



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 1st March 2024

Dear parents/carers,

March and Spring have arrived! Yet, unfortunately, it has been a rather cold and damp day on our playgrounds today. Better weather must be ahead!

I have four major things to share with you this Friday. Firstly, I must celebrate the ski trip that took place over half term. 38 children and 5 members of staff had a superb time on the Austrian slopes of St. Michael. It was lovely to check-in to X (formerly Twitter) during the week to see videos and photographs of the children making stellar progress with their skiing skills and generally having fun during all the different activities. It was a relief to have everyone home safe and sound and I want to publicly thank Mr Peacock (trip leader) and his team for giving the children such a great experience.

Secondly, I want to share with you news of a very rich learning experience that Year 8 have enjoyed this week. Ms Jones, our Lead Practitioner in English, travelled across to the Imperial War Museum at Salford Quays on Monday. There, Ms Jones picked up a box of real-life World War 2 artefacts. Year 8 students then got to delve into the box and explore air warden bells, gas masks, shrapnel, incendiary bombs, ration books and much more. The activity had been designed to link into the current Year 8 topic - "The White Rose and the Swastika". This story of a student resistance group working to overthrow Hitler combined with the IWM artefacts, has engaged all excellently. Furthermore, we hope it to be the start of a close relationship with the IWM and that we may visit the museum going forwards.

Thirdly, we want to inform you that a group of our children represented Unsworth Academy this week at a "Circles of Influence" meeting at Bury Town Hall. The aim of the meeting was to give Bury children a voice on educational provision for young people with special educational needs. Our children grasped this opportunity to be involved in important decision making and should be very proud of their influence. Well done all.

Fourthly, it is very promising to report to you on a successful week of Year 11 mock exams. The week culminated today with Spanish listening. Staff are busy marking scripts in all subjects. Students will learn where they are up to and what they need to do between now and the real GCSEs in May. The work ethic of the Year 11s has been excellent, and I truly feel that they are gearing up for success in the Summer.

Here are this week's Headteacher award winners to conclude your Friday update. Layla Mallinson for never losing focus during some challenging profound metaphor work in English. #Be resilient. Rosie Nicholson for caringly involving students from all year groups in ski trip fun. # Be inclusive. Will Warden-Oliver for attempting to save a newt discovered on our Year 8 yard. #Be kind. Riley Walsh following a call from Unsworth Primary who praised him for supporting one of their youngsters with a lost coat. #Community strength

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Yours faithfully,

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