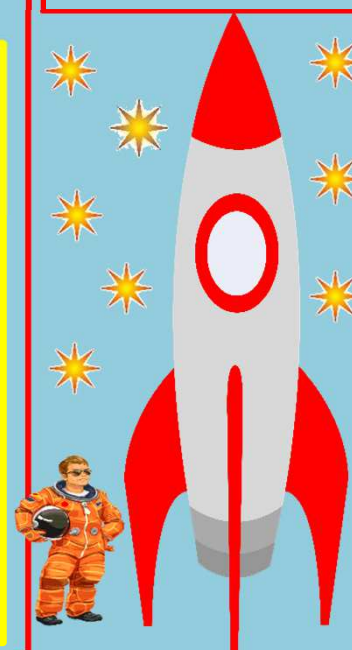
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Centre News !



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MENTAL HEALTH WELL-BEING GARDEN



A sketch of our planned ,new mental health garden

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Garden is specifically designed to be cross curricular and for both students and staff. The garden encompasses the need for both sensory stimulation and relaxation for our SEN students, and we hope it will encourage more 'outdoor' learning. The students will be able to create bird feeders and a water feature for the garden in their art lessons with Kay, make the feed itself in cooking with Denise and learn where their food comes from and how to be self-sufficient by growing their own produce for cooking (Science/PSHE).

It is hoped that this area could also be used for one to one reading sessions with Gill/Meera for English, and be a relaxing place to talk about any issues around Mental Health that students may be experiencing. The students themselves will be planting, creating and encouraging the wildlife into the garden to enhance their learning in a more holistic/pastoral way, and will be involved in the watering/feeding of the garden itself.

Maria Williams – KS3 Teacher & Mental Health First Aider



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR NEIGHBOURS ON CARISBROOKE ROAD

We would like to say a big thank you to some of our neighbours who live on Carisbrooke Road. They have very kindly offered to donate food items and money to support our students . For instance they have recently agreed to donate £250 for Science equipment and will also be donating eggs and cupcakes on the last week before Easter. These generous donations are very much appreciated as they have enabled us to provide our students with extra equipment and some nice treats!

Carisbrooke Road neighbours have also offered to provide us with seeds and plants and some additional vegetable seeds for our new garden.



IT'S A TIME TO REFLECT

On the 23rd March 2021, on the Anniversary of the 1st COVID Lockdown, all staff and students took part in a 1 minute silence and were invited to reflect on their experiences, good and bad, over the year





In our Autumn Term Newsletter we informed you that we were holding an Autumn Fete and a Christmas jumper day in order to raise money for the Save the Children Charity.

Both events were well supported and we managed to raise a total of

£220

Well done to all of those who got involved!

? KS3 CODE BREAKERS ?



FILE IMAGES

We have introduced an exciting new element of Computer Science to our KS3 ICT curriculum. Our students will soon be able to learn Coding, as well as creating their own games. Coding is an important skill to learn as having Coding skills opens up a whole range of employment opportunities in the areas of Digital and Communication Technology.

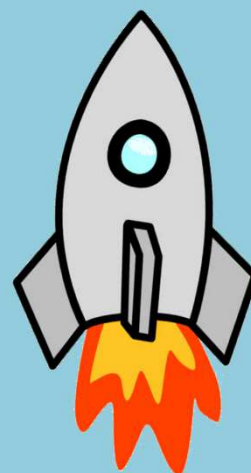
Vishaal Bhatt – KS3 ICT Tutor

ROCKET AROUND LEICESTER

Blasting its way across the City for 10 weeks in Summer 2021, Leicester will be brought to life by an out of this world trail of giant and spectacular Rocket sculptures! The Rockets will form a stunning, free art trail through the City's streets and open spaces, bringing together the community for an unforgettable event.

Each sculpture will be sponsored by a business and individually designed by an artist – either well-known or just starting out, from the local area or further afield. The trail launches on Monday 19th July – before blasting off on Sunday 26th September 2021. After this, there will be the chance to say a final 'goodbye' at a Farewell Event, before each Rocket is auctioned to raise funds for LOROS Hospice.

Carisbrooke students will be working on their own junior rocket which will be one of 100 junior rockets to be displayed alongside the larger rocket sculptures. They will be exhibited at various locations around Leicester where families will be able to walk the Arts trail and enjoy the creativity of the work on display.



We will be holding several events in school to raise funds for LOROS and this begins with our just giving site, which can be accessed by using the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LEICESTER-PARTNERSHIP-SCHOOL-LEICESTER-PARTNERSHIP-SCHOOL/>

More news to follow as this exciting event gets ready to launch.

Kay Mann-Kler – Art Teacher

Safeguarding – What is Private Fostering?



Do you know someone who is caring for another person's child?

If a child under the age of 16 years (or under 18 if the child has a disability) is living with, and being cared for by someone who is not a relative, the arrangement is called private fostering.

This applies where the arrangement is intended to last for more than 27 days.

A child may be being looked after by someone who they are not related to because the child's parent[s] are unwell or because there have been some difficulties within the family. Such an arrangement might be for convenience when the parent is living abroad.

If you think that a child is being privately fostered you should talk to Leicester Children's Services who can offer professional support and guidance and who can check that the child is safe and being well looked after.

A social worker will visit the carer and child within a week of the time that they are told that a child is being privately fostered. They will then visit every six weeks during the first year, and once every 12 weeks after that.

The social worker can offer advice on:

- Emotional development
- Education
- Healthcare
- Financial arrangements
- Legal responsibilities

If you would like more information about private fostering or you would like to inform Children's Services of a private fostering arrangements you can make contact on

Leicester: 0116 4541004

Leicestershire: 0116 305 0005

Rutland: 01572 758407

If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child you can report your concerns or obtain advice from any of the following organisations

Leicester Safeguarding Children Board

www.lcitylscb.org

Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Children Board

www.lrsb.org.uk

ChildLine:

Tel: 08001111

www.childline.org.uk

