



19th July 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the last update of the academic year. We will not send an update next week due to the short week. This week started with some disappointed faces as we came to terms with the football result from Sunday evening but cheered up as the week went on with Tangerine Day and Sports Day. There are some really important messages in this update so please read it fully despite it being the end of term!

### **My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)**

A letter was shared via email yesterday about our new tool for engaging with Unity families - My Child at School App. This app will be in place of our usual messaging system so it is important that you follow the instructions in the letter. If we have your email address, a link has been shared via your email today which has a 24 hour expiry on it. Please ensure you click on the link as soon as it hits your inbox and before it hits the 24 hour timeframe. The log in link will be sent to your emails (the same ones we use for vouchers). ***Please read the letter that was sent yesterday and click on the link!***

### **Non-Uniform Day (All Parents/ Carers)**

The last day of term (25th July) is a non-uniform day for all children and staff. There is no fee for this.

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

I want to offer a huge thank you to all of our students, staff and parents for their support with Tangerine Day. Some pictures are included so you can see the activities that took place on the day. We raised over £750 to be split between cancer and hospital charities. Thank you so much for your support.



We were pleased to welcome Chris's Mum, Wife, Daughters and Son in laws to join us as we dedicated the 3G pitch in his honour. They were so pleased to see all the children participating and the sea of tangerine. Thank you also to everyone who made or donated cakes and the parents who came along to watch.



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

The weather held off for us as we celebrated KS1 and 2 sports day this week with KS3 and 4 to follow next week. This was a lovely event which the children really enjoyed, thank you to all the parents who joined us to cheer the children on.





### **End of Term (All Parents/ Carers)**

A reminder to all parents/ carers that term ends on the 25th July 2024 **at 12:15PM**. Please be aware that some schools finished this week and that this is later than a number of schools in the area. Please ensure that if you collect your child, you arrive on time, thank you. As a very advanced reminder, we return to school on Wednesday, 3rd September 2024 at 8:40am.

### **Parent Partnership Award**

We are really pleased to share that by working together as partners, we have collectively been awarded the Parent Partnership Award this week. Thank you to all of you who worked with us to achieve this award.

### **Holiday Meal Vouchers (Parents/ Carers of Children Entitled to Free School Meals)**

These will be issued before the end of term through the normal methods. Please ensure you process the vouchers before the end of term as staff are not available to respond to queries once term has finished.

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

In the behaviour curriculum in primary this week they continued their focus on '**Choosing to be kind to others**'. In classrooms, the children played a game of Thumbs up and Down to show whether they thought someone was making a good choice in being kind or unkind to others. In Secondary this week, they focused on '**Moving On**' when issues have been resolved. This is part of our work on '**Repair & Rebuild**' relationships and will continue into the final week of term.

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

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

- A number of our year 8 students participated in the Beaverbrooks Enterprise Challenge with Blackpool FC Community Trust this week. They represented the academy brilliantly.
- A number of students and staff visited France last week, they had a great time. Well done to the students who were fantastic and to the staff who gave up their weekend (and lots of other time in planning the event) to ensure it went really well.
- Well done to everyone (students, parents and staff) on achieving the Parent Partnership Award this week.
- Well done to everyone who made or donated cakes for Tangerine day and to those who took part in the day by dressing appropriately.
- A huge well done to Logan in Y6 who last night took part in 800m timed trials. He is the fastest Blackpool has EVER seen for his age in that event. This also puts him 2nd in the North West and 7th fastest in Britain. What an achievement!



### **Yondr Mobile Phone Pouches (Year 7-11 Parents/ Carers)**

A reminder that Yondr will be in place for September, more information available below.

Yondr information video - <https://www.unity.blackpool.org.uk/information/yondr-mobile-pouch>

### **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](#). We will remove the link to this on Tuesday afternoon next week. If there are any urgent concerns after this, please contact the student support team by telephone. We switch this off during holiday periods as staff are not available to actively monitor during these periods.

### **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>

Sign up for The National College - <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/unity-academy-blackpool>

### **And finally...**

As the academic year draws to a close, we have had many highlights throughout the year and made lots of progress in the improvements we are making to our school. Sadly, my penalty taking is not one of these highlights as I ended the year by having a penalty saved by Bloomfield Bear! I wanted to end the year by thanking all of our parents (and children) for their support, enthusiasm and good humour throughout the year and wish you all a very pleasant Summer break when it arrives next Thursday.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. S. Cooke  
Headteacher





## Diary Dates

<u>When</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What</u>
W/C 22nd July	Reception - Year 6	Olympics Week
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24th July	Primary	Primary Masked Teacher
23rd/24th July	Y7-11	Secondary Sports Day
25th July	ALL	Non-Uniform Day Break up 12.15pm - Please ensure your child is collected on time! <b>New Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September 2024</b>