



20th October 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Today we marked remembrance in school with a two minute silence at 11AM and the laying of wreaths with a short service at the front of school. All children have also created poppies which are now on the windows at the front of the academy. The picture below is from the event today. Head students and Year 6 prefects will join me in laying a wreath on behalf of the students, staff, Governors and parents of the academy at the Blackpool War Memorial on Sunday. The academy harmony group will also perform and the 57th Blackpool (Unity Academy) Scout Group will attend alongside very high numbers of our children who attend other uniformed organisations. The event is a public event and anyone is able to attend.



### **Wow Moments in School this Week (All Parents/ Carers)**

The Wow moments for this week are below. Well done to everyone involved.

- Thank you to the students who act as translators for students who join us where English is not the first language.
- Year 8 geographers have shown some excellent recall of essential knowledge this week.
- Leah, Dylan, Kayden, Tyler, Grace, Lewis, Jackson and Ethan became the first Scouts from our group to achieve the Chief Scout Gold Award this week - the highest they can achieve. Well done to them.
- Our Year 6 children have been excellent this week as they have taken part in mock SATs.
- Nursery children have made delicious mushroom soup and garlic bread this week and demonstrated that they could confidently talk about what they had made.
- All the students who have made a poppy for the display at the front of school, those involved in the event today and all students who showed complete respect during the two minutes silence in school.



- We have had some really positive feedback from some supply teachers this week about the positive difference they have noticed in school over the last twelve months. They commented that they can really see the positive impact of our change of approach in supporting children with demonstrating behaviour and attitudes.

### **Staffing Update (All Parents/ Carers)**

We welcome Mr. G. Phipps as a teacher of PSHE this week and also said a fond farewell to Miss. G. Phillips (Science teacher).

I am aware of the impact of some long term absence on children in secondary years (albeit very low numbers of staff), we have managed to secure some subject experts to cover these absences and ensure greater consistency for students.

### **Odd Socks Day (All Parents/ Carers)**

It is Odd Sock Day on Monday to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. All students and staff can wear odd socks on Monday as we show that it is OK to be different and stand up to bullying and discrimination.

### **Children in Need (Primary Parents/ Carers)**

On Friday 17th November it is BBC Children in Need day. In exchange for a £1 donation towards this worthy charity, children are invited to wear CIN ears and/ or incorporate spots into their uniform e.g. spotty hair scrunchie, a spotty scarf/ tights/ socks. You could even add coloured sticky dots onto a shirt collar - please remember to remove before washing though!

### **Dark Nights (All Parent/ Carers)**

As we have returned from the half term break, we have also returned to darker nights (and very soon darker mornings). This is just a gentle reminder to talk to your children about safety around roads and when walking to school or home from school as it gets darker.

### **Uniform Consultation (All Parents/ Carers)**

The uniform consultation closed today. Thank you to all the parents/ carers who responded. We will now take time to look at the parents, students and staff responses as well as talking to uniform suppliers and provide clear details about next steps to parents shortly.



**Reporting Bullying or Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)**

The link to report a concern has now been put back onto the website. Please accept our apologies that we didn't put it back on at the start of the week as normal. Simply click on 'Menu' and under the 'Parents' heading choose 'Raise a concern' or [click here](#).

**And finally...**

Although it is only November, we are starting to plan our activities for Christmas. We will include a calendar in the next couple of weeks so parents are aware of when the events take place in the hope that many of you can join us.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. S. Cooke  
Headteacher