

Welcome to our monthly Learning Newsletter where we seek to share some of the initiatives and strategies we use in school so you might best support your child in their education, in order to benefit your child and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

Have you heard about the Chili Challenge?



What is it about?

Each week there is a new challenge for pupils to have a go at. These are set by two of the English teachers and one of the maths teachers, Mr Owen, Miss Nicholls, and Mr Walker.

The challenges vary in complexity and all of them reference something called:

Persist lists: 30

words from maths and 30 words from English that we would like pupils to persist in knowing how to spell and understand.

How does my child get the challenges?

The challenges are set on paper that pupils can find above a special postbox in their year group dining room areas.

What next?

They take a paper challenge, reference the two persist lists that are displayed beside each postbox, and then have a go at answering the questions.



There are three challenges to complete on the sheet, each one with an increasing difficulty.



When completed, pupils should write their name, form and house on the sheet of paper, and then post their answers into their year group postbox.

And the results?...

Every Thursday at the end of school, Mrs Cowell will empty the boxes and select a random winner for each year group.



She will also count how many entries per house have been made, irrespective of whether their answers are correct or not, and will tot up that score too.

The winners are awarded each Friday morning and given a red plastic chili-shaped token. They should then take this to the Bistro (Year 10 & 11) or Restaurant (Year 7, 8 & 9) at Friday breaktime and can exchange it for a snack such as toast, fruit, a drink, hash browns, etc.



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The interhouse element of the initiative is a year-long competition to see who will have the most entries per house and there'll be a trophy ready to award at the end of the year!



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