

Newsletter Term 4: Issue 17 March 2023

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and carers,

World Autism Awareness Week has run from the 27th March until the 2nd April. During Curriculum Enrichment, we have held discussions around student's autism, giving opportunities to discuss the diagnosis process and whether society has been more aware and accepting of students with a range of neurodiverse diagnosis.

Ofsted carried out their progress monitoring visit on the 21st March. This will be published and shared with parents when we receive the final written report. I am very proud of the positive changes being made around our leadership and management, and the flexibility that our students (and staff) demonstrated when having an unannounced visitor.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our first coffee mornings. Please do feel welcome to come into the school, meet other parents and enjoy the refreshments and get to know each other.

Have a wonderful Easter break, and we'll welcome students back on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

Graham Richards

Fundraising Notice

Blue Skies School raised £78.40 for Red Nose Day 2023 charity with your support. Thank you for your contributions.

Event for your attention

https://www.ucas.com/events/ucas-disc overy-maidstone-2023-419691

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Graham Richards - Headteacher - Lead DSL Sam Gracey - Senior Teacher - Deputy DSL Jo Higgins - Proprietor - Overseeing Safeguarding NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 safeguardina@blueskiesschool.co.uk

Diary Dates:

18/04/2023 - students return to school

Birthday Wishes:

26/04/2023 - Graham 15/05/2023 - Sam M

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

Highlights Reel

Term 4

- World Book Day
- Red Nose Day
- British Science Week
- Autism awareness week: discussions during assemblies
- PE skill badminton at Tennis Avenue in Gillingham
- Monday afternoon curriculum enrichment: drama (history of theatre, staging, script writing, theatre visit at The Central Theatre in Chatham)
- Friday afternoon activity: indoor skating at Unit 1 Skatepark in Rochester
- MidKent College: catering cooking
- Alto Form Reward: Laser Tag Activity





World Book Day - 2nd March 2023 - Book Swap & Book Cafe





British Science Week: 10-19th March 2023

Students designed and made their own boats and bridges and participated in an "Egg Drop Experiment".







