



14th June 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. A real highlight for us in school this week has been seeing our Y5-10 ambassadors on their London visit to tour the Houses of Parliament. With the General Election campaign in full swing, it is great to have Unity children seeing the heart of democracy in this country.



**Ready, Respectful, Safe (All Parents/ Carers)**

Our behaviour curriculum continued this week in primary with a focus on recognising and understanding **'Body Language'**. It's a tricky thing for young children to read sometimes and we hope our focus this week has developed their understanding of the communication clues that our face and bodies can give. Next week, we will move onto **'Knowing and following rules'**. The focus is more around why rules are in place and how they help us to keep a safe and respectful environment. In Secondary this week, they focused on using **'Challenging Disrespect'**. A culture built on respect starts with how we **communicate** with each other. **'Challenging Disrespect'** plays a large role in how we communicate our feelings and ensure everyone feels safe and respected. Next week Secondary will move on to looking at **'Following Requests & Instructions'** in order to reduce conflict with others. This is part of our work and **'Repair & Rebuild'** relationships.

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

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

- Most of our Year 11 students have completed their last GCSE exam this afternoon. They have worked really hard throughout the exam season and we are very proud of them all.
- Equally, Year 10 have been in the midst of exams this week and they have been fantastic.
- Continuing the trend, our Year 1 year 2 and year 4 children have all had to complete Government screening checks over the last couple of weeks. They have worked very hard with their teachers on these.
- Year 10 French students have also been speed-dating in class this week as part of their speaking practices. This was a great experience for the students.
- Year 10 are on a roll, Healthwatch Blackpool came into school to run a session with a group of students last Friday. They have been running them across Blackpool and said we were the best group yet.
- Max M in Year 6 for achieving, for the 2nd time, reading a million words!

**Safeguarding Update (All Parents/ Carers)**

A weekly update of any issues we are seeing that we want to bring to the attention of parents.



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- *Tik Tok Videos* - It has come to our attention that it is possible for children to come across some adult material in their Tik Tok feeds. Whilst this is due to the Tik Tok algorithm and hard to control, a way to police this at home is maybe to ask children if you can look through Tik Tok feeds together occasionally.

### **Tangerine Day (All Parents/ Carers)**

Following the death of Chris Lickiss, former Headteacher and Executive Headteacher at Unity Academy, we are planning a tangerine day towards the end of this term. Students will be able to wear items of tangerine coloured clothing and make a donation to charities chosen by Chris's family. Chris was a big Blackpool fan (hence the colour choice) and also the driving force behind our 3G pitch which we hope to rename in his honour. We are also trying to arrange a charity event for the pitch.

Given that we are liaising with Blackpool FC Community Trust on the event, I can't confirm the date but wanted to give you advance notice of the event and the colour choice!

### **Sports Day (All Parents/ Carers)**

Sports Day is scheduled for the 18th July. Primary parents will be invited to attend in the morning with secondary activities in the afternoon. Due to the number of secondary aged children we can't invite parents to attend secondary events.

Recent history indicates that by communicating a date to parents we are guaranteeing either torrential rain or a heat wave which makes physical activity impossible. Given the British weather we have planned contingency days for the last week of term and will update you as necessary.

### **Polling Station - Advance Notice (All Parents/ Carers)**

As noted in the last update, we are being used as a polling station on the 4th July. Access to car parks will be for staff and those with blue badges who are coming to vote only on those days. Parents of new Year 7 students will be able to drop off children for transition day.

### **Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers)**

Click [here](#) to access the Primary Newsletter.

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

If you or your child needs to raise any bullying or pastoral concerns with the academy please [click here](#). A member of the team will be in touch to support you with the issue.



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**Online Safety Support for Parents/ Carers (All Parents/ Carers)**

Click [here](#) to access the link to this week's online safety guide for parents. You can also sign up for The National College for free and view a wide range of resources and videos to support your family with online safety. To do this follow the link below:

Sign up tutorial video - <https://help.nationalcollege.com/parent-walkthrough>

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Yours sincerely,

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