



Newsletter Term 3: Issue 16

February 2023

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and carers,

Following our Ofsted inspection last academic year, we have been continually driving the improvement of the school. We have held consultations on Relationships and Sex Education, which is due to be implemented from the beginning of next term (starting with Stratus). If you would like further details of the programme, please contact the office and Sam M can share this with you. Parents have the right to opt out of part or all of the syllabus. Please ensure that we have received the consent form if this is still outstanding.

We are currently developing additional partnerships with other schools, drawing on their expertise and sharing our own to further improve already fantastic opportunities for our students. Our middle leaders have been driving their areas of responsibility, and we will be inviting parents into school to share these in more detail next term.

Our middle leaders' areas of responsibility are:

Sam M - Personal Development (including Careers, Work experience, RSE, School council and exams)

Sam G - Behaviour & Attitudes (including Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Wellbeing support plans, Pastoral care plans, reward systems, online safety, and trip risk assessments)

Danielle - Teaching & Learning (including pupil progress monitoring, observations, attendance analysis, curriculum development)

I remain the lead for leadership and management and driving the school forwards.

The downstairs quiet room is coming along beautifully, and students have truly taken ownership of their environment - we look forward to sharing the pictures soon once the final touches are in place.

Have a lovely half term, and we will see everyone on Monday 20th February.

Graham Richards

Coffee morning for parents

We would like to offer a tea/coffee morning for parents and carers from 9:30 - 11:00 in the downstairs kitchen.

These would provide a space for parents to socialise with each other.

Confirmed dates are:

Monday 27th February

Monday 20th March

with further dates to be shared...

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Graham Richards - Headteacher - Lead DSL

Sam Gracey - Senior Teacher - Deputy DSL

Jo Higgins - Proprietor - Overseeing Safeguarding

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Diary Dates:

20/02/2023 - students return to school

Birthday Wishes:

25/02/2023 - Michaela

03/03/2023 - Maggie

29/03/2023 - Joseph

Happy Birthday to you, from all at Blue Skies School!

Highlights Reel

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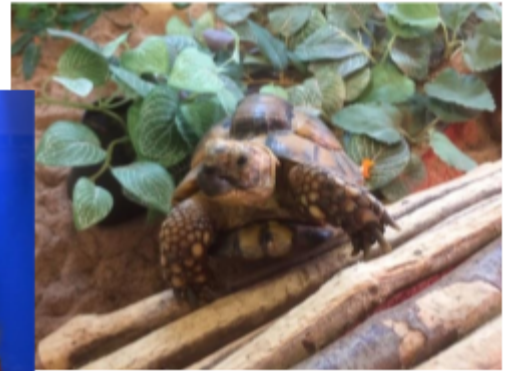
This term students attended Animal Care Course at MidKent college, had experience in handling, feeding and bathing various animals. They enjoyed learning about tortoises, geckos and lizards amongst others..

Nimbus class collected 500 form points and chose their reward activity "Laser Tag". They had brilliant time at Battle Sector in Rochester.

Stratus class sat their mock exams this term. Thank you to the students and staff.

Some students tried archery at Lordswood Leisure Centre. Everyone enjoyed cooking lessons this term.

Well done everyone!



Archery Activity & Cooking

