



21st June 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you are all well. Please find below the updates for this week.

Ready, Respectful, Safe (All Parents/ Carers)

Our behaviour curriculum continued this week in primary with a move onto '**Knowing and following rules**'. The focus was more around why rules are in place and how they help us to keep a safe and respectful environment. We will continue with this again next week. In Secondary this week, they focused on looking at '**Following Requests & Instructions**' in order to reduce conflict with others. This is part of our work and '**Repair & Rebuild**' relationships. We have decided to continue with this next week to further develop our students' understanding.

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

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

- We said goodbye to our Year 11 students today with the leavers assembly, for some of them it was the first time they have ever left school having been here since Nursery - a special mention to those students - Sky T, Ellie M, Jaeden M, Jamie L, Clayton H, Shakira H, Bradley C, Tyler B, Liam C and Kitty W. There were also a few others that joined us during Reception - Iza M, Kallum S, Daniel B, McKenzie D. This is the highest number of students in a year group so far who have been with us throughout their education.
- Well done to all of our Year 6 children whose writing work was moderated this week, the moderators were very impressed with the work they have produced over the year.

Verbal Abuse to Staff from Parents (All Parents/ Carers)

I am sorry I have to include this negative message in our update. Once again this week, staff at school have had to tolerate verbal abuse from parents, including inappropriate and personal slurs. This will be a shock to the vast majority of you who treat staff with nothing but mutual respect. Verbal abuse to staff by parents will not be tolerated. I have and will continue to ban parents from the site or contacting us for anything other than emergency reasons if they continue to be abusive to staff after a formal warning. We do not accept verbal abuse from children and as such can never and will never accept it from adults.

I apologise to the vast majority of parents for whom we enjoy a harmonious and healthy relationship where any issues or concerns can be discussed in a professional and polite manner who have had to read this in the update but felt the need to outline our position.

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

We are speaking to children in Years 6 to 10 about a change to our mobile phone policy from next year as we make use of Yondr pouches. This change is designed to support the mental well being of students in school. A video explaining the policy has been prepared to share with parents and is available on the school website. You will also



receive a letter and an agreement. Please take the time to read and discuss this with your children. The agreement can be returned to the main office or form tutor and a digital version of this is accessible via the emailed letter.

To be clear, children will not attend lessons in September until they comply with our expectation to put phones and other digital devices in the Yondr pouch. As soon as they comply with this simple instruction they will return to lessons as normal.

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

Events this term (All Parents/ Carers)

We have a number of events this term, an outline of these is on the final page. There are still a few dates to be added and this will be reflected in the calendar next week. The Tangerine Day is still to be confirmed but we should have this by next week.

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers)

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

A plea!

Councillor Flanagan has been in contact with schools in the local area this week about the numbers of young people who are accessing the DWP building at the bottom of Warbreck Hill Road. Can I ask that you please talk to your children about the dangers of entering the site as it is severely fire damaged and could be structurally unsafe. Thank you.

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.

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>



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Yours sincerely,

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Unity Calendar
Summer 2024

When	Who	What
24th June	Year 4	Walk in the Woods & Community Litter Pick - 4TC
24th June	Year 8/9	NHS Y8/9 Immunisations
25th June	Year 2 (2AM)	Bird Watching / Discover what is in a pond
25th June	Year 4 Parents	French Speaking Parents Workshop
25th June	New Reception 2024	Reception Transition Visit 2-Group B- 1:30-3pm
25th June	History	IWM North Trip
25th June	Year 9/10	French Trip Meeting 5pm
26th June (am)	Year 2 (2KG)	Bird Watching / Discover what is in a pond
27th June	Year 4	Walk in the Woods & Community Litter Pick - 4CL
27th June	Year 10	Y10 Career Taster Day
27th June	Year 7/8/10	Y7/8/10 Parents Evening
27th June	Reception	Squirrels Taster Morning
27th June	New Reception 2024	Reception Transition Group A - 9:15-10:45am
W/C 1st July	Year 3	Trip to Showtown Museum
3rd July	Year 4	D.T. - Make a Purse - Parent Engagement
3rd July	Year 11	Y11 Prom
3rd July	1BW	Trip to Blackpool Central Library
4th July	1CBL	Trip to Blackpool Central Library
4th July		School used as Polling Station
5th July	All Primary Years	Primary Transition Day - New Class Teachers and Classes
5th July	New Reception 2024	Reception Transition - Group A & B Session 3 - 9:15 - 11:15am
4th and 5th July	Year 6	High School Transition Days
8th July	Year 1	Performance/Exhibition of work to Parents
8th July	Year 10	Y10 Bpool 6th Form trip
9th July	Secondary	Geography Field Trip
10th July	Year 5	Shakespeare Play Performance
12th - 15th July	Year 9/10	France Trip
w/c- 15th July	Reception	Reception Post Box Trip
W/C 15th July	Reception	Church Visit
18th July	Reception - Year 6	Sports day - Details to follow
25th July	ALL	Break up 12.15 New Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September 2024